

Spring 2023



UPPER CAPE SKI & SPORTS CLUB

The Avalanche

From the Summit

It has been a while since our last newsletter, and wow! a lot has happened. In September we had our annual Poker Run; we also had a fantastic week in Canada operating self-drive boats on the Rideau Canal.

Our monthly meetings continue to sell out. In October we nominated our present slate of club officers, and in November we elected Rick Howe, President; Scott Northrop, Vice-President; Leonard Hills, Treasurer; and Linda Barlow-Palo, Secretary. Also In November we raised a lot of money and non-perishables for the Falmouth and Bourne Food Pantries. December brought our annual Yankee Swap meeting which was a ton of fun. The Ugly Sweater contest was hilarious, won by Susan Davies. Honorable Mention to Mike Wolfe. And we had a sing-along. Fun! We also marched in the Falmouth Holiday Parade in December, and we enjoyed an après party at Diane Payson and Michael Finegold's.

January brought our annual trip to the elegant Omni Mt. Washington Hotel, with skiing at Bretton Woods. Scott Northrop does a great job leading this trip. Thank you, Scott!

February found 40 of us at our home-away-from-home: Sugarloaf. We had great conditions most of the time, and had an excellent week. Thanks to Camille Morgan for leading the trip with Bud Shaw.

There is also a lot coming up. By the time you read this, two bike and boat trips to the Greek Islands will have taken place. Then later in April will be a trip to Amsterdam and Bruges, and Germany in September. Thanks to Michael for organizing and running these awesome trips!

This is the 14th year that we've met casually every two weeks in the summer for SNO's, or Steamer's Nights Out. We kick off this SNO season June 22. We've arranged for June 22 to be Upper Cape Ski Club Night at the Cape Cod Baseball League Bourne Braves, at Doran Park at Upper Cape Technical School. We'll throw out the first pitch, and the Upper Cape Ski Club Glee Club will sing the National Anthem. If you've never been to a Cape League game you really owe it to yourself to sample this slice of Americana. The entire SNO schedule is found later in the newsletter.

In addition to SNOs we will have at least one kayak event, at least one bicycle event, and another pickleball clinic. Watch this space for details.

The ski club is doing really well. Our membership is constantly growing, which allows us to offer so many awesome trips and events. Thanks to all of you for making this happen. And on a personal note, I would like to thank all the members of the Board, as well as all the people who ran trips this year. We couldn't do this without you. We have a special group of people in the club, and that's what makes this such a special club.

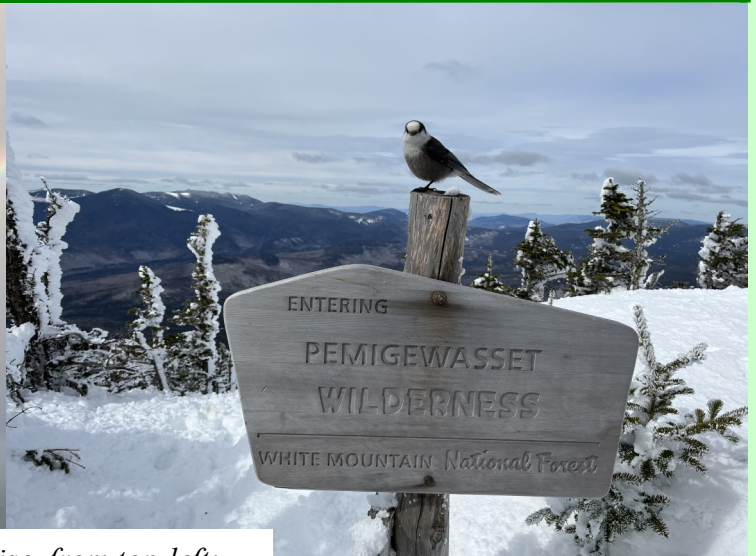
I'll see you all at the Braves on June 22, and all summer at our SNO's. I can't wait!



