

Published on the Mountain • Carrabassett Valley, Maine • 2024 Season Opening

Ski Club Mission

Photo: Maine Drone Imaging

The mission of the Sugarloaf Ski Club is to provide the opportunity or all youth to participate and excel in skiing and snowboarding, promote community building events, support competition and preserve the history and heritage of the mountain.

Sugarloaf Ski Club Officers

President - Joe Tutlis Vice Pres. - Stephen Arner Treasurer - Phil Hunter Executive Director/ Secretary - Bruce Miles

Bob Allen Brian Demshar Russ Drechsel Alex Godomsky Tracy Goller Tom Hildreth Nancy Holliday Erik Kankainen Kim Kearing Christine Kendall Jim McCormack - SMC Kate Punderson - CVA Peter Smith Joyce Tobias Patrick Willihan

Ski Club Members: Approx. 1,500

President's Message

It has been a busy offseason for your Sugarloaf Ski Club. As the snow was melting in April the Community and Scholarship Committee met and awarded over \$15,000 in Merit Awards to 24 deserving applicants. Merit Awards recognize the achievements and help to defray expenses of our younger members who qualify for upper level competitions across the country and beyond.

On June 23 twenty-nine teams gathered at the Sugarloaf Golf Course to participate in the annual Sugarloaf Golf Classic presented by the Bag and Kettle. The Sugarloaf Golf Classic benefits the Dick and Martha Ayotte Scholarship fund. It was a gorgeous day with bright sunshine and high temperatures, one of the few dry days in an otherwise rainy June. Many awards were given out, including low gross, all ladies team, and an all Sugarloaf Ski Club team. Over \$16,000 was netted to support our mission. Special thanks to all of our sponsors and to my co-chair Patrick Willihan. Join us on Friday, June 21, 2024 as we do it all over again.

Homecoming Weekend brought us three events. First of all was the Community and Scholarship meeting to distribute \$32,000 to local youth for this winter's programs. Our total budget supporting various youth activities this year is over \$89,000. Then on Friday the Swig and Swing golf tournament presented by the Sugarloaf Sales and Marketing Staff was held. The Ski Club benefited from the 50-50 putting contest and



proceeds from the tournament itself will support the King's Kids program. Lastly, as usual our Sugarloaf Ski Club booth was staffed in the lower level of the base lodge. Many members stopped to pay dues, buy our special Sugarloaf Ski Club ball caps, reminisce, and look at the pictures that were displayed.

The Sugarloaf Ski Club is about more than raising money for worthy causes. We also like to have good times so I am excited to share some events. Our annual meeting was held on Saturday, December 2 in the Alfond Competition Center After the meeting there was a social. The Beer Tasting is on Saturday, January 6. Always a great time! Have your entire family join in the McKay/Waddle race presented by Carrabassett Coffee on Monday, February 19th. Finally, last season after a lengthy Covid absence we were able to again sponsor our monthly Member Appreciation Socials on the second Tuesdays of the month. Our first Member Appreciation Social is scheduled on January 9 from 4:30 to 6:00 at the Shipyard.

See you on the slopes!

Joe

Upcoming Events

Check our website calendar for other events sugarloafskiclub.com or email questions to info@sugarloafskiclub.com

> **Dec 27.7 pm** Warren Miller "All Time" movie King Pine Room Base Lodge

Dec 28 4:30 to 7 pm

Climb For a Cure A Sugarloaf Charity Summit event

Jan 3, 12 to 5 pm

Red Cross Blood Drive Sugarloaf Mtn Hote

Jan 27

Sugarloaf Charity Summit Raising a Mtn of Money for a Cure for Cancer. FMI on above events go to sugarloaf.com/events

Feb 19

42nd Annual McKay/ Waddle Ski Race Competition Hill

> Feb 29 - Mar 1 Winter Kids DH24

April 8 Total Solar Eclipse

June 21 43rd Annual Sugarloaf Golf Classic



The 2023 Paul Schipper Iron Man award went to Club members Jeff Schipper left and Peter Hockmeyer, right. Crusher, left & Karl Strand, right are shown presenting the award The Iron Man award is presented each year to the person or people who through their dedication to getting out on the hill in rain or shine best exemplifies the spirit of the original Iron Man, Paul Schipper



Club member & Colby competitor Peter W Smith is readying his skis to jump in the 1967 NCAA Alpine Championships. The jump was located on the hillside of Poplar Mtn just up the Carriage rd from the Red Stallion.

