

The Avalanche

JANUARY 2018

From the Summit



I hope you all had a fulfilling and filling Thanksgiving, and a joyous Christmas and New Year. The extended Howe family traditionally spends Thanksgiving in Edgartown at the Harbor View Hotel. They fill a gymnasium-sized room with food. Aside from not having a house full of the delicious aromas of Thanksgiving, there's a lot to be said for going away. Very high-quality family time.

At our November monthly ski club meeting we elected a new slate of officers: Rick Howe, President; Scott Northrop, Vice-President; Leonard Hills, Treasurer (for life); and Dave Beauvais, Secretary. We also have some changes on the Board of Directors. We're grateful to Mimi Schlichter and Chip Chandler for their participation on the board for several years each. Thank you. And welcome to our newest members Jo Kraemer and Dave Beauvais, as well as our not-so-newest member Dave DiMestico. They're already contributing. Welcome aboard.

The club once again participated in the Falmouth Christmas Parade. Twenty spirited ski and paddle toting club members were led by The Jean Hills Reindeer Team, Joe Calfee's ski-chair-bike, bedecked with wrapped presents, ridden by Tom Burt, and live-streamed on Facebook. Put that all together and you get FIRST PRIZE. The victors celebrated their fine showing at Chez Finegold/Payson. Great job by all!

Our annual Christmas party/Yankee swap was a huge success. The group was large and festive; the food was really good; and the activities were really fun. New this year was an Ugly Sweater Contest. It was wild. Thanks to the participants as well as the creative judges. Unfortunately, Humpfrey the Humping Dog was unable attend the swap this year, but he sent his surrogate, a twerking bear that channeled Bruno Mars. Thanks to Collette and her committee for such a fun night.

We have some great programs planned for future monthly meetings, so be sure to mark your calendars for the first Thursday of the month at the Courtyard. Several exciting, must-see presentations have been scheduled.

In case you hadn't noticed, our favorite season is upon us. I hope that you all have made some plans to enjoy it. The club has lots of great trips planned, so jump on the website to check out the offerings. They sell out fast, so enough said.

I look forward to seeing you on the slopes!



Cheers,
Rick Howe, President



2018 Trip Schedule

Date	Location	Trip Leader	Price	Time
January 10–11	Sugarbush, VT	Len Hills	\$199	DY
January 21–26	Sugarloaf, ME	Bud Shaw	\$440	DY
February 7–9	Mt. Wash./Bretton Woods	Scott Northrop	\$299	DY
March 3–10	Breckenridge, CO	Bud Shaw	\$1785	FLY
March 18–21	Killington, VT	Michael Finegold	\$280	DY
April 4–5	Attitash & Wildcat, NH	Scott Northrop	\$215	DY
April 29–May 6	Croatia Bike & Boat	Michael Finegold	\$1799+	FLY
July 7–14	Bruges–Amsterdam Bike & Boat	Michael Finegold	\$1449	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