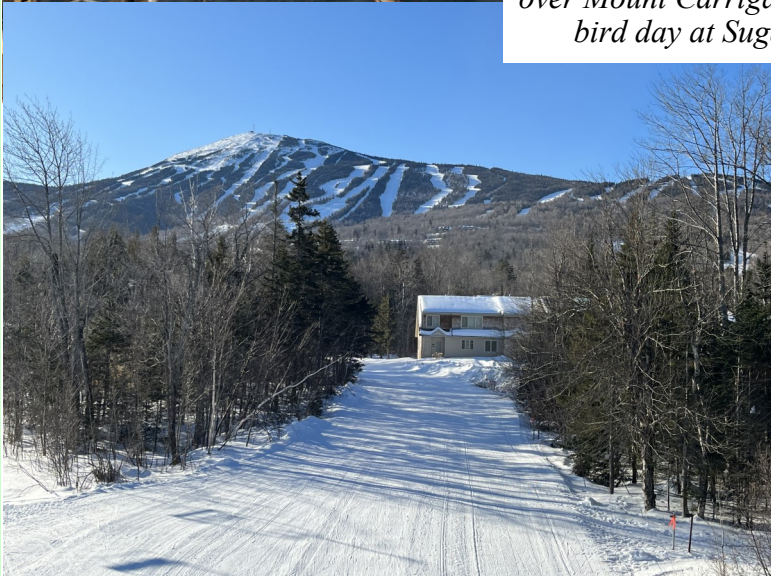
Rick Howe
President

Meetings!

Our regular monthly membership meetings have ended for this season and will resume in October at the Monument Beach Sportsmans' Club. We hope to see you all this summer at one of our events!



*Clockwise, from top-left:
A double rainbow over
Grenada (captured by Linda &
Paul Palo); a gray jay wel-
comes Tom Burt to the Pemi
Wilderness; Rime Ice forms
over Mount Carrigain; a blue-
bird day at Sugarloaf.*



New England ski resort sold to new owner in \$76M deal

The Associated Press

November 3, 2022

JAY, Vt. (AP) — A Utah-based resort company has completed its purchase of Jay Peak Resort, the northern Vermont ski area that was at the center of a financial scandal involving its former owner and president.

Pacific Group Resorts, which owns five other ski areas, announced Tuesday that the state of Vermont had approved the assignment of leases for ski terrain, allowing the sale to close. A federal judge in September approved the company's \$76 million bid to buy Jay Peak after it won [an auction for the ski area](#).

"The leadership and guests of Jay Peak are fortunate to have an experienced resort operator like PGRI take the helm from here," said court-appointed receiver Michael Goldberg, who has been overseeing the resort for the last 6 1/2 years.

Mark Fischer, PGRI's executive vice-president and CFO, said in a statement that Jay Peak "is a highly respected resort property widely known for its prodigious snowfall and avid patrons" that fits into the company's strategy of "geographic diversification." He also said Jay Peak has dedicated staff that have created "a strong mountain culture."

Pacific Groups Resorts' other ski areas include Ragged Mountain Resort in New Hampshire and Powderhorn Mountain Resort in Colorado, as well as properties in British Columbia, Virginia and Maryland.

Former Jay Peak owner Ariel Quiros, former president William Stenger and an adviser to Quiros [were sentenced this spring to federal prison](#) for their roles in a failed plan to build a biotechnology plant using tens of millions of dollars in foreign investors' money raised through a special visa program.

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the state of Vermont also accused Quiros and Stenger in 2016 of taking part in a "massive eight-year fraudulent scheme" that involved misusing more than \$200 million of about \$400 million raised from foreign investors for various ski area developments through the same EB-5 visa program. They settled civil charges with the SEC, with Quiros surrendering more than \$80 million in assets, including Jay Peak and Burke Mountain ski resorts.

Credit: [Yahoo News](#)



STEAMER'S CAFÉ

I'm sure it comes as no surprise that we have a lot of great cooks in the club. To showcase some members' favorite recipes, we're starting a new feature in the Avalanche: **Steamer's Café**. Please send us your favorite recipe (preferably with a photo of the finished product) to be inserted in the Avalanche. Send them to thomas.burt@comcast.net.