Name:	Address	
City:	State:	Zip:
Email:		
() Individual \$30 () C	Couple \$50 () Family \$60 ()	This is a renewal
l've been a member since:		



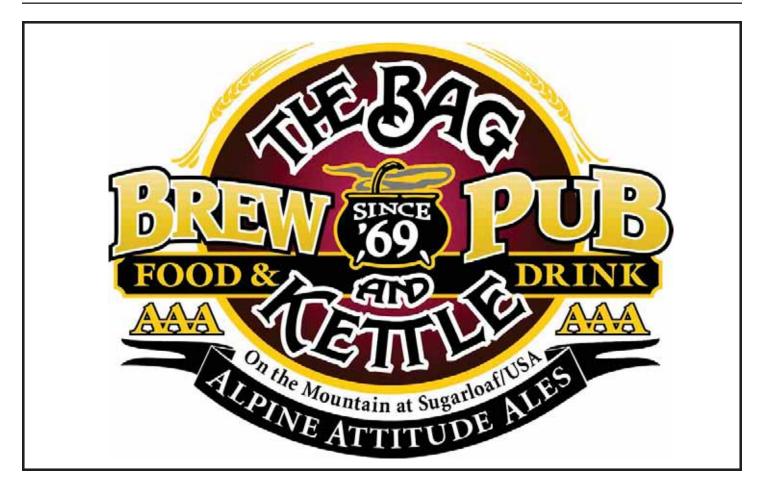
Brett Dyer, on left, once again snagged a spot on the first chair of opening day. The mtn opened Nov 17 with Superquad and Timberline running.

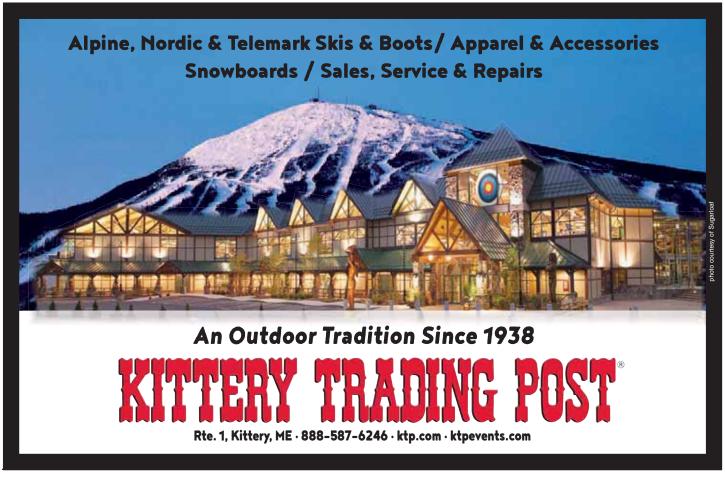


Ski Museum

The Maine Ski & Snowboard Museum has moved to the Mountain. The Museum is now located in the former Condo Check-in Center on the access road. The museum is looking for volunteers to act as docents.

If you are interested call 207-265-2023





4 9008 Main Street • Carrabassett Valley, Maine 04947 • 207.237.6955 • Email: TheClub@sugarloafskiclub.com



MORONG FALMOUTH

Bill and Peter Sowles are pleased to support the Sugarloaf Ski Club



WWW.MORONG.COM • 1-800-356-4020 187 Route One, Falmouth, Maine 04105 • Sugarloafers since 1958

2024 Sugarloaf Locals Race Series

Sponsored by Lone Pine Brewing

The 2024 Sugarloaf Locals Race Series got under way with the annual draft night hosted by The Widowmaker. The series is open to Skiers and Snowboarders Seven teams are competing this year with over 120 racers signed up so far. It is not too late to participate. Contact Laurel Lashar at the Alfond Competition Center. Llashar@sugarloaf.com or 237-6896. Your series entry fee not only gets you on the racecourse, but gets you into the post race parties.

