

The Avalanche

OCTOBER 2017

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From the Summit



Greetings! I hope you've had a great summer and have survived our visit from Jose! Perhaps you were able to join us for the annual kayak outing or one of the Steamer's Nights Out. Summer, on the Cape, in addition to our usual local delights, often involves houseguests. Love to see 'em come, love to see 'em go! It's only natural, of course, that friends and family...and friends of friends of family would want to come to the Cape when the weather is fine. We are really fortunate to live in such a beautiful and interesting place. The attraction for your houseguest is only partially the view, and largely **you!** It is always more satisfying to share your experiences with people you're comfortable with who may have local knowledge- you'll see more, do more and have warm memories of your time together. It's not dissimilar to what we do here, in the Upper Cape Ski and Sport Club. We are actively looking for beautiful places to experience, sometimes on a pair of skis, sometimes on a bicycle or in a kayak, sometimes on a barstool! The beauty of the Club is the chance to travel with friends to places you might not otherwise have made it to. It's having a group of like-minded travelers available to whom you can pitch the idea of a trip you've always wanted to do and that you think others will also get excited about. Maybe it's a place you've already been and have explored a bit. How many times have you said to a friend "Boy, I wish I could take you to (fill in the blank), you'd love it!" At one of last year's meetings Mike Finegold read off a list of potential travel destinations, some domestic, some overseas, some "local," some exotic. As each successive locale was named the assembled membership murmured "Oh, yeah," or "I never thought of going there," or "Would I have to come home again?" So, it's obvious that people would love to travel to interesting places – what they seem to need, most of all, is a **Trip Leader!** Our Club is fortunate to have two experienced and capable travel leaders in Mike and Bud Shaw and they always put together terrific trips; however, they're both running two trips this year and we can't ask more of them than that. Any member is free to propose a trip to the board and I'm sure Mike and Bud would be willing to guide leaders past some of the pitfalls. I hope you'll consider the idea of sharing your great travel experience with your friends.

By the way, we still ski! Inside this newsletter you'll find a schedule with trips of varying lengths, to a variety of places. All the trips have sign-up deadlines that you should be aware of. We've intentionally scheduled a variety of resorts with the hope that there might be something for everyone. Sign up early and often.

See you at the first general membership meeting, Thursday Oct. 5, 2017, 7pm at The Courtyard restaurant, Cataumet!



Let it snow (soon),
Scott Northrop, President



17-18 Trip Schedule



Date	Location	Trip Leader	Price	Time
January 10	Mt. Sunapee, NH	Len Hills	TBA	5:00a
January 21–26	Sugarloaf, ME	Bud Shaw	TBA	DY
February 7–9	Mt. Wash./Bretton Woods	Scott Northrop	\$299	DY
February 14	Mad River Glen, VT	Roger Stokey	TBA	5:00a
February 28	Loon Mountain, NH	Stan Kaczynski	TBA	5:00a
March 3–10	Breckenridge, CO	Bud Shaw	\$1785	FLY
March 15 (Thurs)	Wilcat, NH	Camille Morgan	TBA	5:00a
March 18–21	Killington, VT	Michael Finegold	\$280	DY
April 29–May 6	Croatia Bike & Boat	Michael Finegold	\$1799- \$1949	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 7–9, 2018

- 2 nights lodging
- 2 days skiing
- \$299 ppdo
- **\$249—lodging only**
- **\$20—additional ski day**





BIKE & BOAT

April 29—May 6, 2018

\$1799—\$1949
(not including airfare)

Currently
Sold Out!

This is our first time to Croatia and our 5th bike and boat trip. Come with us and see Dubrovnik and the surrounding islands on the beautiful Adriatic Sea. All cabins are ensuite, air-conditioned and equipped with a hairdryer and mirror. You will look marvelous dahling! E-Bike included, just to make things easier!

Trip Leader:

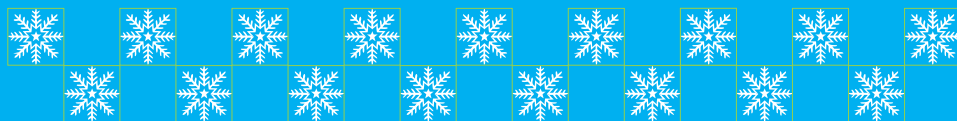
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Call me about
a possible 2nd
trip!

CROATIA

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KILLINGTON OVERNIGHT

MARCH 18–21, 2018

3 nights at the [Killington Mountain Lodge](#). 3 out of 4 day lift ticket. Breakfast is included. Drive yourself! Amenities: 20 person hot tub, heated ski lockers, free shuttle to mountain (5 mins), fitness center, free WiFi, free parking, Pub on site with bar menu. Walking distance to Moguls Sports Pub, The Wobbly Barn, The Lookout, Baja Burrito, and many more... Extended stay may be possible. Come and ski the biggest, baddest mountain in the East! Terrain for all abilities.