Prosciutto Wrapped Asparagus

Submitted by Linda Palo, but cooked by Paul

- Small bunch of medium sized asparagus, tough ends snapped off
- Approximately 1/4 pound of prosciutto. Have the deli slice it for you a little thicker than normal (the prepackaged slices are too thin which makes them difficult to work with). This amount will easily wrap 20 spears.
- Spreadable cheese such as Alouette garlic and herbs (we have found that Boursin cheese is too thick to spread)

In a pan large enough to accommodate the asparagus spears (a large fry pan, for ex) bring some water to a boil. Place spears in boiling water for 2 minutes. Immediately place them in an ice bath to stop them from cooking. They should be a nice green color. Cut the prosciutto into approximately 1 inch strips. Lightly coat it with the spreadable cheese. Spiral wrap the asparagus with the prosciutto. Place the asparagus on hot grill using a grill sheet to prevent them from falling into the grill. We have also cooked them on a hot frying pan. Cook them for just a couple of minutes until the prosciutto is starting to get a bit crispy. Turn gently with tongs. Remove when done and enjoy as a finger food.

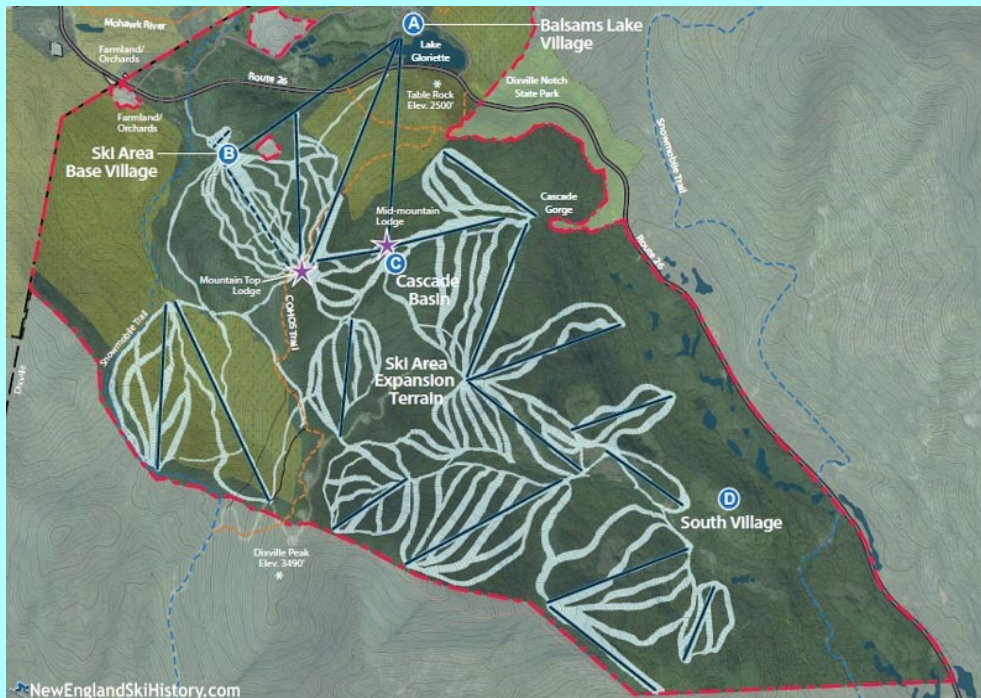




A Rebirth?

THE VISION: A WEALTH OF YEAR ROUND ACTIVITIES THAT WILL TAKE YOU FROM 0-60 AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN.

- Largest and most advanced ski resort on the East Coast
- Legendary Donald Ross 18-hole Golf Course
- Mountain lakes for boating, swimming, fishing
- Endless miles of maintained trails for biking, running, hiking and designated recreational vehicles
- Fitness Center with Yoga and Pilates
- Aerial Adventure Park
- Performing Arts Center and festivals
- Unique lakeside “Resort Campus” layout
- Adjacency to the US/Canadian 1,000 mile snowmobile “Superhighway”
- All activities are conveniently located on property



“Due to its location in a true alpine climate zone, avid skiers and riders will experience more dependable snow and a longer winter season year in and year out. With 2,200 skiable acres of alpine terrain, one of the largest vertical drops, and 100 km of Nordic trails, The Balsams will be larger and more varied than any other resort in the east at full build-out.”

[-thebalsamsresort.com](http://thebalsamsresort.com)

STEAMER to throw out first pitch!



UPPER CAPE SKI & SPORTS CLUB NIGHT!

THURSDAY, JUNE 22 6:00PM

DORAN PARK @ UPPER CAPE TECH

ADMISSION: FREE!

