



# The Avalanche

## December 2014

### Upper Cape Ski & Sports Club

### From the Summit

Well, it's that wonderful time of the year again! A chill in the air, frost on the windows, twinkling lights in the early darkness and the promise of something special right around the corner. Soon, friends and family will seek you out, hoping to share some warmth and laughter, dressing in brightly colored outfits in defiance of the cold and dark, perhaps enjoying a warming beverage or two. Invariably, they will get around to asking the question of the season: "Have you been up skiing yet?" Oh yeah, it's also Christmas time I'm told. For me, this is very much like the feeling I remember as a child as Christmas approached—the great anticipation of Christmas morning and wondering if I'd behaved well enough throughout the year. In the case of skiing, however, the anticipation renews itself every week—it's the gift that keeps on giving! Unlike Christmas though, there is no letdown once the target date is reached, just a healthy dose of exhilaration. We Upper Cape Ski Club members are fortunate enough to have the structure in place to allow us to indulge ourselves in that childlike anticipation. How often do you run into people who are grumpily counting the days until the return of spring? Those people need to come spend time with us, learn to love winter, and laugh a little. It might be the best gift you could give someone—a year's membership in the club and a whole new group of friends.



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We have a great slate of trips lined up as you'll see inside this newsletter. It helps us tremendously if you make a decision early and get yourself signed up. I can't guarantee the conditions but I can guarantee that any day riding the bus with fellow club members to a beautiful alpine location will be better than a day at work!

#### Next Meeting:

- \* December 4
- \* 7pm, Courtyard Restaurant

Happy Holidays to all!

Scott Northrop  
President



#### Next Board Meeting:

- \* January 5
- \* 7pm, Courtyard Restaurant

# Wanted!

A highly qualified\*, highly-motivated\* individual to lead a team\* of equally qualified\* and motivated\* individuals to help market and grow our club. Pay is negotiable, along as you're willing to work for free. Hours are grueling and benefits are non-existent. Inquire within.

*\*Qualifications not needed, motivation preferred, you provide the team.*

**Seriously, we just want someone to help with marketing the club.**

## 2014-2015 Ski Trip Schedule

DATE	DAY	DESTINATION	COST	TRIP LEADER	TIME
1/7	Wednesday	Stratton, VT	\$79	Mimi Schlichter	5:00
1/11—1/16	Sun—Fri	Sugarloaf, ME	\$390	Bud Shaw	DY*
1/28	Wednesday	Sunday River, ME	\$79	Scott Northrop	4:30
2/7—2/14	Sat-Sat	Whistler, BC	\$1579	Michael Finegold	FLY
2/11	Wednesday	Killington	\$79	Roger Stokey	5:00
2/21—2/28	Sat—Sat	Steamboat, CO	\$1575	Bud Shaw	FLY
2/25	Wednesday	Bretton Woods, NH	\$79	Mimi Schlichter	5:00
3/4	Wednesday	Attitash, NH	\$79	Steve Carr	5:00
3/18	Wednesday	Wildcat, NH	\$79	Camille Morgan	5:00
4/2—4/5	Thurs—Sun	Jay Peak, VT	\$199-\$249	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.
- 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

