

# The Avalanche

OCTOBER 2016

## From the Summit



Hello! We're back! It's now that glorious time of the year on Cape Cod, when it's once again possible to take a left-hand turn, get a seat at your favorite restaurant, watch the best sunsets of the year at empty beaches, and to slow down a bit and appreciate this beautiful place we're lucky enough to call home. It's also the time we start our first-Thursday-of-the-month general membership meetings at The Courtyard in Cataumet and, subsequently, the time we start dreaming about the upcoming ski season. We are, after all, still primarily a ski club even though we do offer a lot of other activities over the course of the year (cycling, kayaking, bowling, biking and bargaining, etc.). Our club is not unique—we're mirroring a national trend among ski clubs toward general travel experiences rather than strictly ski vacations; however, we do still spend the majority of our time planning and enjoying opportunities to ski. Inside this newsletter you'll find the schedule of trips planned for this winter. Bud Shaw will be taking a group west again this year, to Park City and environs – you simply can't go wrong with Utah! We'll also be spending our usual balmy week at Sugarloaf in January and doing a couple of two-night getaways in February and March to Mt Washington Hotel/Bretton Woods and Sunday River, respectively. We may add another getaway opportunity, if there is enough interest. What you won't see on your schedule is, at least for now.... Day Trips. We recognize that this is a huge shift in the way this club operates and we do not take lightly the decision. The problem is partly financial – the cost of chartering a bus for a day has skyrocketed and the price of lift tickets has climbed, which means our discounted club price has also climbed. It has become necessary to fill a bus just to come close to breaking even on a day trip. Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of numerous trip leaders over the last few years, we simply are not coming close to filling buses. The Board of Directors, who spend a ridiculous amount of time agonizing about day trips, wonder if the membership has spoken on the topic by their reluctance to sign up for trips. We'd love to get your feedback on this and I will make a point of discussing it at Thursday's meeting. I hope you will take the time to come and offer your opinion. Feel free to send your thoughts via email ([snortrop@comcast.net](mailto:snortrop@comcast.net)) if you can't be at the meeting.

The party committee has whipped up another delectable menu from The Courtyard for this Thursday's meeting. We will also have the pleasure of hosting Nate Robinson of Friends of the Bourne Rail Trail, who will fill us in on the latest news regarding the bike path and its proposed extension all the way to the canal. It should prove very interesting to a bunch of outdoor fun enthusiasts!

I look forward to seeing all of you and wiping out the memory of last year's awful winter. I hope to see you all Thursday night.

**Scott Northrop**  
President





# 16-17 Trip Schedule

Date	Location	Trip Leader	Price	Time
1/8 – 1/13	Sugarloaf, ME	Bud Shaw	\$420	DY
2/8 – 2/10	Mount Washington Hotel	Scott Northrop	\$290	DY
2/25 – 3/4	Park City, UT	Bud Shaw	\$1550	FLY
3/22 – 3/24	Sunday River	Scott Northrop	\$285	DY
5/20 – 5/27	Bike/Barge—Champagne	Michael Finegold	\$1399+	FLY



## Where are the day trips?

Come to the meeting Thursday 10/6 to help us decide on the future of day trips!

# 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 8—10, 2017

- 2 nights lodging
- 2 days skiing
- \$290 ppdo
- \$245—lodging only
- \$20—additional ski day





# BIKE & BARGE

PARIS—EPERNAY



*May 20—27, 2017*  
*\$1399 ppdo*  
*(not including airfare)*



## Includes:

- 7 nights on board
- All meals (7 x breakfast, 6 x picnic lunch, and 7 x 3-course dinners)
- Multi-lingual tour guide
- Full day guided tour of Paris by foot
- Brie tasting
- Half day guided tour of Epernay including champagne tasting
- Bus transfer between Epernay and Reims (including TGV station)
- Coffee and tea on board until 4 pm
- Daily cleaning service
- 21-speed bicycle with hand brakes, pannier bag, and water bottle
- Electric bikes available for an additional fee (limited quantities)

