

The Avalanche

DECEMBER 2018



Photo of the Grand Tetons, by Tom Burt

From the Summit



I hope everyone had a filling and fulfilling Thanksgiving. The Howe Clan gathered at my sister's in Noank, CT, where we were served an incredible meal prepared almost entirely by my sister's daughter, who fancies herself as the second coming of Martha Stewart. Watching her operate was literally like watching a cooking show on TV. Of course the best part was the gathering part. It's always great to get families and friends together, and it always makes me wonder why we don't do it more often. At any rate, we give thanks.

The holidays can be bittersweet for many, so we need to remember those among us who need our support and fellowship. And what better way to share fellowship and holiday spirit than an "Ugly Sweater Contest?" Last year's entrants started this tradition with some pretty horrific renderings. And I'm sure everybody is busy working on their most outrageous ideas for this year's Yankee Swap & Ugly Sweater Party, Thursday, Dec. 6 at the Courtyard.

The Yankee Swap is one of the highlights of the year. Bring a wrapped item of approximate \$20 value. Creativity is encouraged. Humor is rewarded. Usefulness is admired. Did I mention humor? And we don't need another bottle of Kahlua...just sayin' *[editor's note: I'll take the Kahlua!]*. There will be a lot of us, so we're going to try to keep things moving. Ringmaster Collette will have a system worked out so that we're not still at it at midnight. Should be really fun. And by the way, Where's Humpfrey??

Elsewhere in the newsletter you'll find information about our upcoming trips. There's snow everywhere in the country, so I'm sure we're all getting ready to strap on our newly sharpened skis (Thanks, Sportworks) and hit the slopes. Speaking of skis and Sportworks, if you have not already retrieved the skis that you sent to Duxbury, they will be available at the Dec. 6 event. If you need them before that, you're in luck: you won't have to drive to Duxbury to get them, because I have them...in Pocasset. If you want your skis sooner than 12/6 get in touch with me at rickhowe9@gmail.com or call me at 508-566-4342. I'd be happy to drop them off, within reason.

Thanks as always to everyone who works so hard to make the party a success: Collette and her team, Pam and Jean; and to Tom Burt for dutifully preparing the newsletter; and to Michael who keeps the website current, easy to navigate, and appealing; and to our trip leaders who work tirelessly to make our events successful; and to the Board, who meet monthly to keep the club operating smoothly. Thank you all.



Until then, THINK SNOW!

Rick Howe, President



18-19 Trip Schedule



Date	Location	Trip Leader	Price
January 13—18	Sugarloaf, ME	Bud Shaw	\$480
February 6—8	Mt. Wash./Bretton Woods	Scott Northrop	\$249/\$299
Feb 23—Mar 2	Steamboat, CO	Michael Finegold	\$1679
May 25—June 1	Bike & Boat France I	Michael Finegold	\$1599
June 15—22	Bike & Boat France II	Michael Finegold	\$1599

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 6—8, 2019

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



BIKE & BOAT SOUTHERN FRANCE



Among the wilderness of Camargue and the landscapes that were so dear to Van Gogh, you will cycle through delightful Provençal villages, vineyards, and fields of sunflowers. You begin in Aigues Mortes, a completely walled town that has changed little in appearance since its glory during the Middle Ages, and end in Avignon, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Avignon is ancient, full of history, life, youth, art, music, and activity. You could wander the narrow streets inside the fortified walls for days without tiring of them. The route is on countryside roads with little traffic in rural and city areas. Routes average 28 to 34 miles (45 to 55 km). This tour offers you the opportunity to choose each day if you would like to cycle on your own utilizing the detailed route descriptions provided or to cycle with the tour guide and the group.

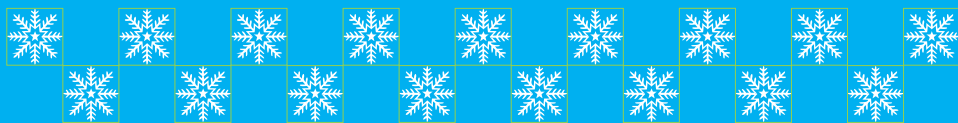
Dates: May 25—June 1 **-OR-** June 15—22

Price: \$1599 *(not including airfare)*

Trip Leader: Michael Finegold
mfskier@comcast.net
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Christmas Meeting!

Thursday, December 6



Yankee Swap!

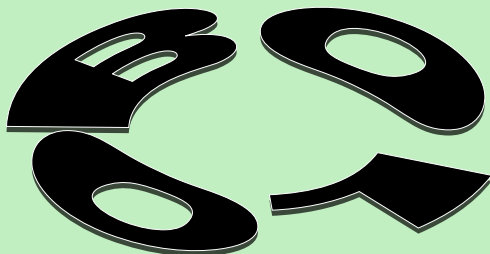
Bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20 or less and take home something equally interesting! Please use some creativity, and don't bring anything the average person would not appreciate!

UGLY Sweater Contest!



Dig out your ugliest sweaters, blow the dust off them (or don't—it will add character), and wear them with pride! There will be prizes for the ugliest!