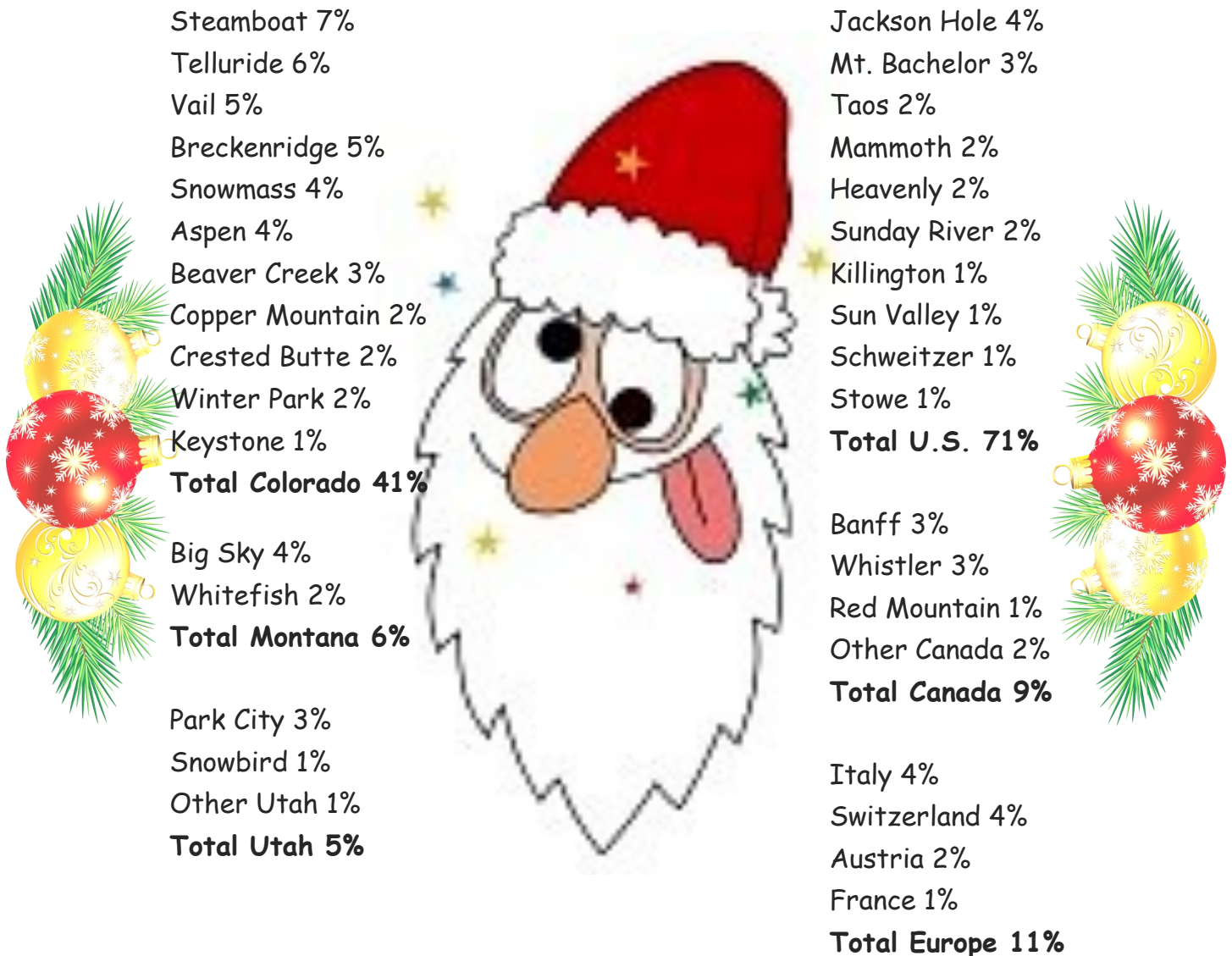
## 2014-2015 Trip Leaders

<b>Roger Stokey</b> 508-292-8370	<b>Bud Shaw</b> 508-477-3717	<b>Camille Morgan</b> 508-759-7616	<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

### ~ 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

## Where U.S. Ski Clubs Will Ski in the 2014-2015 Ski Season



## American Ski Clubs' 13 Favorite Ski Resorts Host Half of All Ski Trips

Just 13 resorts sold over half of all ski club trips this season. These included Steamboat (7%); Telluride (6%); Vail and Breckenridge (both at 5%); Snowmass, Aspen, Big Sky, and Jackson Hole, each with 4%; Beaver Creek, Park City, Mt. Bachelor, Banff, and Whistler, (each with 3% of all ski club trips); were American ski clubs' favorite skiing destinations for the 2014-2015

# Steamboat

Due to circumstances beyond our control (i.e., crazy droughts in California that could turn a Mammoth mountain trip into a sans-snow alcohol and binge-fest while admiring the forest fires), we have opted to abandon Mammoth, CA for the much snowier and more reliable Colorado! That's right, we're headed back to Steamboat. If you haven't been, this place is pretty epic. And it's large enough (3,000 skiable acres across six peaks) that you don't have to ski the same trail twice all week (but you probably will, because you're likely to fall in love with some of the trails there). More U.S. ski clubs will visit Steamboat this year than any other resort in the world!

We have two extra special bonus surprises though: 1) We're staying at La Casa Condominiums, which is located about 100 yards from the slopes; and 2) we're flying into Hayden airport, which is just a 30-minute drive from the resort!

