



Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club

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World Champions to compete at Sugarloaf

A message from SMSC president, Bruce Miles



Looking good! The completed Jean Luce Competition Facility.

As I write this, Bode Miller has clinched the Super Combined trophy and is in first place for the Overall title. Lindsey Vonn won the Downhill title, and is in first place for the Overall title. What a year for our US Ski Team! Lets hope their successes continue and that they bring some crystal globes back with them to Sugarloaf.

The Nature Valley US Alpine Championships will be held here at Sugarloaf March 21-26. It didn't take USSA long to decide where to have their championships this year. Bill Marolt, the CEO of the US Ski Team was very impressed with every aspect of the 2006 championships that we hosted. He was extremely impressed with the level of enthusiasm the Sugarloaf fans displayed. The opening ceremonies had

the biggest turnout the ski team could remember. I am sure this year's event will be no less spectacular!

I hope you can all make it up here to watch some of the races - the first race will be held on Friday, March 21. This will be the 56th running of the Sugarloaf Schuss and it's sure to be an exciting event. If you have some time and want to volunteer for the events, please contact Lev Steeves or Laurel Lashar at the comp center by calling 237-6896.

February vacation had it all this year - some snow, some rain, some cold and some sunshine. It all added up to a great week of skiing. The pot luck supper held on February 19, was a great event and was attended by many Ski Club

families. The fireworks that followed wowed the crowd. Cold, clear skies during the week also provided some great night-sky viewing including a spectacular lunar eclipse.

As you know, March is usually our snowiest month - and brings with it the promise of more great skiing. If this holds true, this year will cap off as one terrific ski season.

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March is also filled with some outstanding Ski Club social events. Many thanks to Nancy Holliday and her great social committee for their hard work, and thanks to all of our Ski Club members who have helped to make this a super season. Please check out the schedule of our social events in this newsletter.

See you the hill,
Bruce Miles

SMSC Social Events

Ideas for additional social events are welcomed. Please email your thoughts to the Ski Club at sugski@tdstelme.net

Tuesday, March 11 from 4-6:00 pm Mid-Week Apres-Ski at the Widowmaker

For Ski Club members and their guests. Upstairs at the Loft in the Widowmaker Lounge. Delicious hors d'oeuvres will be provided; \$3 house wine and \$3 draft microbrews (12oz). Please RSVP to the Ski Club by March 7, at 237-6955.

Saturday, March 29, 6-11:00 pm 13th Annual Sugarloaf Ski Club Snow Ball at the Sugarloaf Inn

Enjoy dinner and dancing to the ever-popular local favorite, Ross Thompson and Elmore Twist. Make plans with your friends to fill a table, or come by yourselves and meet new friends! Tickets are \$55 and can be reserved by calling the Ski Club at 237-6955 or email sugski@tdstelme.net This year's menu choices include Prime Rib, Baked Stuffed Shrimp and Chicken. As always, this full course dinner includes some wine. Don't miss out on this fun-filled evening!

Saturday, March 29, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm MARA Cookout

What, no lunch plans on March 29? Come join us at our new Jean Luce Competition Facility. Buy a burger or some hot dogs and watch the kids race. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at the office in advance, at race registration, or on the hill. See you there!

Saturday, April 12, 10:00 am Dan McKay/ Mike Waddle Memorial Race

This fun race is for everyone of all ages and benefits the scholarship program. Entry fee includes a tee shirt and a cook-out! Register at the Competition Center on Race Day from 8:00 am. \$25

Where is the Ski Club?

The Ski Club office is located on the second floor of the Competition Center; next to the Base Lodge and uphill from the Gondola Village Building. A big Ski Club logo in the window make the office easy to find. Just go into the building, up the stairs, and take a left. Follow the signs and you will easily find us.

Cathy is in the office every weekend and each vacation week between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm, so just drop in and say hello. You may also reach her at 237-6955, or at sugski@tdstelme.net. Don't forget to check out our new website at sugarloafskiclub.org, and let us know what you would like to see there!

Check us out at sugarloafskiclub.org

We're online with our new website and looking for your feedback. Log on and let us know what works and what doesn't. We'll continue to make changes based on your input. Also, if you're interested in helping or have photos you'd like to share with us, contact Cathy in the office at 237-6955, or e-mail us at sugski@tdstelme.net▲

Got any great ideas?