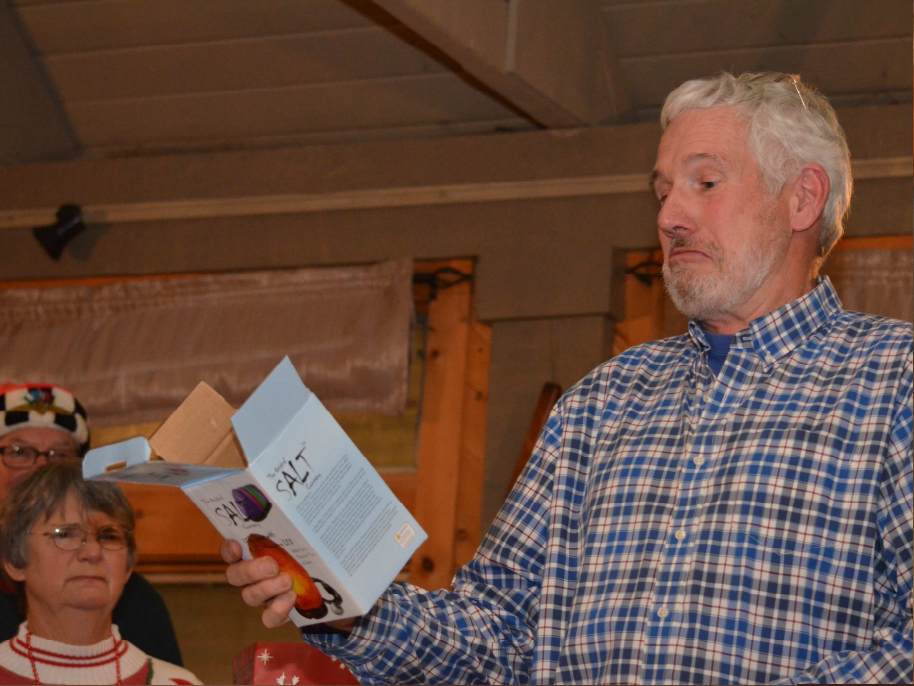


Next Meeting: Thursday, January 4



Party On Steamer!













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:

Michael Finegold
mfskier@comcast.net

774-392-2567

Call me about
our other
B&B trip!

CROATIA

Photos courtesy tripsite.com



Bretton Woods Outlines Plans for Gondola and Mountaintop Restaurant

By Chris Jensen, InDepthNH.org December 14, 2017

The Bretton Woods ski resort plans the state's first eight-passenger gondola and a new mountaintop restaurant that could host meetings and weddings, Chris Ellms, the resort's director of ski operations told the Bethlehem Planning Board Wednesday night.

Ellms said the resort wants to attract more customers during the off-season as well as getting skiers up the mountain more quickly and providing them with a new facility offering meals and restrooms. The goal is to have the gondola operating by next winter with the new building opening in the summer of 2019, he said. There will be 36 cabins on the gondola, each capable of carrying eight passengers, Ellms said. It will take about five minutes to cover about 6,000 feet from near the main lodge to what is now the top of the Fabyan's Express Triple chairlift.

The top of the Fabyan lift will be moved down the slope about 150 feet. The gondola will cross over the Bethlehem Express chairlift. The only other ski gondola in the state is a four-passenger model at Loon, although Cannon Mountain operates an 80-passenger cable car.

Ellms said the building will have classic mountain views but be tucked down just below the ridgeline "to soften the view" from the valley. It will be two stories involving about 11,000 square feet and "consisting of heavy timber, stone, fitting into that environment." Ellms said the gondola will allow diners, people attending meetings and wedding parties to reach the facility regardless of the weather.

The draft plan shows 149 seats for dining on the first level, 106 on the second level and about 30 seats for private dining. "What we are proposing is it is not all about skiing, it is what the resort is about which is four seasons," Ellms said. Being able to draw customers during the off-season has become an important strategy for all ski resorts, said Jessyca Keeler, the executive director of SkiNH, a statewide trade association. But the investment also shows the vibrant health of the state's ski economy, she said.

Ellms estimated the cost of the gondola and building at about \$15 million. But he said the plan and finances are still being worked out. The meeting Wednesday night was a "conceptual" presentation designed to give the planners an informal overview before the final plans are presented. The project also still needs some state permits. The ski area as well as the nearby Mount Washington hotel is owned by Omni Hotels & Resorts.

Courtesy: <http://indepthnh.org/2017/12/14/bretton-woods-outlines-plans-for-gondola-and-mountaintop-restaurant/>



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:

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

NEW TRIP



APRIL 4—5 - ATTITASH/WILDCAT, NH

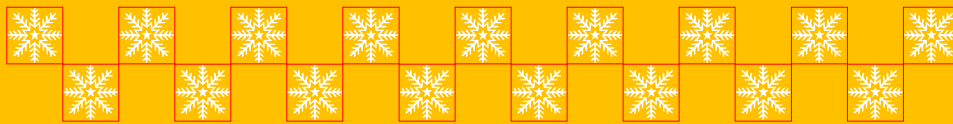
- **1-night lodging, 2-day lift**
- **Trip Leader: Scott Northrop**
- **\$215 ppdo**



~ 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.