## The details:

- February 21 - 28, 2015
- 5 out of 7-day lift ticket (with an option for a 6th day)
- Airfare from Boston to Denver to Hayden
- 7 nights lodging at La Casa condominiums
- \$1575 ppdo

**Call or e-mail Bud Shaw:**  
[budco1@comcast.net](mailto:budco1@comcast.net) or  
 508-477-3717

Space is limited. We will accept a wait list.

# Whistler

February  
7 - 14

Whistler Blackcomb is a sprawling, two-mountain resort that features some of North America's most epic terrain, yet so versatile that even the greenest of skiers and riders will find suitable acreage. The village is perhaps the most attractive feature, with seemingly endless opportunities for food, fun, and whatever other trouble you can think of.

With an excellent location in Whistler Village, the accommodations are rather spacious. They feature daily house-keeping, full kitchen, living room w/ fireplace, balcony, and washer/dryer. Milestones Restaurant & Lounge is located in the building, as is Hy's Steak House. As always, indoor & outdoor hot tubs, heated pool, sauna, steam room, exercise room, and spa are all available.

## TRIP INCLUDES:

- Round trip Air & Transfers
- 7 nights lodging at Delta Whistler Village Suites
- 5 out of 6-day lift ticket
- One "Fresh Tracks" Mountaintop breakfast
- \$1579

**Contact: Michael Finegold**  
 774-392-2567 or  
[mfskier@comcast.net](mailto:mfskier@comcast.net)

# Jay Peak

**April 2—5, 2015**

Ski and Stay - \$199

Ski, Stay and Swim - \$249 (includes 3 days at the waterpark)

Contact:

Michael Finegold—774-392-2567 or  
mfskier@comcast.net.

Announcing: the return of one of our most popular trips ever! For years, Upper Capers made a late-season trek to Jay Peak for some of the greatest possible conditions New England sees. After several years hiatus, the trip has been revived! Jay Peak boasts some of the best snow conditions in the country. That's right—the country! See this local gem for yourself. 78 trails, slopes and glades wait for you but the nooks and crannies are what really set Jay Peak apart. If you haven't been there, sign up and experience the reality behind the legend. From the far-out corners of the backcountry, to the close-at-hand convenience of The Zone learning area, there's a little something for everyone at this larger-than-life mountain. Go for the skiing and riding, but don't miss the indoor water park!

# Sugarloaf!

Back by popular demand! Also by popular demand, a change in dates! Join us for this perennial favorite to one of New England's best. This trip is one of those incredible deals in life—the type where people start to wonder about you if you don't take advantage of it. Enjoy a week of great skiing, meals among friends, maybe even the occasional gin tournament. Don't miss out on our best-selling trip of all time.

- 5 1/2 day lift ticket
- 5 nights condominium lodging
- Daily lesson
- Use of fitness club

**January 11—16**

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# Yankee Swap!

## December 4 - 7:00p

The annual Yankee Swap and Holiday Party is upon us! It is by far our most popular meeting, so don't miss out. Bring a wrapped gift valued at between \$10 and \$20 and take home something equally special. PLEASE do not bring your re-gifted crap that nobody else wants. If you wouldn't want to receive it, chances are nobody else would either. This should involve a little bit of thought, but have fun with it!



We're asking everyone to sign up on the website and contribute a little to help defray the costs of some additional food and goodies we'll be providing. Please sign up right away so we know how much to

From our  
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page!

### Upper Cape Ski & Sports Club

5 hours ago

Who's got the most terrain open in the NE?

Killington 172 Acres, 16 miles, 8 lifts

Mt Snow 176 acres, 12 miles, 5 lifts

Okemo 228 acres, 14 miles, 5 lifts

Stratton 191 acres, 17 miles, 4 lifts

Loon 146 acres; 11 miles, 3 lifts

Sunday River 165 acres, 12 miles, 4 lifts

However, the cooler temperatures that are coming in should allow resorts to open even more for the weekend.