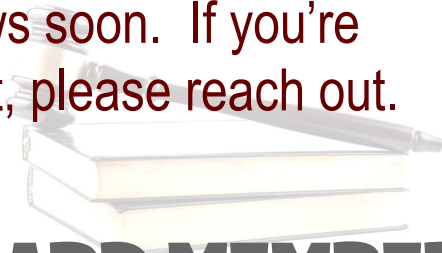
Grab your lawn chair, blanket, and your Cracker Jacks and join us as we celebrate our club with the league champion Bourne Braves! The National Anthem will be sung by the yet-to-be formed Upper Cape Ski Club Glee Club, led by Camille Morgan. If you'd like to join this very casual singing group, formed for one song, one day only, come to the park at 5:15 for a quick rehearsal. We're looking for quantity here, not necessarily quality. You don't have to be a great singer. You don't even have to know the words: we'll provide cheat sheets. The Bourne Braves are the reigning Champions of the Cape Cod Baseball League, the premier league for the best college players in the country. Many of the Cape League players will have already been drafted by Major League teams. Many will be playing in the College World Series or Team USA. There are currently over 350 former Cape Leaguers playing in the Majors. Ever hear of Aaron Judge? Played for the Brewster Whitecaps. Multiple time Home Run Derby winner and all-star for the NY Mets, Pete Alonso? Played for the Bourne Braves. Don't miss this opportunity to see tomorrow's stars shine today!



The Fine Print...

BY-LAWS:

Our current by-laws are available [here](#). We hope to do a full review and refresh of the by-laws soon. If you're interested in being a part of this effort, please reach out.



BOARD MEMBERS:

Our current board members were recently elected to 1, 2, or 3-year terms, in order to stagger terms. This will allow for greater opportunity for other club members to participate. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact President Rick.

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.



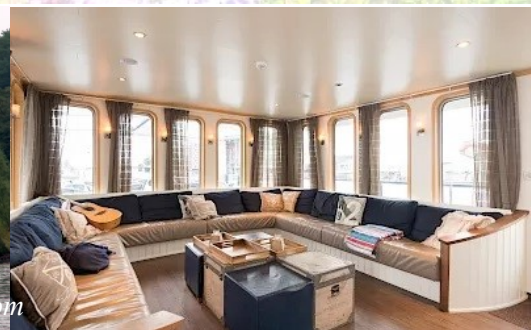
GERMANY 2023

This bike and boat tour in Germany showcases Northern Bavaria, the heart of old Germany, the ancient kingdom of Franconia. The bike path along the Main River is rated 5-stars by the German Federation of Cyclists and showcases all the history, culture, art, and architecture along this peaceful river. Climbing vineyards and half-timbered houses, once majestic castles and small villages, complete your trek through this gentle valley.

Highlights

- Würzburg and the castle gardens
- Bamberg and visit to the Duomo
- Fishermen's quarter of "Little Venice"
- Franconian wine (or beer!)
- Cycling the Main River bike path
- BEER!
- Visit uppercapeskiclub.com for more info

SEPTEMBER 23-30



Photos and trip summary courtesy of tripsite.com

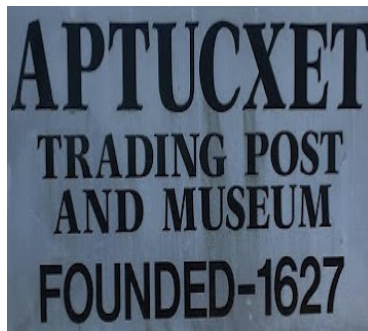
STEAMER'S NIGHT OUT

Join us for a fun and informal night out at some of Steamer's favorite local hangouts. 6:00pm, unless otherwise posted!

JUNE 22



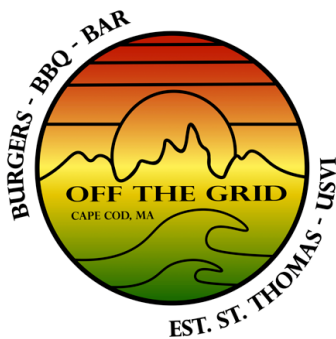
JULY 6



JULY 20



AUGUST 3



AUGUST 17



AUGUST 31



**ADDITIONAL
Summer Activities coming soon!**





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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