

The Avalanche



Photo: the Grand Tetons, by Tom Burt

December 2016

From the Summit



Season's Greetings! Hope you were one of the 40 members who made it to our annual Christmas gift swap last Thursday at The Courtyard. A good time was had by all with lots of laughs and the requisite amount of gift grabbing. Thanks to the entertainment committee (Collette Shaw, Pam Northrop and Jean Hills) for putting it all together. We followed that up with a runner-up trophy in the Falmouth Christmas Parade the following Sunday! A brisk walk up Main St. had us back at Mike and Diane's house in time for Patriots kickoff, a cold beer and delicious pot luck. Extraordinary waving technique was observed among the Upper Cape marchers which, combined with a skier's natural affability, obviously grabbed the attention of judges and spectators alike. Even more remarkable was the athletic dexterity shown while waving and smiling, necessary due to the presence, a ways ahead of us, of some very large and well fed horses. Kudos to Mike Finegold for organizing Upper Cape Nation and constructing his own human-powered float!

Have you noticed the weather lately? Have you seen what's happening up North? Things are looking very promising for those of us who like to slide down mountains. Temps have stayed cool enough to make snow and a healthy dose of the natural stuff has ski areas miles ahead of last year's conditions. Coincidentally, we have ski trips coming up on the calendar! Including.....Day Trips! Yes, we're going to give it another shot with four trips on the schedule. Seating will be limited, so sign up early. More details will be found in this newsletter. The Sugarloaf and Mt. Washington Hotel trips are still available but the deadlines loom so don't delay.

On behalf of the Upper Cape Ski and Sports Club Board of Directors, I'd like to extend our best wishes to our members and their families. I hope you have a great holiday season. I also hope you'll take a moment to have a kind thought for those who, for whatever reason, are unable to be home with family at this time of year.

Merry Christmas!

Scott Northrop

President





16-17 Trip Schedule



Date	Location	Trip Leader	Price	Time
1/8 – 1/13	Sugarloaf, ME	Bud Shaw	\$420	DY
1/26	Cannon, NH	Steve Carr	\$85	5:00
2/8 – 2/10	Mount Washington Hotel	Scott Northrop	\$290	DY
2/15	Okemo, VT	Stan Kaczynski	\$85	5:00
2/25 – 3/4	Park City, UT	Bud Shaw	\$1550	FLY
3/8	Stratton, VT	Mimi Schlichter	\$85	5:00
3/15	Wildcat, NH	Camille Morgan	\$85	5:00
3/22 – 3/24	Sunday River	Scott Northrop	\$285	DY
5/20 – 5/27	Bike/Barge—Champagne	Michael Finegold	\$1399+	FLY

Mt. Washington Hotel Bretton Woods



A grand masterpiece of Spanish Renaissance architecture, the resort was a two-year labor of love for 250 master craftsmen. Conceived by industrialist Joseph Stickney, this National Historic Landmark opened in 1902 and has been attracting generations of families ever since.

Enjoy skiing and snowboarding season at New Hampshire's largest ski area, Bretton Woods, which boasts 464 acres of pristine skiing and snowboarding fun. Designed with numerous trails and glades and three terrain parks, we've recently been voted "Best Ski Resort in the East for Snow, Grooming, Service & Weather" by Ski magazine. Visit Bretton Woods for an unforgettable experience for both beginning and advanced ski enthusiasts.

February 8—10, 2017

- 2 nights lodging
- 2 days skiing
- \$290 ppdo
- \$245—lodging only
- \$20—additional ski day





BIKE & BARGE

PARIS—EPERNAY



May 20—27, 2017
\$1399 ppdo
(not including airfare)



Includes:

- 7 nights on board
- All meals (7 x breakfast, 6 x picnic lunch, and 7 x 3-course dinners)
- Multi-lingual tour guide
- Full day guided tour of Paris by foot
- Brie tasting
- Half day guided tour of Epernay including champagne tasting
- Bus transfer between Epernay and Reims (including TGV station)
- Coffee and tea on board until 4 pm
- Daily cleaning service
- 21-speed bicycle with hand brakes, pannier bag, and water bottle
- Electric bikes available for an additional fee (limited quantities)