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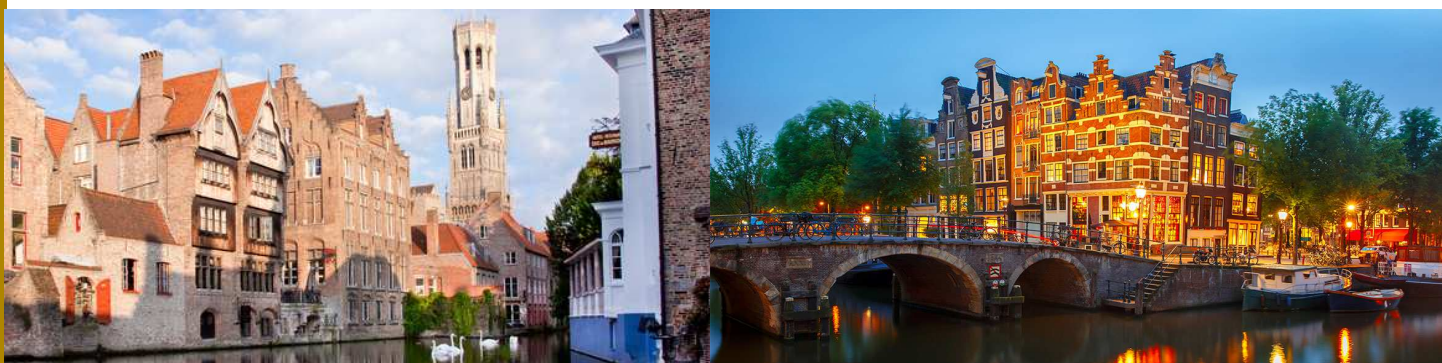


Bruges to Amsterdam

July 7 to 14

Join us for a trip to historic Bruges and beautiful Amsterdam. We will bicycle and boat our way through a most interesting part of Europe. Our boat, the Zwaantje, has 12 cabins of which we have reserved 7. Join us on an adventure that includes great food, super boating, fabulous company and tremendous sights as we bicycle through the Dutch and Fresian countryside. Airfare not included.

Note there are no single cabins available—you must have or accept a cabin mate. Trip Leader is: Michael Finegold - 774-392-2567 or mfskier@comcast.net.



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 Look-out, 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



Conditions

Across New England

RESORT	BASE DEPTH	LIFTS OPEN	TRAILS OPEN
Sugarbush, VT	10-36"	12/16	111/111
Killington, VT	12-18"	15/21	146/155
Bretton Woods, NH	28-38"	5/10	95/97
Wildcat, NH	10-20"	3/5	46/48
Attitash, NH	12-24"	6/10	59/68
Sugarloaf, ME	24-36"	12/13	107/160
Wachusett, MA	18-38"	5/8	24/26

Data extracted from <https://www.onthesnow.com/northeast/skireport.html>

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

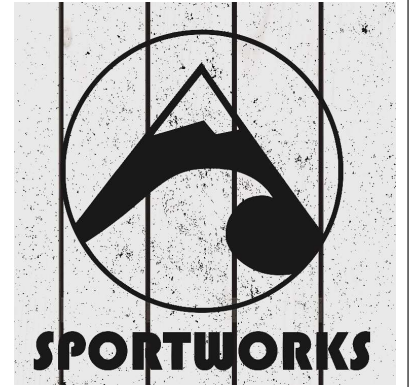
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Who we are...

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.uppercapeskiclub.com>