The Ski Club is always open to ideas for new social events because we like to have fun. Our thanks go out to Jay King, manager of the Widowmaker Lounge, for helping us to turn Ski Club member, Cindy Foster's idea for a mid-week social event into a reality. Join your fellow Ski Club members and their guests for après ski in the Loft at the Widowmaker on Tuesday, March 11, from 4:00-6:00 pm. There will be hors d'oeuvres and drink specials.

Any more ideas, anyone? Give us a call at 237-6955, or e-mail us at sugski@tdstelme.net ▲

We need your help!

The Competition Center is still gathering names of people who are interested in volunteering for the Nature Valley US Alpine Championships to be held March 19 -26. We need gate judges, flaggers, registration people, course crew, bib retrievers, runners and a multitude of other helpers. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to leveretti@canada.com or llashar@sugarloaf.com, to let us know when you are available and what your interests are. If you wish to phone, you may reach Lev at 207-235-2183. Leave a message and we will gladly get back to you.

You may also drop in at the Competition Center and fill out a form, or mail the following form to Sugarloaf Competition Center, 5092 Access Road, Carrabassett Valley Me. 04947.

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP FORM - US NATIONALS 2008

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Course Crew _____ Other Outside _____

Timing building gets two new coats

Twelve gallons, 90 hours, and lots of rolling gets a big job done

by Ginny Bousum and Cindy Foster

Volunteering has been a long-standing tradition between the Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club and Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation. Most of the volunteers these days participate in the "usual jobs" associated with a competition or social event. However, for two days in January, Ski Club volunteers joined Ski Club volunteer and professional organizer Cindy Foster, for the unusual event of applying polyurethane wood finish to the entire interior of the new Jean Luce Competition Facility and Slim Melvin Timing Room.

If you have been inside the new building you will remember the high open entryway, the twelve-foot ceilings, the huge beams and seemingly miles of trim. Cindy provided the rollers, brushes, and other necessary tools, and your Ski Club brought the polyurethane. On Thursday, January 3, Cindy set her plan in motion. Phil Hunter tackled the window trim, taking extra care on the window sills. Various sections of walls and ceilings were claimed by Betty Ann Listowich, Ginny Bousum, Peter Smith and Pam Saulter.

On Sunday, January 6, Cindy and Phil returned to the project, along with a small army of volunteers. Kathy and Charlie Brown started off with preparatory sanding. After hearing reports of a somewhat challenging and not-tall-enough rickety stepladder, Greg Foster set up scaffolding to tackle the two-story entryway.



Ski Club members building their very first club house together.

Dick Foote, with his height and a very long handle, was able to finish the upstairs ceilings. Steve Schaefer, Maggie and Neil Newton, Luli and Malcolm MacNaught, and Carolyn Lepage completed the downstairs areas as Crystal Gareau coordinated their efforts.

Applying polyurethane may sound like a typical do-it-yourself project, but it took 90 volunteer-hours to get this job done! Every square foot of the pine boards, rustic beams, doors, trim and stair railing in the common areas received two coats of finish. The "poly-party" rolled and brushed twelve gallons of water-based polyurethane finish while enjoying music, chatting, brown-bag lunches and good old-fashioned community spirit.

"It was really important to do this job while the wood was still fresh," said Cindy Foster. "We were able to enhance the beauty of this new building, and now the interior has the protection it deserves. The Ski Club spirit and camaraderie shone as these folks worked together and got it done."▲

CVA Competition News

By Rick Bisson

CVA Freeriders take on US Freeskiing Open Championships

CVA Freeriders traveled to Colorado to compete in the US Freeskiing Open Championships at Copper Mountain, January 30 – February 3. CVA students who participated in this world-class event included Jared Larkin, Evan Schwartz, Marshall LaCroix, Matt Duhamel, Evan Walls and PGs Alex Mathers and Sophia Peer. Dan Marion, Taylor Felton and Banks



Marshall LaCroix

Gilberti were among CVA's alumni competing at the event. Taylor Felton's run scored a spot in the semifinals. Shout outs from the crowd went to Banks Gilberti for his switch 7 double grab on the money booter.

In the half-pipe event, Marshall LaCroix's amplitude in his 900, to alley-oop 540, to 1080 to switch up the hill 720 earned him the fourth highest score in heat one. In his first US Open appearance Matt Duhamel advanced to semifinals when he landed his final qualifying run scoring in the top six of heat four. Dan Marion prequalified for Sunday's semifinals.