## Trip Leader:

Michael Finegold  
mfskier@comcast.net  
774-392-2567

[More info available here](#)



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# SUNDAY RIVER OVERNIGHT

MARCH 22-24, 2017

Here's a terrific way to wrap up your ski season! Join us at Sunday River for two nights and three days of spring skiing. We'll be bunking in at the Grand Summit Hotel, at the base of White Cap Mt., in double occupancy rooms (2 queen beds) and enjoying terrific ski-in, ski-out accommodations, a pool, multiple dining options and night life and, of course, some of the best skiing in New England. This is a drive-yourself trip. Your three day ski pass will also get you on to Sugarloaf if you want to drive up there for the day.

**Pricing options:**

\$285—per person member price

\$275—senior (65+)

\$150—lodging only

Sign up at <http://www.uppercapeskiclub.com>



## 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 6**

# GRAND OPENING OF NEW QUICKSILVER GONDOLA MAKES PARK CITY THE LARGEST SKI RESORT IN THE UNITED STATES



**PARK CITY, Utah – Dec. 18, 2015** – Today, Park City celebrated the much anticipated grand opening of the new Quicksilver Gondola and Miners Camp Restaurant, making history as the largest ski resort in the United States.

Rob Katz, chairman and CEO of Vail Resorts and Bill Rock, chief operating officer of Park City were on hand for the celebration, joining community leaders and resort guests for a ceremonial ribbon cutting and champagne smash in front of Quicksilver.

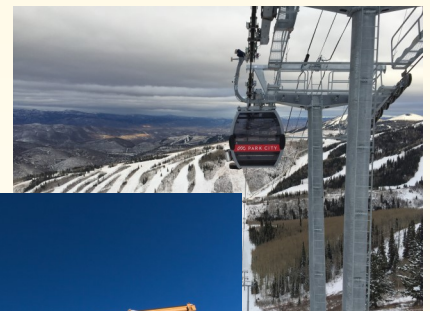
“On this historic day for our company, the debut of the Quicksilver Gondola connecting the two mountains and Miners Camp restaurant brings to life one of the most ambitious capital projects undertaken at any resort in industry history,” said Rob Katz, chairman and CEO of Vail Resorts. “Bill Rock and his team have delivered on their promise to create an experience of a lifetime at Park City and we hope all of our guests enjoy everything that this world-class mountain and iconic mountain town have to offer.”

Construction on Quicksilver and Miners Camp began in the summer of 2015 as part of a \$50 million improvements campaign to connect Park City and neighboring Canyons Resort. Now, a quick, 8 ½ minute ride on Quicksilver is all that separates guests from experiencing hundreds of trails across Park City and Canyons Village

“Park City is one of the most spectacular places on Earth and now, for the first time ever, our guests will have unprecedented access to over 300 trails, 41 lifts and 7,300 acres of skiable terrain across one Park City,” said Bill Rock, chief operating officer of Park City. “Quicksilver, Miners Camp and the \$50 million in capital improvements across the resort will completely transform the guest experience at Park City. We are thrilled to debut these projects in time for the Christmas holiday.”

Miners Camp, located at the base of the Silverlode Lift, replaces the old Snow Hut and offers guests a cozy retreat from the slopes. The new on-mountain restaurant features 500 indoor seats and a fresh menu highlighted by local ingredients, daily specials, handmade flatbread pizzas, Mediterranean dishes and local drafts on tap.

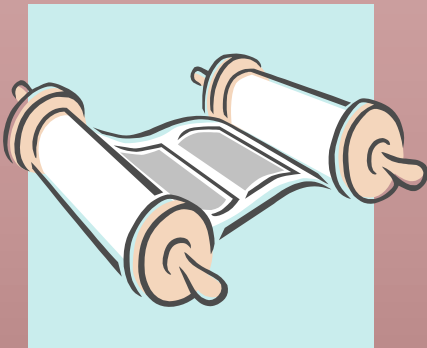
In addition to Quicksilver and Miners Camp, guests will also find additional snowmaking across the resort, two new trails off of Pinecone Ridge and major upgrades to the King Con and Motherlode lifts.





