

The Avalanche



Photo from Mont Tremblant, by Tom Burt

OCTOBER 2018

From the Summit



As I write this, I'm basking in the afterglow of our annual kick-off meeting at the Courtyard. It was attended by 45 enthusiastic members, and we signed up several new members who came to the meeting because they heard what great and fun people we are. We were glad to have the opportunity to share our awesome trips with them. Special thanks to Collette Shaw and her team of Pam Northrop and Jean Hills for hosting such a fun party. Tom Burt showed his Breckenridge film to get us all in the spirit of skiing and Tom and Jo Kraemer gave a "rock talk" on the geology of the Champlain region of Vermont/New York. Extremely interesting. Thank you.

I also need to mention that our dear, dear friend Pat Thatcher is moving to Maine. We will miss her at our meetings and events; and we'll especially miss her friendship. Enjoy your new home, Pat, and we'll see you at Mt. Washington in February!

Speaking of awesome trips, you'll see a complete listing elsewhere in this newsletter. Several are already sold out, so if you're considering trips, I'd advise that you sign up soon.

Next month, we have Mike Murphy from Sportworks in Duxbury (see ad elsewhere in newsletter) coming to talk about the latest and greatest in skis and equipment. In addition, Mike is generously offering to do basic ski tune-ups for \$15/pair. This does not include bindings, so if you need that, bring your boots and talk to Mike that night. Bring your skis with your name on tape on each ski, and an envelope with \$15/pair skis and your name, phone number, and ski identification on the envelope. We'll have them done by the December meeting. If you need your skis sooner, you can call Mike and arrange to pick them up in Duxbury. Again, he'll be picking up the skis on Thursday, November 1 at the Courtyard, at 6:30p. Our meeting starts at 7:00p.

Also at the November meeting we have our annual food drive for the Bourne and Falmouth Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food, or cash donations are also appreciated. And I know the generosity of our members will shine through with help for those suffering in the Florida panhandle. Heartbreaking.

On a personal note, I just want everyone to know that I love this club because of all of you. And I'm really enjoying being President. Hopefully we can grow the club as we explore new adventures together.



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
March 12—14	Sugarbush, VT	Len Hills	\$195+
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.

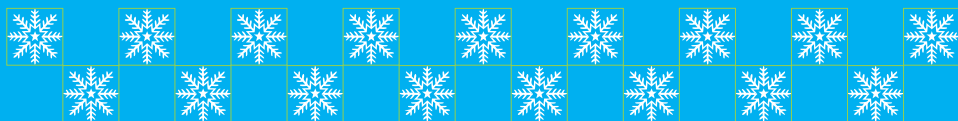
Dates: May 25—June 1 **-OR-** June 15—22

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

Trip Leader: Michael Finegold
mfskier@comcast.net
774-392-2567



Photos courtesy tripsite.com



SUGARBUSH OVERNIGHT

March 12—14, 2019

This classic Sugarbush Inn is situated just a short shuttle ride from Mount Ellen and Lincoln Peak. Included are 2 nights lodging with daily continental breakfast, access to health and recreation center with hot tub, sauna and more. Free shuttle to Mount Ellen and Lincoln Peak with a two-way connector chair. Lots of skiing for all levels.

Lodging: \$195 for 2 nights PPDO

Skiing: \$57 for adults and \$50 for seniors per day
(rates based on 20-person minimum attendance)

BeBetterHere

Trip leader: Len Hills—hills3149@gmail.com

Announcements!

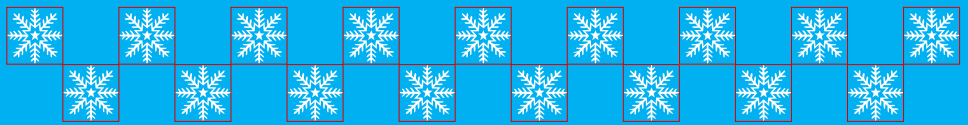
Next Meeting: Thursday, November 1

AGENDA:

- Elections!
- Bring a non-perishable item or a cash donation for the food pantry!
- Mike Murphy from Sportworks & \$15 tune-up offer!

DUES ARE DUE!

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

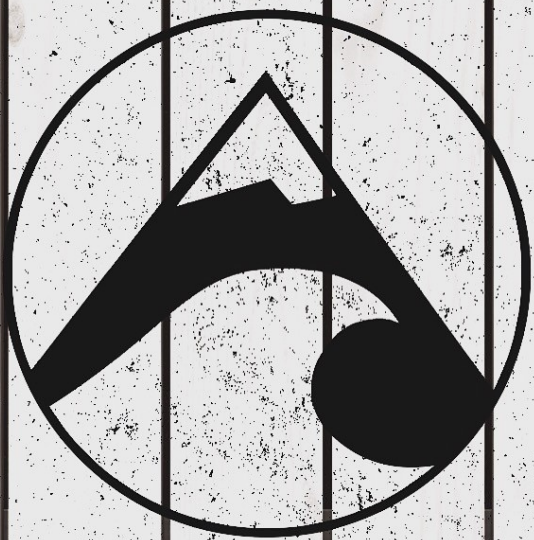
Join us for a trip to fabulous Steamboat Springs in Colorado. Here some of the best snow in the Rockies mingles with million dollar homes and artworks galore. Our trip includes **5 out of 7 day lift ticket**, lodging at **The Lodge at Steamboat** (walk to the lifts), complimentary coffee and donuts, 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

See us at the November 1 meeting! Bring your skis for a \$15 tune-up!