Recapping freeskiing's granddaddy event of the season, Nate McKenzie said, "The US Open is a great event for our athletes to test their skills against the best riders in the world. Overall I was very proud of our boys for their hard work and personal results. I was also really pleased to see our alumni athletes. Dan Marion's seventh place in halfpipe was very rewarding for all of us."

CVA Snowboarders Revolution

The 2008 US Snowboarding Chevrolet Revolution Tour is in full swing and CVA snowboarders are taking part in it. They include Heather Doolittle PG, Tucker Friend, Alex Tuttle, Dylan Darienzo, Benjamin Bisson, Juliette Bisson and Alex Rodway. This FIS level features boardercross, slopestyle and halfpipe events. CVA's snowboarders have earned a boardercross podium (Heather Doolittle) and top ten finishes (Juliette Bisson and Tucker Friend).



In each of the boardercross events all of the CVA riders have earned qualifying spots out of time trials.

In halfpipe and slopestyle, Benjamin Bisson and Alex Rodway are finishing in the top half of the very competitive field of riders. According to CVA Snowboard Program Manager, Chris Clark, "I am really proud of this young group of student-athletes. They train really hard on the hill and in the classroom. They all have great potential and I believe their efforts will pay off."

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Alex Tuttle

Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club Annual Meeting

Minutes from January 26, 2008 meeting

President Bruce Miles called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the 58th Annual Meeting of the Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club.

Miles said it was hard to believe that in two years it would be the Ski Club's 60th anniversary and that all club members should start to think about that, adding that there were plans to do another Ski Club Magazine similar to the one done for the 50th Anniversary. He hoped the 60th Anniversary issue would be even bigger and better. With the success of the John Christie book, which is now into its second publication, he stated that people are really interested in the history of Sugarloaf and hopes the Ski Club will keep the momentum going.

Ski Club board members present at the meeting were introduced including Phil

Hunter, Nancy Holliday, Lev Steeves, Joyce Tobias, Bob Friedrich, Ginny Bousum, Joe Tutlis, Mike Rowland, Peter Smith, and Ann Hanson. The past presidents in the room were then asked to stand to be acknowledged. The resignation of Sue Manter was announced. Lani Cochrane was appointed to fill the remainder of Manter's term, which expires in 2010.

Miles reported that the Ski Club is stronger than ever, both financially and in membership. The financial picture is outstanding, considering that 15 years ago the club was in the red. This turn-around is due to hard work on the part of the past and present boards and their leadership over the last 15 years. Last year the club membership stood at approximately 428 for the entire year; representing more than 1,100 people. Currently there are 434 memberships.

Traditionally by February vacation week, the Ski Club will pick up more members. The present number represents 218 families, 116 couples, and 100 single memberships.

The newsletter has a new look this year due in large part to Peter Smith, who is communications and newsletter chairman. The actual design and layout has been done by Claudia Diller. Mike Rowland has worked diligently to create the new Ski Club website, sugarloafskiclub.org. There was a power point presentation of the web site at the meeting, at which point Miles asked members who have experience in creating web-sites for their help. Anyone who is interested in helping with the web site was asked to contact Mike Rowland. Input is greatly appreciated.

The Competition Committee under the leadership of Lev

Steeves is doing a great job of recruiting volunteers and assisting the Competition department. Sugarloaf has had many events already this year and will be hosting the Nature Valley US Alpine Championships once again. USSA loves Sugarloaf, Miles stated, because of the strong support of all the volunteers.

The Scholarship and Community Committee has been giving out scholarships to help make snow sport programs available to area children. The Ski Club has also given a \$500.00 grant this year to the Kingfield Recreation Department for the free bus that brings kids to the mountain so that they can participate in the weekend programs at Sugarloaf.

The Membership Committee under the leadership of Joe Tutlis, has been working at increasing membership, and



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Board member Ginny Bousam with Treasurer Phil Hunter

communicating more with the members. Everyone got a letter early in the season announcing the hiring of Cathy Nodine as Ski Club Administrator. Nodine was then formally introduced to members. Ski Club office hours are from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday, as well as every day during vacation weeks.