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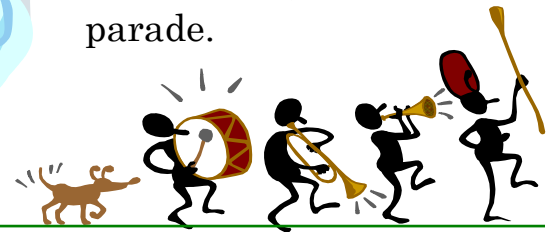
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## Falmouth Christmas Parade

We will be providing a marching unit in the Falmouth Holiday Parade on Sunday the 7th of December. Please join us to help promote our club and to partake in the holiday festivities! Wear ski clothes and bring skis or a snowboard to carry with



you. After the parade we will stop at Michael's house to warm up with food and liquid refreshments. Please let Scott Northrop know if you will be attending the holiday parade.



## Sponsor a family for Christmas!

We all know that Christmas is the time of giving... But all too often, we overlook giving to the people who need our help the most. This holiday season, Cape Cod Broadcasting Media has reached out to the Cape Cod community to provide help to the families in our own neighborhoods. Our goal this Holiday Season is to help 100 local families across the Cape, and with your help, we know we can do it! These families are in desperate

need of the necessities. The necessities that many of us often take for granted. Necessities such as food, gloves, hats, coats and mittens. The children of these families have very

few toys and are hoping to have a Christmas in which they may receive a toy or item to play with. Will you help out families in need this holiday season? If so, please visit the link below:

<http://www.capecod.com/featured-slider/christmas-wishes/>



**January 7, 2015**

**5:00AM**

**\$79**

**Trip Leader: Mimi Schlichter**

Our first day trip of the year - not to be missed! Whether you are a top notch skier looking to get your legs under you for the new season, or a novice who wants a gentle ride to boost your confidence- Stratton offers it all. GREAT snowmaking (if needed) - OUTSTANDING grooming - and, yes, a trip leader with plaid flannel pants. What else do you need? Sign up now... this trip always proves to be a favorite! Better yet, invite a friend to come too!



# [ JANUARY 2015 ]

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Hangover	2	3
4	5 Board of Directors meeting 7pm Courtyard		7 Stratton	8 Ski Club Meeting 7pm Courtyard	9	10
11 Sugarloaf	12 Sugarloaf	13 Sugarloaf	14 Sugarloaf	15 Sugarloaf	16 Sugarloaf	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Sunday River	29	30	31



**Sunday River®**

**January 28, 2015**

**4:30AM**

**\$79**

**Trip Leader: Scott Northrop**

Sure we leave a little bit earlier for this one - but it will be oh so worth it with a vast array of terrain for every level of ski and board ability! While others tend to boast it, the truth is that they're not even close. In terms of sheer size, Sunday River is a very big resort, spanning three miles from White Cap to the Jordan Bowl. In between, eight interconnected mountain peaks, 135 trails, and 870 acres - plus, more hidden spots than a snow leopard on a powder day, thanks to their Boundary-to-Boundary Policy. And while most resorts thank Mother Nature for their winter bounty, Sunday River takes matters into their own hands with the most powerful [snowmaking](#) system in the world!

# Bike & Barge II—May 2—9, 2015



This journey combines cultural highlights and scenic areas in Holland and Flanders. You cycle along flat bike paths from metropolis Amsterdam to Bruges, the Venice of the North. In Holland, impressive cottages, cheese dairys and the 19 windmills of Kinderdijk are seaming your route. In Belgium, the historic Flemish cities of Antwerp, Gent and Brügge take center stage - gables and patrician houses, narrow alleys and rich cultural past finds its expression until today in the architecture and painting.

## What's included:

Accommodations for 7 nights on board ship  
Breakfast buffets, packed lunches, 3-course dinners  
Tour guide  
7 speed hybrid bicycle  
Air-conditioned cabins  
Daily cabin cleaning

Airfare NOT included





# Vests!

## ARE AVAILABLE!

Several colors available. \$35 each. To order, see Mimi at the meeting or call her at 508-548-3278.



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## Who we are...

The Upper Cape Ski & Sports Club is a group of outdoor enthusiasts that love to enjoy a variety of activities with friends. We're a casual and social group, never particularly serious about anything. Skiing and Snowboarding is our primary interest, although we do throw in other activities such as biking, kayaking, traveling, bowling, and more. Our goal is to provide fun and affordable activities that folks of all ages and abilities can enjoy. Families are always welcome, as are non-members.

<http://www.uppercapeskiclub.com>