Trip Leader:

Michael Finegold
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[More info available here](#)

**1 full cabin
& space for 1 male
remaining!**

Photo credit—Boat-Bike Tours





SUNDAY RIVER OVERNIGHT

MARCH 22-24, 2017

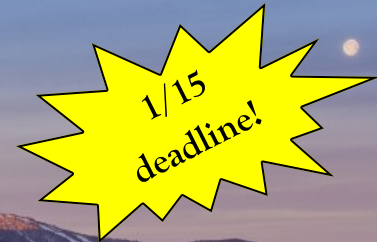
Here's a terrific way to wrap up your ski season! Join us at Sunday River for two nights and three days of spring skiing. We'll be bunking in at the Grand Summit Hotel, at the base of White Cap Mt., in double occupancy rooms (2 queen beds) and enjoying terrific ski-in, ski-out accommodations, a pool, multiple dining options and night life and, of course, some of the best skiing in New England. This is a drive-yourself trip. Your three day ski pass will also get you on to Sugarloaf if you want to drive up there for the day.

Pricing options:

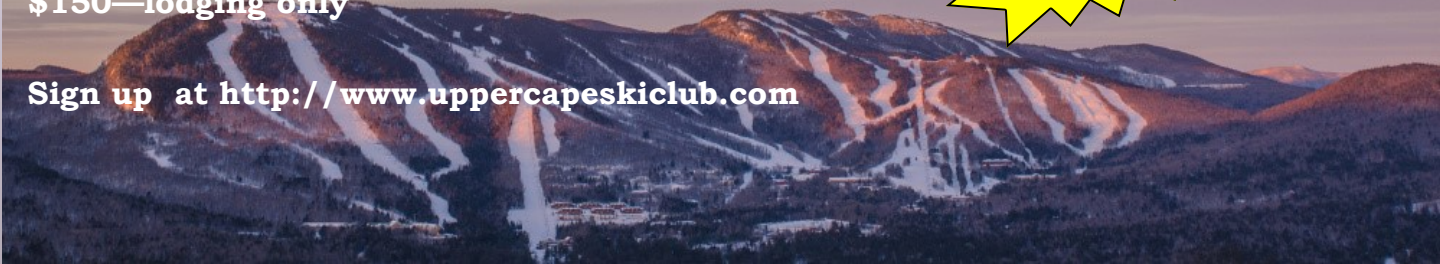
\$285—per person member price

\$275—senior (65+)

\$150—lodging only



Sign up at <http://www.uppercapeskiclub.com>



Membership & Trip Special

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

\$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)

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 5



WATERVILLE VALLEY RESORT

Green Peak Expansion

- 10 new trails / 45 new acres
- 1st major expansion in over 30 years
- Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced Terrain
- Proudly partnered with the US Forest Service
- Investing in New Hampshire's workforce



Waterville Valley Resort Announces Trail Name Contest

Waterville Valley, NH, December 1st, 2016 – Waterville Valley Resort announces the Green Peak Trail Name Contest – a chance for anyone and everyone to become a part of the Resort's history by suggesting official names for the 10 new Green Peak Trails. Name suggestions with stories behind them will be accepted via email now until February 10th, 2017. The new Green Peak Trail Names will be announced February 25th, 2017.

“This contest is a fun, inclusive opportunity for the Waterville Valley Resort family to share their creativity and personal stories, draw on their passion for skiing and snowboarding, and be involved in celebrating our collective accomplishment for the Green Peak Expansion project and the 50th Anniversary of Waterville Valley Resort,” said Matt Hesser, Director of Marketing in Waterville Valley Resort.

The Green Peak Expansion project was announced in August 2016 as Waterville Valley Resort's first expansion in over 30 years and the only ski resort expansion on the East Coast. The construction team is currently working on installing the lift and some snowmaking to ensure that guests can ski the Green Peak Trails during the 2016/17 Winter Season.