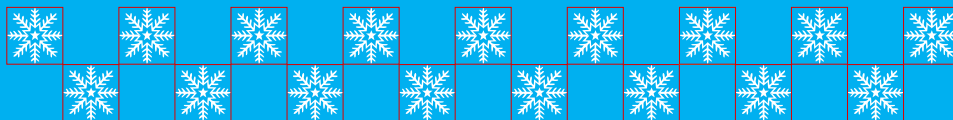
You MUST register on our website if you plan to attend the meeting!



Be On The Lookout...

For a National Park trip, possibly Fall 2019. Where to? Camping? Hoteling? Activities? See Jo Kraemer to express interest and learn more!

We have many interesting and talented people in our club. If you would like to do a presentation at one of our meetings, or if you know someone who would like to speak to our group, contact President Rick Howe at rickhowe9@gmail.com. It doesn't have to be about skiing!



Steamboat, CO

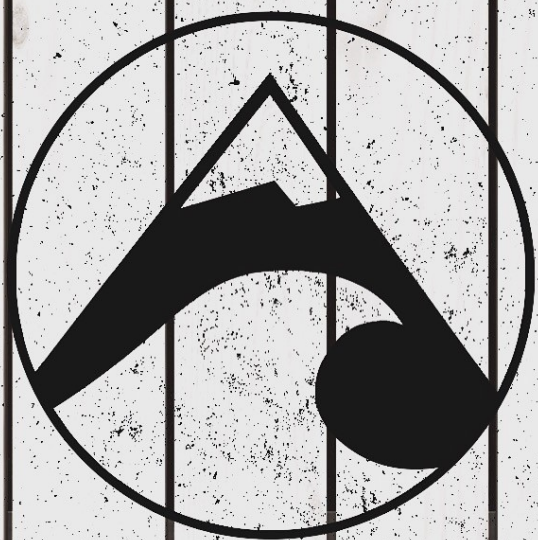
Join us for a trip to fabulous Steamboat Springs in Colorado. Here some of the best snow in the Rockies mingles with million dollar homes and artworks galore. Our trip includes **5 out of 7 day lift ticket**, lodging at **The Lodge at Steamboat** (walk to the lifts), complimentary coffee and donuts, shuttle to town, and 3-BR 3-BA condos. **Includes Flight to/from Denver** and our own van from Denver to Steamboat and back. If you haven't skied Steamboat then you are in for a treat. It is home to some of the best tree skiing as well as varied terrain, and will keep you busy all week long.

Trip leader: Michael Finegold—mfskier@comcast.net

Cost: \$1679

Payment only by check. \$750 deposit due within 10 days of signup. Balance due December 15th. You cannot pay by credit card or PayPal.

February 23—March 2



SPORTWORKS

Sportworks, LTD

45 Depot St.

Duxbury, MA 02332

781-934-9501

www.sportworksduxbury.com



JANUARY 13 – 18, 2019

\$480 PER PERSON

(DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)

The "Drive Yourself" package includes:

- Condo lodging on mountain
- Daily access to 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

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



Price and Deposit dates:

\$480pp, double occupancy

\$240 deposit by November 1

\$240 balance by December 1



**CHRISTMAS
PARADE**

Sunday, December 9

10:30a

88 Palmer Ave

Please sign up on the website!

Once again, we'll be marching in the Falmouth Christmas Parade! Please come out and show your support by joining us! We gather at Michael & Diane's house before and after, with refreshments and social hour following the parade. Bring something sporty or club-like to walk with; i.e, ski poles, kayak paddle, etc.

~ 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.



The 50 Most Affordable Ski Resorts in North America

HomeToGo.com recently published a list of the 50 most affordable ski resorts in North America. The full list can be found [here](#); however, below are those from the Northeast that made the list.

RESORT	STATE	SKI RENTAL	LIFT TICKET	LUNCH	ACCOM.	TOTAL
07. Mont-Tremblant	QC	\$34.80	\$71.92	\$9.18	\$70.74	\$186.64
11. Sunday River	ME	\$39.00	\$85.00	\$12.95	\$66.21	\$203.16
16. Bolton Valley	VT	\$49.00	\$64.00	\$13.00	\$86.08	\$212.08
18. Whiteface Mountain	NY	\$57.00	\$63.00	\$15.00	\$84.00	\$219.00
25. Stowe Mountain	VT	\$47.62	\$99.00	\$13.49	\$88.38	\$248.49
32. Okemo Mountain	VT	\$29.00	\$110.00	\$12.00	\$111.50	\$262.50
33. Killington	VT	\$58.00	\$105.00	\$17.00	\$88.28	\$268.28
34. Sugarbush Valley	VT	\$49.00	\$119.00	\$17.00	\$83.45	\$268.45
41. Stratton Mountain	VT	\$50.00	\$80.00	\$11.50	\$157.42	\$298.92

Conditions! some highlights...

Resort	Base Depth	Lifts open	Trails open
Killington, VT	20–24”	6/21	39/155
Okemo, VT	26–32”	4/20	50/121
Loon, NH	15–24”	2/11	28/61
Bretton Woods, NH	18–32”	3/10	16/97
Sugarloaf, ME	31–37”	5/13	26/157

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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>