The teams competing and their captains are Sugarloaf Ski Club, Rand Surgi, Shipyard, Bill Haefele, D'Ellies, Josh fancy, The Bag, Deb Bowker, The Rack, Chris Prudente, Mas Amigos, Patti Raitto and Tufulios, Jordan Kennedy.

There are seven wednesday races scheduled beginning Dec13 and ending March 13. The race course is open for several hours so Competitors can race when their time permits. Usually the course is set on Lower Narrow Gauge or Competition Hill. It does not matter how well you ski or snowboard, people are grouped by ability levels. The important thing for your team is that you show up. Each racer is allowed to miss at least one race without a penalty for their team. Information and great photos can be found on the Sugarloaf Locals Racing Facebook Page. So come on out and join the fun!



Laurel Lashar, Emma Clark & Lev Steeves going over the results of the Dec 6 draft night



The 43rd Annual Sugarloaf Ski Club Classic GOLF TOURNAMENT Presented by The Bag & Kettle and the Sugarloaf Golf Club

This year's event will take place on Friday, June 21st, at the Sugarloaf Golf Club. Ski Club Board members Patrick Willihan and Joe Tutlis will co-chair this important scholarship fund raising event for the Dick and Martha Ayotte Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The fee which will be determined this Winter is all inclusive with lunch, golf cart, Mulligan, all contests and Raffle. Many prizes will be awarded.

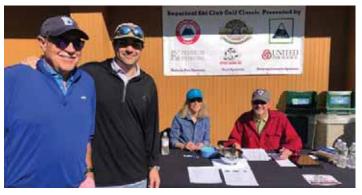
Thursday night June20 will be a pre Classic gathering at The Bag & Kettle

Friday June 21, 7:30 registration, 9:00 am Shotgun start Scramble format.

Awards and luncheon at Golf Club House included at 2:30 pm

The purpose of the Dick and Martha Ayotte Scholarship Fund is to assist needful youngsters who live in the Sugarloaf region with the costs associated with their ski and snowboard training programs at Sugarloaf Mountain. The Sugarloaf Ski Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and has been supporting ski training and educational programs for kids since 1950..

Sponsorship opportunities are available at several levels and in-kind gifts for the silent auction are most welcomed. For more information contact Bruce Miles at the Sugarloaf Ski Club email TheClub@sugarloafskiclub.com or sign up on the Sugarloaf Ski Club website www.sugarloafskiclub.com



Club member father and son team Scott & Nicholas Beliveau at registration

Our Maine winter is better in the mountains.

Whether you're looking for construction loans, primary or secondary home mortgages, our team at **Franklin Savings Bank** is ready for *you*.

- \checkmark Flexible terms
- \checkmark Low down payments
- \checkmark Competitive rates
- \checkmark Local service

Local lenders, local decision making. Call today. (800) 287-0752 | (207) 778-3339

Banking that believes in you FDIC FranklinSavings.Bank



WIND-HOLD? NO WORRIES!

SKINS, TELE & AT Boots and BINDINGS from BlackDiamond, Scott, G3, 22Designs, Salomon, Dynafit, Marker, Fritschi & BCA

CVA Announces Next Head of School

The Carrabassett Valley Academy Board of Trustees is thrilled to announce that the Board voted unanimously to appoint Alex Godomsky '91, CVA's current Director of Finance and Development, as CVA's next Head of School. Alex will begin as Head of School on July 1, 2024.

A CVA parent and alum, having attended CVA as an alpine racer for half of his high school years, Alex is also a graduate of Bates College with a B.S. in Physics. He has significant connections to Maine, Carrabassett Valley, and Sugarloaf, having grown up in Farmington, and has been an athlete, coach, and avid fan of ski racing throughout his life.

Alex brings extensive knowledge of competitive skiing and more than 25 years of boarding school experience to this headship. Prior to becoming CVA's Director of Finance and Development in 2021, he held a number of roles at Hebron Academy including Assistant Head of School; Director of Student Life; Director of Information Technology; teacher of math, science, and digital media; and Athletic Trainer. A seasoned leader and educator, Alex has a personal and professional understanding of CVA's high-level academic and athletic environment and an enduring and profound commitment to the CVA mission.