All existing Waterville Valley Resort Trail Names have great stories behind them, and the Green Peak Trail Name Contest will proudly continue this tradition.

More information about the Contest can be found [HERE](#)

Source: <http://www.waterville.com/>



THE U.S. IS NOW THE MOST POPULAR SKI DESTINATION IN THE WORLD

Poor snow in France has resulted in the United States becoming the world's favorite ski destination during the 2015-16 season. According to the data from the French ski industry authority, Domaines Skiabiles de France, the US had a 6 % hike to 53.9 million skier days, and French had 52 million ~ about three percent less than the past year. The United States held the top spot from 2008 to 2011. But, for the past four years, France has been fiercely boasting the top spot. France continues to be the top ski destination in Europe, however. Austria ended its ski season with 49.9 million ~ 4 percent below last year. However, the coming season may bring some good news for Europe as US visitors are likely to increase due to the favorable exchange rates.

Source: National Ski Club Newsletter

Thanks for marching!



~ 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.



SUGARLOAF®

JANUARY 8 - 13, 2017

\$420 PER PERSON

(DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

Sugarloaf - With over 500 acres of new terrain in the last five years, including a second mountain peak, Sugarloaf packs more developed terrain than any ski area in the east. From powder filled glades to quiet cruisers to Burnt Mountain summit expeditions, new adventures are always at your fingertips.

Price and Deposit dates:

◆.....\$180 single supplement.....◆
\$310 lodging only
\$220 deposit by Nov. 1, 2016
\$200 (or balance) by Dec. 1, 2016

The "Drive Yourself" package includes:

- Condo lodging on the mountain
- Daily access to Sugarloaf Fitness center
- Daily Perfect Turn Clinic
- 5 1/2 Day Lift Ticket
- Monday Night Welcome Party

Your membership must be up to date to attend this event. Cancellation charges are date dependent. The club will make every effort to match singles, but the final responsibility is yours.

Trip Leader:

◆.....◆
Bud Shaw
budco1@comcast.net
(508) 477 3717

Lessons Learned

FROM OUR NEW BUS ARRANGEMENT

1. There is NO restroom on board.
2. You are welcome to bring coolers with food/beverage (see #1 above).
3. Don't load up on morning coffee until closer to the mountain (see #1 above).
4. Don't drink too much apres-ski beer (see #1 above).
5. Because of #1 above, we will plan a pit-stop on the way up and the way back.
6. All gear is brought aboard the bus.
7. Skis need to be in bags (ask around if you don't have one—lots of us have extras).
8. The bus is very comfortable, but small—you need to sign up early.
9. We need to make decisions a little sooner than in prior years; again, sign up early.

Have an interesting idea for an article? Send it to thomas.burt@comcast.net.



PARK CITY

February 25 - March 4

Home to the "Greatest Snow on Earth", Utah is well known for its deep powder snow, perfectly groomed runs, as well as some of the best tree skiing found anywhere. Whether you are a beginner or advanced skier or snowboarder, Utah has terrain for all ability levels from November to June.

New for this year, Vail Resorts has linked two of North America's greatest ski areas (Park City and The Canyons), creating the largest resort in the United States with 7,300 acres of skiable terrain. The new Quicksilver Gondola that connects Park City and Canyons opened on December 17th. Vail also opened a new restaurant, as well as renovations to existing ones. Improvements also include increased snowmaking, trail widening, and lift upgrades! Be among the first to experience \$50M in improvements!

What you get:

- 7 nights lodging at Park Avenue Condos (free shuttles and shopping nearby)
- Four day ski pass to Park City Mountain Resort and/or The Canyons
- One day ski pass to Deer Valley
- Roundtrip airfare on Southwest
- Transportation between Salt Lake City and Park City

What you can add:

- Day trip to Alta (includes bus ride and lift ticket)
- Single Supplement
- Trip Insurance

What you pay:

- \$1550

Who you contact:

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



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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.uppercapeclub.com>