JANUARY 13 – 18, 2019

\$480 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 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



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

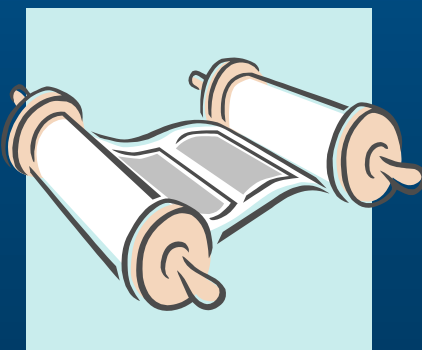
Your membership must be up to date to attend this event. Cancellation charges are date dependent. The club will make every effort to match singles, but the final responsibility is yours.

Trip Leader:

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

ELECTIONS!

will take place at the 11/1 meeting.

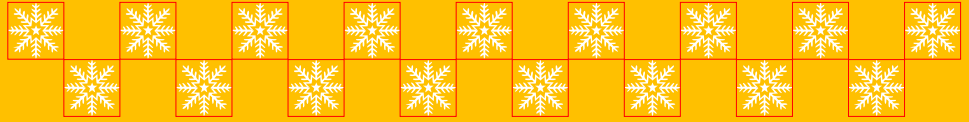


BY-LAWS & POLICIES

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 2018!

Thanks to all those that made the 11th annual Poker Ride a success! It was a beautiful day for a bike ride and cookout, with 24 adventurous souls coming out to play. Good poker hands are hard to come by in this format, but Rick Howe was victorious in presenting one of the better hands we've seen—three Qs. He generously donated his \$150 winnings back to the club (do I hear a collective “Awwwww.....”). In turn, the club will donate his ill-gotten earnings to the Friends of Bourne Rail Trail. As is current Poker Ride tradition, we give away prizes to “First” and “Worst.” Anne Berry's luck was bittersweet, resulting in the worst hand of the day but a \$75 cash prize. New for next year: Jokers wild! Pull a Joker and redeem for a card of your choice! But do you use the Joker to try to win, or lose?



EPIC PASS™ versus IKON PASS

A full comparison of these two passes is probably due but, for now, I'll leave you with this one image, courtesy of www.onthesnow.com.

The link goes into more detail, and has similar comparisons for western resorts.

Ikon Pass	Ikon Pass Access	Ikon Base Pass Access	Vertical Drop (feet)	Beginner & Intermediate Terrain (%)	Advanced & Expert Terrain (%)	Skiable Acreage	Avg. Snowfall (inches)
Snowshoe, WV	Unlimited	Unlimited	1,500	70	30	257	180
Blue Mountain, Ontario	Unlimited	Unlimited	722	57	43	365	110
Tremblant, Quebec	Unlimited	Unlimited	2,116	52	48	665	178
Stratton, VT	Unlimited	5-days	2,003	72	28	670	180
Killington, VT	7-days	5-days	3,050	61	39	1,509	250
Sugarbush, VT	7-days	5-days	2,600	65	35	508	262
Sugarloaf, ME	7-days	5-days	2,820	54	46	1,240	200
Sunday River, ME	7-days	5-days	2,340	66	34	870	167
Loon, NH	7-days	5-days	2,100	80	20	370	160
East Overall Score			19,251	64	36	6,454	187
Boyne Highlands, MI	7-days	5-days	552	67	33	435	140
Boyne Mountain, MI	7-days	5-days	500	76	23	415	140
Midwest Overall			1,052	72	28	850	140
Thredbo, Australia	7-days	5-days	2,205	83	17	1,186	83
East, Midwest & Other	\$999	\$699	22,508	67	33	8,490	171
Epic Pass	Epic Pass Access	Epic Local Pass Access	Vertical Drop (feet)	Beginner & Intermediate Terrain (%)	Advanced & Expert Terrain (%)	Skiable Acreage	Avg. Snowfall (inches)
Stowe, VT	Unlimited	Unlimited	2,360	71	29	485	314
Okemo, VT	Unlimited	Unlimited	2,200	68	32	667	200
Mount Sunapee, NH	Unlimited	Unlimited	1,510	76	24	232	100
Stoneham, Quebec	7-days total	X	1,132	47	53	333	355
Mont-Sainte Anne, Quebec		X	2,050	67	33	547	189
East Overall Score			9,252	66	34	2,264	232
Afton Alps, MN	Unlimited	Unlimited	350	79	21	250	60
Mt. Brighton, MI	Unlimited	Unlimited	230	70	30	130	60
Wilmot, WI	Unlimited	Unlimited	230	71	29	120	70
Midwest Overall Score			810	73	27	500	63
Persher, Australia	Unlimited	X	1,165	82	18	3,076	190
East, Midwest & Other	\$929	\$689	11,227	70	30	5,840	171

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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>