It's Beer and Cider **Tasting Time!**

Saturday, January 6th 5:00-7:00pm at the Alfond Competition Center



All proceeds support Sugarloaf Ski Club scholarship programs

\$50 donation per person Includes tasting and some fabulous home made appetizers

A truly fun way to support our efforts to get local kids on the hill to enjoy skiing and snowboarding.

FMI Theclub@sugarloafskiclub.com For tickets go to www.sugarloafskiclub.com/shop

























Boomauger Ski and Snowboard Program

Thank you King's Kids Supporters!

For local kids ages 5-15

In 2018 we launched a new program with a generous \$500,000 gift from the H. King and Jean Cummings Charitable Fund. This gift is the foundation of an endowment fund for the King's Kids initiative to help kids ages 5-15 in Franklin and Somerset counties learn to alpine ski, snowboard, and nordic ski and to support

other local initiatives.

Fifth season accomplishments

Winter 2023 King's Kids funded the following:

 Kids from RSU 58, RSU 74, Stratton, and Rangeley participated in the 8-Sunday PM Boomuager program through the Sugarloaf Perfect Tum Ski School. King's Kids underwrote over 75% of the cost of this program, including lift ticket, lessons, and rentals. Each child only paid \$40 for the entire 8 session program.

- King's Kids assisted the Titcomb Mtn. Ski & Snowboard programs
- All volunteer run Baker Mountain in Moscow and Spruce Mountain in Jay were given funds by King's Kids..
- Many local children received scholarships to Sugarloaf Mini & Bubblecuffer programs (in addition to significant monies from other club funds).
- We awarded several thousand dollars to Stratton and Mt Abram Schools to help with middle and high school ski teams.

For a second season:

We launched a Nordic Boomauger Program at the Sugarloaf Outdoor Center. For just \$1 per session, kids received lessons, trail access and rental equipment for five Sunday sessions. Over 20 kids participated. The Boomauger program pro, vides local kids with 8 days of skiing or snowboarding lifts, lessons and rentals at the low cost of just \$40 for all 8 sessions. Even oper, atingunder a Pandemic, King's Kid's had a very successful third season.

"My first-grade son is enrolled in the Boomauger program and I'm writing to thank you for the incredible opportunity you've given him and other local kids this year. Many thanks to the generous donor(s) who have made this program possible. We can't thank you enough."

– Parent

"We wanted to thank the Sugarloaf Ski & Snowboard School and the Sugarloaf Ski Club for offering the Boomauger program for local kids. The extremely generous donation from the King's Kids Fund made the program affordable for everyone and opened up skiing for a lot of kids."

– Parent

"It was fantastic. An opportunity he would not have had without this program. He definitely will do it again."

Thanks to these generous folks, we have attained our goal of raising over One Million Dollars for the King's Kids Endowment Fund

H. King & Jean Cummings Charitable Fund \$500k challenge grant

Snowfields \$25,000+

Warren & Brammie Cook Tom & Heidi Pelletier G Norton Luce Family Cindy Foster in mem. of Greg Peter & Delinda Smith Bill & Joan Alfond Peter & Diana Merriam WinterKids In memory of JudyWeston

Winters Way \$15,000-24,999

Phyllis Jalbert Sugarloaf Employees

Narrow Gauge \$10,000-14,999

Tom Hildreth & Claudia Diller George & Joan Clark Regis & Carolyn Lepage Cooper & Meredith Friend Gail Ogilvie Horizon Foundation Bob & Shirley Zinn Pete & Kim Macleod

Tote Road \$5,000-9,999

Phil & Mary Hunter Rob & Mary Miller Carrabassett Coffee Co. Pamela & Earle Morse The Manter Family Bud & Wendy Kellett

Boardwalk \$1,000-4,999

The Tranten Family Stores Jordan Lumber Company Ginny Bousum Kathy & Bruce Miles Lev & Laurie Steeves