Board members Mike Rowland & Bob Friedrich

The Historical Committee has been focused on working with the Ski Museum of Maine, and many members of the Ski Club are on the board. The Ski Museum of Maine had its first on-mountain event on February 16th here at Sugarloaf with a parade of skiers in old ski apparel and a silent and live auction apres ski.

The Ski Club Social Committee has been very busy putting on events including the Annual Meeting, a reception at Skiers Homecoming and a potluck supper during the February vacation.

Last year at this time the Ski Club was just finishing up the Jean Luce Competition and Training Facility, and the Slim Melvin Timing room. At that

time, the roof had not been completed. Now there is a beautiful standing seam, baked enamel roof on the building thanks to Carl Beck and C.O. Beck and Sons. Thanks also goes to the more than 120 people whose donations of more than \$60,000 and countless hours made it happen.



President Bruce Miles

The Ski Club has a very strong relationship with Sugarloaf and Boyne USA. "We are very fortunate to have new owners who are long time skiers and ski industry leaders," Miles stated.

The Ski Club's relationship with CVA is also very strong, with a Ski Club donation of \$10,000 to the construction of the first phase of Murfey Hall dormitory.



Board member Joe Tutlis

Treasurer's Report: Total assets of the Club this year are \$153,619. This represents approximately a \$16,000 increase in our net worth over the past 12 months.

Our Capital Fund is a little more than \$115,000 which represents an increase of \$6,000 after \$10,000 was donated to CVA. Within the



Board member Joyce Tobias

Capital Fund, we have several different forms of investments including CDs, Mutual Funds and cash in the form of Money Market funds. We follow an investment policy that allows us to have a certain amount in equities. It is about 19% of our total investable assets. The rest is in cash.



Board member Lev Steeves

The budgeted income this year for the Ski Club is around \$64,000, and the budgeted expenses are about \$50,000, leaving about \$14,000 in surplus at year's end. Income sources are membership, Cardiac Club, investment income, social events and merchandise. For this year John Christie's book contributed significantly to the bottom line. The Community and Scholarship area is where our biggest expense lies. The Ski Club was able to grant nearly \$10,000 in scholarships for kids to participate in ski programs. Without this money many would not be able to participate at all. Other expenses include the newsletter, payroll, office expenses and social functions. The Ski Club's financial position is good and continues to improve.

Each year the Ski Club elects five board members for a three-year term. The nomination committee proposed the following for a



Newsletter Chairman Peter Smith

three-year term: Joyce Tobias, Joe Tutlis, Ginny Bousum, Bruce Miles and Greg Foster. There being no further nominations from the floor, the secretary cast one vote for the slate.



Secretary Nancy Holliday

The slate of officers for the coming year include: Bruce Miles President, Steve Schaefer; Vice President, Nancy Holliday, Secretary, Phil Hunter; Treasurer and Lev Steeves, Past President. There being no further nominations, the secretary cast one vote for the slate.

The Ski Club also proposed a life membership for long time member Winfred Melvin. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
Nancy Holliday,
Secretary ▲

FOUNDING FATHERS

*Last in a series of thumbnail sketches of the members of the original 1956
Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation Board of Directors*

By Barbara Ericson

William (Bill) Kierstead

How appropriate in this, our last Founding Fathers article, to bring it all back to the ultimate founding father of Sugarloaf, Amos Winter. Yes, it was Amos himself who first lured original Board of Directors member Bill Kierstead to Sugarloaf Mountain. Bill, who served as the Winter family dentist, happened to mention his various skiing experiences to Amos, who, in his usual fashion, immediately said, "We've got a mountain here, you know!" "Here" was the Kingfield/Farmington area, where Bill

Kierstead graciously visited the dentist-less residents from his office on Main Street in Waterville.

Even before hiking in to Sugarloaf with Amos and other ski pioneers during the winter of 1950-51, Bill Kierstead was a veteran skier. As early as the 1920's, the young Kierstead from Bucksport, Maine, found a way to ski. By 1939, he was making regular trips to Stowe. In 1940, after four years at Bowdoin and five at Harvard Medical School, Bill married Emily Kelly, another avid skier. When Dr. Kierstead served as

a dentist in the military during World War II, he and Emily moved around constantly – but they always found a place to ski.

After son Mark was born, the Kiersteads continued their dedication to the sport. Mark remembers getting up at 4:00 a.m. Sunday mornings to leave for Cannon Mountain in New Hampshire. "We always made the milk run at 8:30," he says proudly, "and usually skied right to 4:00".