Price PPDO = \$280 Including tax

Price PPDO = \$155 for Room Only option

Trip leader: Michael Finegold 774-392-2567

\$99

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, October 5



BRECKENRIDGE

Breckenridge boasts one of the highest summit elevations in the U.S. at 12,998 ft. Its 34 lifts can carry an impressive 46,800 people per hour. Terrain is expansive and varied, featuring 2900 skiable acres across five huge peaks. 600 of those acres are groomed daily. Skiers and riders of all abilities will find something appealing here.

Summit county itself is home to numerous other ski resorts within driving or shuttle distance.



March 3—10, 2018

Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- 7 nights @ Mountain Thunder Town Homes
- 5-day lift ticket valid at Breck, Vail, Beaver Creek, Keystone
- Optional extra day at Arapaho Basin
- \$15 lunch voucher for each ski day

Trip Leader:

Bud Shaw

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SUGARLOAF®

JANUARY 21 - 26, 2018

\$440 PER PERSON

(DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

Since the late 1980's, the Upper Cape Ski Club has been making an annual winter pilgrimage to **SUGARLOAF**, in Maine's Carra-bassett Valley. Not many ski trips can boast that level of popularity.

Price and Deposit dates:

\$190 single supplement
\$340 lodging only
\$220 deposit by Oct 15, 2017
\$220 (or balance) by Nov. 30, 2017

The "Drive Yourself" package includes:

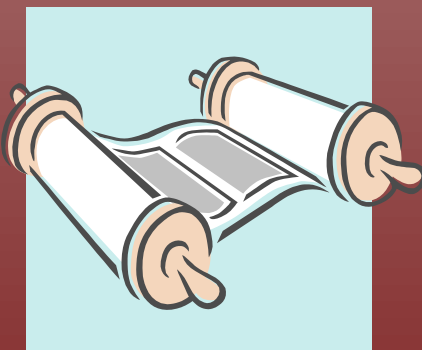
- Condo lodging on the mountain
- Daily access to Sugarloaf Fitness center
- Daily Perfect Turn Clinic
- 5 1/2 Day Lift Ticket
- Monday Night Welcome Party

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:

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ELECTIONS!
will take place at the 11/2 meeting.



BY-LAWS & POLICIES

Are posted on our website under the "Club Information" section. Members are encouraged to read the by-laws and are expected to adhere to the policies.

~ 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.



Poker Ride 10!

Can you believe this was the 10th year for the annual Poker Ride? Time sure flies by when you're having fun and we have definitely had some fun at this event over the years. On Sunday, as riders were making their way along the Shining Sea Trail, I was thinking about the history of this ride a bit. The idea started 10 years ago as a manifestation of a traditional motorcycle event following the same theme. The original idea was to do it by kayak, circling Phinney's harbor, stopping at various points (including now defunct Mashnee Beach Club aka Mashnee Island Grill). It seemed a bit more appealing to do it by bicycle and the inaugural poker ride was born. For the first few years, we started and ended at The Landfall. Years later, we tried both the Beach House and the Courtyard. And now, for the third year in a row, Michael and Diane have graciously hosted us. Of all the variations, this one seems to work out the best, in my opinion.

For the first time ever, we had to postpone the ride. The forecast was looking bleak, so we moved the event from Saturday to Sunday. While Saturday turned okay, Sunday was amazing! What a glorious day on Cape Cod! Fortunately, almost everyone was able to make the swap. In the end, 31 members and guests participated!

One of these years, we're going to see some really good poker hands. But this year wasn't it! As is our tradition, we award cash prizes to the First and Worst—the best and worst hands out there. Kevin Nichols took First with his three Fours and Ross Hayes (guest of our TFL Len Hills) scored what I believe to be our worst hand yet: 2-3-4-5-7, off suit. Congrats fellas!

Photo credit: Aimee Hills





MAD RIVER GLEN

SKI IT IF YOU CAN

If you're a skier, you have more likely than not heard of Mad River Glen. It holds a near mythic place in the pantheon of the world's legendary ski areas. What is it that makes Mad River Glen the "holy grail" for so many skiers?

It's a combination of many things, and for every skier the answer is a little different. The area's character, the result of a long and proud history, reflects the terrain and natural beauty. There is a special camaraderie among the skiers, with its co-op ownership, non-commercial, family-friendly atmosphere, dedicated staff and - of course- the Single Chair, America's favorite ski lift.

Mad River Glen offers the most challenging and diverse ski terrain in New England. The trails were cut to follow the mountain's natural contours. On the one hand, skiers can descend the entire 2,037' of vertical on true expert terrain with absolutely no run-outs. On the other hand, Mad River's mountain layout with a single base area makes it an ideal family mountain with plenty of blues and greens to satisfy every level of skier.

The Single Chair limits uphill capacity thus guaranteeing low skier density on the trails even on the busiest days. Mad River Glen is one of the last bastions of natural snow skiing in New England and is one of only three areas in North America that prohibit snowboarding.

Combined, these qualities create a ski experience that stands in stark contrast to the mainstream world of skiing. The various facets of the Mad River ski experience appeal to different skiers in different ways, but together they create a sense of place that is truly unique. The mission of the Mad River Glen Cooperative is to protect and preserve these special qualities.

We'd like to invite you to discover for yourself the experience we are dedicated to preserving.

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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.

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