The Arner Family Joe & Doris Tutlis Kevin & Mary Burns Kyle & Johanna Harris Peter Krakoff Catherine Nodine Bob & Linda Allen Cathy Sweetser & Jock Moore Moore Dowling & O'Neil Ins. Agency Max Kagan Family Foundation **Rick Chenard** In Honor of Tom Butler The Jessen Family Adam, Katie, Ruth, Ben Matthews Neil & Margaret Newton John & Tammy Goldfrank Bruce & Anne Marie Albiston John & Cathy Witherspoon Nancy & Chip Carey Carter & Brooke Witherspoon John Diller The Bag & Kettle Elaine & Stephen Smith Ben & Kim Harding The Paul Shipper Family Carrabassett Val Outdoor Assoc. Peter & Jane Roy Brit & Cara Hutchins Paul & Kim Fritzson Jerry & Suzanne Hall Scott & Mary Ann Beliveau In memory of Natalie Terry Alice W Ingraham The Meek Foundation Josh & Liz Cutler Brad Hubeny Win & Vici Robinson Lucas Milliken Peter & Dawn Smith Nancy Marshall In memory of Ginny Bousum Bonnie Potter & Bill Chapin Charles & Karen Korn David & Suzanne Decrow

Whiffletree \$500-999

Patrick & Peggy Willihan Steve & Laura Schaefer Peter & Lisa Judkins Peter & Nancy Clark Bear & Gerry Thompson Ron & Sharon Cullenberg Dave's World Poland Spring Bob & Barbara Briggs Don & Nancy Fowler Steve & Shirrin Blaisdell In Mem. of Paul & Cary Revere Greg Sweetser C O Beck & Sons Roofing Dave & Suzanne Mills Bruce & Jennifer Forsley Peter Weston Andrej Barbic & Carolina Pierry Marc Ayotte & Pat Robinson

Birches \$100-499

Rand & Kathy Surgi Nancy Makin Peter & Liz Hawkes Ann Parker Letitia Beauregard Thomas & Diane Hussev Kate & Sam Punderson Joyce & John Tobias Nancy Holliday Jon & Sharon Hellstedt The Kearing Family Jim & Jennifer McCormack Barbara & Rick Ray Mark & Venise Fournier David & Mary Cuttler Lloyd Cuttler Jim & Betty Ann Listowich Peter Van Alstine Harry Stout Joseph & Mary Allen Chaisson Dave & Suzanne Mills Kate O'Halloran Commonwealth Purchasing Grp Barnstable Mutual Ins. James & Cindy Place Jay Marshall Kathryn Tighe & Scott Perry Rick & Carol Hardy Embden Pond Assoc. Steve & Debbie Pierce Steve & Robin Ouellette Jim & Dee Brown

Jeffrey & Kristin Ziehler Friends of Falmouth Vol. Ball Tony & Karen Blandini Bob Boylestad Forest & Krissy Carey Jojo Brigham David & Karen Pier Bud & Liz Elliott Kittery Trading Post Shelly Paules Peter & Kathryn Hussey Karl Strand Stephen & Carol Godomsky Alan Redden Michael & Helen Gallagher Lucas Milliken Mike & Tina Pratico Bill & Lucy Lacasse Kelly & Ann Dooling Brecken & Shauna Diller Joanne Howland In Mem. of Steve Clark Charlie & Diane Copeland April & Stuart Cayer Joyce & Dutch Demshar Linwood Doble Custom Builder Jan Mildram & Alan Loeschner Michael & Jeannette Parker Colon Durrell & Mary Frank Bill & Martha Bradley In Mem. of Bob Pearson John & Patricia Lezniak Tom & Sandi Dunham Will & Elanna Farnham William & Robyn Caron Alan & Lisa Sleight Dick & Imogene McWilliams Bill & Lucy Lacasse James & Sarah Pelletier Mickey Durrell Kai Glidden Kyle & Margie Evans John & Shelley Sala Dave & Karen Pier Jason & Martha Campbell Sonja & Scott Ducharme Julie Wilcott Donald Anderson

Big Dogs to Represent Team USA at Youth Olympic Games

CVA is thrilled to announce that Snowboard Cross student-athlete Boden Gerry '24 and Ski Cross student-athletes Maggie Swain '24 and Morgan Shute '25 have been selected to represent Team USA at the 2024 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Gangwon, South Korea. Moguls student-athletes, Jack Egan '25 and Chase Littlefield '24 have been selected as first and second alternates, respectively, for Team USA.