Then, thanks to Amos Winter, the Kiersteads found a place much closer to home. There

was just a path in to Sugarloaf at first, a long climb to the snowfields, and only a tar paper shack on the mountain, but it was obvious to Bill that this was a place he could call home. In 1955, the Kiersteads were one of the first families to build a ski house close to the Mountain, and they were the first to build in the Campbell Field area. Bill adored his rustic chalet without running water or electricity. "Keep it basic was my father's watchword," says Mark.

Despite his instant attachment to Sugarloaf, Bill Kierstead

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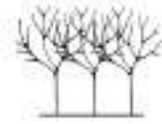
wanted to expand his skiing horizons and cooked up plans for European ski holidays with buddies Horace Chapman and Arthur Sunderland. These biannual trips, which started in 1953, often lasted as long as a month and helped to solidify the bonds between members of the original Sugarloaf Ski Club.

Bill also loved all the traditions of skiing, and the "cast of characters" in the sport, from his idol Stein Ericson, to Sugarloafers like Crepe Shack denizen Parker Hall and buddy George Mendall. His strong commitment to the Ski Club and the Mountain in the 1950's made it only natural that Dr. Kierstead would become part of the original Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation.

Bill Kierstead skied at Sugarloaf until he was 85, capping his

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almost-35 years at the Loaf with a run down the new Timberline Trail from the top. The Mountain had gotten awfully big, he felt, but it was still a wonderful place. As he told his son, "I feel closer to God on the top of Sugarloaf than anywhere else in the world!" ▲



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To groom or not to groom...

by Kyle Ladd

... that is the question. We, as groomers get input from all sides. Some people want more grooming, some want less. Where do we make the compromise? We have tried to come up with a strategy for grooming on the mountain. We have a snow meeting every day to go over conditions and discuss where to groom. We also decide which extra projects need to be done, such as track up under some of the lifts so that the lift lines are not skied.

The grooming is done in two shifts: 4:00 pm to midnight, and midnight to finished product. When the mountain is fully open we groom over 400 acres every night.

I think that the hardest thing for skiers to realize is that the cat is not the answer to all grooming problems. The cat needs 6-8 inches of consistent depth in order to be able to run the tiller without turning up rocks. When skiers see rocks on the trails, this is often because the cats turned them up with the tracks or blades. Also, the cats can't do anything with ice except bury it. The cat cannot grind ice into snow.

Sometimes we decide that it is best not to groom, and people wonder why we do that. I'll try to explain. When the temperature gets above 40 degrees and it is not going to freeze up through the night, we will choose not to groom

for a couple of reasons. First, the more times a cat goes over the snow, the more air is taken out, and the faster that snow will melt. Secondly, when the tiller goes over the snow, the tiller is melting the top layer. We are infusing more water when the temps get too high, and we want the skiing to last as long as it possibly can.

Sometimes we are asked why there can't be a noon groom on powder days. This is a matter of liability. When we drive the cats down in the morning while the lifts are running, people will ski or board right up to the tiller. These people have no idea what the driver is going to do

or what the tiller would do to a person if they got tangled with it. We could deal with this issue by closing trails while we groom them, but everyone here at Sugarloaf knows what the response would be to closed trails.

There are lots of other stories, but they will not be told here in order to protect the innocent.

There are some very funny things that happen when people are working through the night in bad weather conditions. Back a few years ago the grooming crew would gang groom, which means that everyone follows each other and sets over apass. On this particular night a former snowmaker and ski patroller

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was leading the pack up Tote Road and back down Gauge. This operator had been on these trails a thousand times, but on this night he could not see the blade of the cat through the blowing snow. As he traveled up the trail he shined his light towards the woods and saw familiar landmarks, skidder valve box and crosscuts that he knew. The operator kept grooming until he hit something very solid that stopped him. He shined the spotlight ahead and discovered that he had run into the summit building. There are lots of other stories, but they will not be told here in order to protect the innocent.

The great group of groomers that we have on this mountain should be very proud of the job that they do on a nightly basis in order to give Sugarloaf skiers the best surface around.▲

Sugarloaf Ski Patrol joins forces with CVA for a unique Ski Patrol Junior Program

By Rick Bisson

Next fall will bring a number of new faces learning the ways of the National Ski Patrol, and working with the Sugarloaf ski patrol. CVA announced in January 2008 that they would be rolling out a new athletic program for their student athletes. While CVA's Ski Patrol program will be under the direction of Sam Punder-son, CVA ALPS program Director, they will be working hand in hand with CVA Trainer and Sugarloaf Ski Patroller, Ed Strapp, and the ski patrollers on the hill at Sugarloaf.