# ELECTIONS!

will take place at the 11/3 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.



# Marchers Wanted!

**December 4, 2016**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Naughty
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nice
<input type="checkbox"/>	Undecided

**Meet at:**

**10:45am**

**88 Palmer Ave**

**CHRISTMAS  
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### ~ 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 Run 9!

It was another tremendous year for our 9th annual Poker Run! 31 riders met in downtown Falmouth for an adventurous day of riding, imbibing, and gambling (well, sort of)! An easy cruise up the bike path to the first stop in West Falmouth brought an opportunity to work the kinks out—pump up tires, pick up forgotten husbands, fill the empty water bottle you forgot to fill before you left and, most importantly, draw a card from the deck! After West Falmouth, it was onward and upward! And uphill, as I was told by a few... Thankfully, it was not long before the end of the path arrived and the much anticipated U-turn brought the downhill. Riders stopped at the end of Quahog Pond Rd, home to world-famous destinations such as Mimi's gallery, Chappy Grille, and the Post Office. Tiring riders pulled another card and may have happened upon an adult beverage (or two) before venturing back onto the path. To Woods Hole! Donny and the Landfall graciously hosted the rowdy bunch again, for the 9th consecutive year. It was a quick stop though—we had grilling and partying to do. Another card was pulled and we were off again, headed north (yes, yes, it's also uphill again) to our final destination—Michael's house. Burgers on the grill, suds in the can, and five cards in the hand, we celebrated our grueling 21-mile voyage. In true Poker Run tradition—we awarded prizes for the First and Worst hands (not much separates First and Worst in this crowd). Pete Flaherty took home \$100 in cash for his truly dreadful 2-5-6-7-10 assortment of nothingness. Bill Ventura, after many years of cycling and rollerblading dedication, finally wowed the crowd and took home \$200 for his trip fives. Thanks all for making this such a great day!









# SUGARLOAF®

**JANUARY 8 – 13, 2017**

**\$420 PER PERSON**

*(DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)*

Sugarloaf - With over 500 acres of new terrain in the last five years, including a second mountain peak, Sugarloaf packs more developed terrain than any ski area in the east. From powder filled glades to quiet cruisers to Burnt Mountain summit expeditions, new adventures are always at your fingertips.

**Price and Deposit dates:**

\$180 single supplement  
\$310 lodging only  
\$220 deposit by Nov. 1, 2016  
\$200 (or balance) by Dec. 1, 2016

**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

**Bowling!**

**Thursday, October 20**

7:00–9:00p

The Lanes, Mashpee Commons

\$30—includes shoe rental, dinner and soda.

[Sign up here!](#)



# PARK CITY

February 25 - March 4

Home to the "Greatest Snow on Earth", Utah is well known for its deep powder snow, perfectly groomed runs, as well as some of the best tree skiing found anywhere. Whether you are a beginner or advanced skier or snowboarder, Utah has terrain for all ability levels from November to June.

New for this year, Vail Resorts has linked two of North America's greatest ski areas (Park City and The Canyons), creating the largest resort in the United States with 7,300 acres of skiable terrain. The new Quicksilver Gondola that connects Park City and Canyons opened on December 17th. Vail also opened a new restaurant, as well as renovations to existing ones. Improvements also include increased snowmaking, trail widening, and lift upgrades! Be among the first to experience \$50M in improvements!

**What you get:**

- 7 nights lodging at Park Avenue Condos (free shuttles and shopping nearby)
- Four day ski pass to Park City Mountain Resort and/or The Canyons
- One day ski pass to Deer Valley
- Roundtrip airfare on Southwest
- Transportation between Salt Lake City and Park City

**What you can add:**

- Day trip to Alta (includes bus ride and lift ticket)
- Single Supplement
- Trip Insurance

**What you pay:**

- \$1550

**Who you contact:**

- Bud Shaw—508-477-3717 or budco1@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.

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