The Program will begin each fall with students starting the academic portion of the Outdoor Emergency Care (OEC) technician. This is the backbone of the NSP First Aid educational program. Students who have already completed this course, will continue to work on their evaluation and treatment skills, and challenge themselves with more difficult and unique situations while working as a member of the Sugarloaf Ski patrol. This educational program will transition to on



Ed Strapp

snow training to further challenge the students and prepare them for the many scenarios they will face as a patroller. In the end, they will complete the national test for the OEC technician, and train with Sugarloaf's Ski Patrol handling rescue sleds while working with the Perfect Turn program to improve their skiing. After completing the program and passing the required testing and certification they will be full fledged members of the National Ski patrol. *Continued on page 13*



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News from the Ski Museum of Maine

From, John Christie, President and Megan Roberts, Curator

The Ski Museum has had a very active year, and by the time you read this we will have had our first fundraising, fun event at Sugarloaf. Thanks to all of you who participated in the First Annual Ski Heritage Classic and to all of you who have supported the museum.

Board President John Christie reports, "the museum continues to make great progress under the watchful eye of our Curator, Megan Roberts, and with the guidance of a dedicated, active, and creative Board of Directors. Both visitation to our expanded display of artifacts at our home on Church Street and increased numbers of members give us reason to be

confident that the momentum can be sustained and, equally important, that we are filling a vital role in maintaining a record for all time of Maine's rich skiing heritage.

Our growing collection in our expansive space on the second floor is something every Maine skier, and snowboarder, should see. Megan reports that each visitor spends on average an hour and a half in the Museum, testimony to not only people's interest in what's there, but to the variety and scale of our collection.

Our primary focus for the upcoming year (and for years to come) will be to establish a



Joe and Lee Bujold - longtime skiers at the museum.

firm financial foundation for the operation and growth of the Museum."

The museum will increase their newsletter mailings this year and has hopes that many

of you will help support the museum by becoming members. If you are not receiving a newsletter and would like to, please email or call the museum at smmski@localnet.com or 207-491-5481.



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Some of you may remember that during homecoming weekend the museum was trying to find someone who knew about Sno-Wing skis of Auburn. No one we talked to seemed to remember them. After putting a letter in the Lewiston Sun Journal's Sun Spots, we received an immediate answer from Jean Stevens Ferrari, who lives in New Vineyard. Jean is mother and aunt to the Farmington ski racing Ferrari's of the late '60's and '70's, including niece Cindy Ferrari who worked at Sugarloaf way back when. Jean said that her Great-Grandfather's company, the Steven's Tank & Tower Company, made skis during the off-season. The Stevens family enjoyed skiing, and making skis was a natural off-shoot of their wooden tank production. The company made mostly children's skis,

and Jean remembers working after school during her high school years, putting the stickers on the skis. She said she was earning money so that she could buy a pair of more adult skis - Lund Skis!

Another relative of Jean Stevens Ferrari owned Withington of West Minot, which also made children's skis, as well as tow sleds, toboggans and bobsleds. The Ski Museum has both Sno-Wing and Withington skis on display. We are happy to find out more about some of these Maine companies that made skis on a smaller scale.

PS The first annual Ski Heritage Day alluded to in the beginning of this letter was a huge success. If you missed it this year, be sure to look for it next season. ▲

CVA Competition News

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11 Qualify for Coveted Eastern Regional Series

CVA J3 alpine racers post 11 spots to the Eastern Regional Series held at Whiteface in Lake Placid, New York. Traveling to this race series for CVA were Sierra Leavitt, Chloe Cochrane, Hope Saultter, Peter Cole, Dimitri Gedevanivhilli, Colton Ransom, Eliza Whatley, Helena Williams, JJ Jackson, Spencer Couch and Tobey Ratoff. SCVA skiers who also qualified include: Isabel Kannegieser, Mitch Grimmer, Alex Rose, Ben Listowich, and Johann Coloredo. junior-level Eastern Cup, so to speak "The Eastern Regional Series is a very prestigious race. Many of these athletes from the region will be racing each other for many years to come. I am so proud of our JIII's and the fact that so many of them qualified for this event," remarked Chip Cochrane, CVA's Head J3 Coach.

Peter Cole Trains with US Ski Team's National Development System

CVA Ninth grader, Peter Cole, just returned from Winter Park, CO, where he trained at a national-level ski racing camp. This camp was run by the US Ski Team's National Development System which selects and brings together the top J3's from the country to train. According to Chip Cochrane, CVA's Head J3 Coach, "This was a great opportunity for Peter. He did very well at the camp and returned very confident in his abilities and even more excited about ski racing." ▲

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It's all about attitude

With a lot of hard work and exceptional attitude, snowmakers make it through a nasty cold snap with only a couple cases of frostbite, but deliver a heck of a lot a great snow!

By Dan Barker

One week in January, 2004, we had a cold snap coming in with temps dropping to a brutal 40 below. We gathered all the snowmakers and talked it over. We wanted to shut down and regroup when the temps moderated around 10 below - no other snowmaking crews made snow during this snap. We all decided to go for it!

Haulback really needed snow, so we got the system up and running. Once we got things running in these temps we just let the snow pile up. So we put together a plan of attack. To cut down on being outside, we used the small people-mover cat. A gun run was the next challenge. On every run we needed to carry a propane

torch to thaw out hydrants, warm our feet, and de-ice gun our heads. At these temps snow really piles up fast, so we were always moving guns. Because of this, a gun run would take two to three hours. Another group would go out and tackle the elements just as the first group was finishing up.

Twenty-seven guns is usually like a walk in the park, but it wasn't that week. When hoses blow in those temps we got covered with water that instantly froze to our suits. This was a good thing in one way, because the ice that was frozen to our suits created a protective barrier, keeping the cold out. Snowmakers were coming down with the liners of their boots frozen to the



Danny Barker

bottom of their boots. I don't think there was a snowmaker who didn't have racing stripes on his face.

A couple of the guys got frostbite on their toes and fingers. One of the biggest concerns was for the night crew, since they were out all night with little to no readily accessible medical attention. They dealt with these harsh conditions with a great attitude and little

worry. I was actually quite worried however, and kept calling throughout the night to check in and make sure all was well. Cell phones were a true life saver.

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CVA/Ski Patrol

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Not all of the student's time will be spent here at Sugarloaf. The CVA Ski patrol program will also be working with members of the Mt. Washington Volunteer ski patrols, shadowing their activities in Tuckerman's Ravine. They will train with the National Ski Patrol in mountain travel and rescue, avalanche training, and ultimately train out west.

All of this will be tied with vigorous dryland training mirroring the demands of all the student-athletes at CVA. While this is not a competitive program, it will place numerous physical demands on the athletes similar to CVA's competitive programs when considering the needs of back country travel and rescue. Additionally, there will be some competitive aspects of

this program during various "patrol competitions" which pair both first aid skills with skiing and riding challenges similar to those faced on hill during active duty ski patrolling.

This is a very unique program and a very exciting opportunity for those CVA students who want to stay within the ski industry. Outcomes from successful completion of this program include a very quantifiable skill, and a very marketable skill for future employment anywhere snow falls, and people play.

For more information or to express interest in the program contact CVA's Admissions Director, Dawn Smith, at 207-237-4466 or dsmith@gocva.com or visit www.gocva.com/big_mountain_ski_patrol.asp. ▲



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How often do I need to tune my skis?

By: John Byrne, Sugarloaf Ski Shop Manager

This is probably the question that I hear the most often when I am helping CB at the service desk. The answer to this is tricky. The short answer is that they should be tuned every seven to ten days of skiing, depending on the snow conditions. If you ski mostly on our traditional Sugarloaf "hardpack," you will probably want to tune them more often to maintain the bases and keep the edges sharp and burr free. If the conditions are more like the steady snow that we have been getting for the past week, you can probably go longer between tunes. Either way, there are a few simple things that you can do yourself to greatly extend the length of time between tunes.

The first thing to do is to put together a home tuning kit. No, I am not talking about buying a \$100k machine to ensure that you have the best base structure and sharpest edges possible, like we have at the shop. I am not even talking about buying a bunch of expensive files, although I am happy to sell them to you if you are interested. No, the four main components that every skier should own are wax, a waxing iron, a combi brush, and a diamond



stone. With a small investment in these supplies, you will find yourself going longer between tunes, and enjoying those days more than you did before.

When it comes to waxing, the important thing to remember is that you can never wax your skis too much. Really, the more the merrier. Your skis will go faster and last longer the more often you wax them. (This goes double for you Nordic skiers out there.)

After you have scraped off the excess wax, use your combi brush on the newly waxed surface to leave a smooth and well-structured base. The diamond stone comes in handy to help maintain your edges in between tunes. If you keep the stone in the pocket of your jacket, you can use it to clean up any burrs that your edges may have picked up during the day of skiing by quickly running it up and down the edges.

These simple steps will go a long way towards keeping your skis on the snow and out of the shop, and greatly increase your enjoyment of the day. I'll look for you out on the hill.▲

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The future is now for S/CVA Snowboarders

by Barry Tripp, S/CVA snowboard coach

Although Snowboarding has only been in existence for four or five decades, the progression and passion for the sport has been amazing. New disciplines and styles of snowboarding are evolving on a regular basis, and the dynamic and 'extreme' nature of the sport is expected to increase its appeal with the younger and mature generations alike. Snowboarding is a sport where expression, individuality, and ingenuity will play a significant role in shaping the future.

Sugarloaf and Carrabassett Valley Academy (S/CVA) have a storied history of producing Olympians and World Class Athletes. With the experience and cooperation from the Sugarloaf Ski Club and the mountain, the S/CVA snowboarding program has excelled and will continue to break new ground. By involving the Sugarloaf Ski Club, Competition Center, parents, volunteers and, of course Sugarloaf, the S/CVA program is thriving and providing a unique opportunity to young riders. One can only envision and speculate that the continued growth and support of snowboarding is a tremendous value to resorts, schools and athletes around the world.

The development of competitive snowboarding has been matched by the growth of the recreational side of the sport. Sugarloaf and CVA have established this program for the competitive and recreational athlete to allow them to explore their passion for the sport. In creating a dynamic infrastructure, (CVA, Anti-Gravity Complex, and Sugarloaf) the S/CVA program is integral to the overall development and providing a footprint for expansion of the sport in Maine and beyond. This program also lends the opportunity for growth in regional economic development, tourism enhancement and the promotion of a more active lifestyle for our youth.

The S/CVA snowboarding program is flourishing and the athletes are producing results that we can all be proud of. These athletes range in age from 8-16 and compete in USASA (United States of America Snowboarding Association) events within the Maine Mountain Series typically held at Sugarloaf, Sunday River, Shawnee

(Peak, Mt. Abram and Lost Valley. There are 4 disciplines. Alpine Slalom and Giant Slalom), which most skiers can relate to, is fast, furious, and extremely technical through gates. It entails lots of strategy and there is little room for error. Boardercross is a specific course through which a group of riders or skiers race to the finish while hitting features like banked turns, jumps, rollers and gates; first one down wins. We are fortunate to have produced at Sugarloaf our very own World Champion in this event. Slopestyle is a specific venue designed by park crews that include jumps, rails, boxes and other unique jib features. The skier or rider performs different tricks on these features linking them together to complete a run. Halfpipe is derived from a similar term used by skateboarders, where competitors ride up and down the steep sides, performing stylish tricks at the top (the lip) of the trough, then landing, crossing to the other side, and doing yet another trick. Most tricks require the rider to become airborne — spinning, turning, even somersaulting in the air before landing.

Most athletes ride different snowboards for different disciplines. Alpine snowboards are designed for speed and tend to be longer, more rigid and have a directional shape. The freestyle snowboard is usually shorter, turns easily, and both ends are usually the same dimensions, making it easier to ride both forward and backwards.

Both snowboarding and skiing technological developments have lead to skis and boards that, quite frankly, look similar to one another. The two sports are complimenting each other's success for the future. These advancements have benefited competitive and recreational athletes of all shapes, sizes, and abilities. We can all build on this collaboration to increase awareness and acceptance of the next generation of snowboarding athletes. Don't be fooled by their stylish looks and creative individual images; these skillful, determined and competitive riders contribute immensely to the triumphs of snowboarding. If we embrace and support these talented young athletes and allow them to shape the progression of the sport, I'm sure we'll all be proud of their accomplishments and accolades. ▲



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