The YOG is a globally renowned sporting event that takes place every four years and is organized by the International Olympic Committee. The 4th Winter Youth Olympic Games will take place January 19 to February 1, 2024. The games are a platform for emerging athletes ages 15-18 from around the world to showcase their skills and compete at the highest level in their sport.

There are only 28 qualification spots for each gender in Ski Cross and Snowboard Cross, and 20 qualification spots for Dual Moguls, with each participating country sending only two or three athletes from each gender and discipline. These CVA Big Dogs have earned this rare and honorable opportunity through their unwavering dedication to their sport and their exceptional talent.

"We are thrilled to see these student-athletes represent our school and our nation at the Youth Olympic Games in Gangwon," stated Head of School, Kate Webber Punderson '89. "Having the opportunity to see these Big Dogs grow, and progress in their respective sport has been incredibly special. We are proud of their focus and determination and look forward to cheering for them."

Many YOG athletes have gone on to become Olympic champions. Some notable examples include Lim Hyo-jun (short-track speed skating, Republic of Korea), Gu Ailing Eileen (freestyle skiing, People's Republic of China), Andreas Wellinger (ski jumping, Germany), Chloe Kim (snowboard, USA), and Petra Vlhova (Alpine skiing, Slovakia).



Left to right are: Morgan Shute '25, Maggie Swain '24, Boden Gerry '24, Jack Egan '25, Chase Littlefield '24.

UBS Financial Services, Inc.



Anthony R. Jessen First Vice President - Investments Financial Advisor

One City Center, 7th Floor Portland, ME 04101 Phone: 207-791-5112 Fax: 855-249-4228 Toll free: 800-388-8919 tony.jessen@ubs.com



YARD

WinterKids Downhill 24

WinterKlds Downhill 24 will take pace Feb 29-Mar1. Teams will ski or snowboard 24 hours straight and raise money for WinterKids. The Sugarloaf Ski Club



Online Ordering Coming Soon Under New Management





Complete Ski Sales, Service, Rentals & Demos Rte 4 & Riley Rd Jay, ME 207-897-5445 ski-depot.com



Your Trusted Local Lender

Being a Sugarloafer since 1994, I have a great understanding of the area and the unique home financing needs you may have. If you are interested in financing a condominium, vacation home or investment property, Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation can help!

Contact me today to learn more!



Dean Gilbert

Branch Manager, NMLS #22845

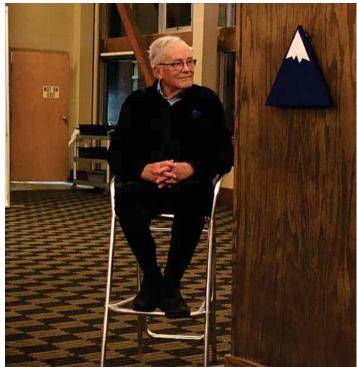
Office: 207-741-6556 • Cell: 207-415-6463 dean.gilbert@fairwaymc.com 491 US Route 1, Suite 21, Freeport, ME 04032



Copyright®2022 Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation. NMLS#2289. 4750 S. Biltmore Lane, Madison, WI 53718, 1-866-912-4800. Restrictions and limitations may apply. All rights reserved. Equal Housing Opportunity. MA Mortgage Broker and Lender License #MC2289. MA Loan Originator License #ML022845.







On sat. Dec 9 a tribute to Sugarloafer and Maine Ski & Snowboard Hall of Famer Donald Fowler was held in the King Pine Room of the Base Lodge. Over 200 friends & family attended. They were there to honor Donald for his lifelong commitment to Sugarloaf and his passion for skiing.



Sugarloaf's Official Real Estate Agency



sugarloafmountainside.com 207-237-2100 • realestate@sugarloaf.com

SLOPESIDE LIVING EXPERTS

Nobody knows the Sugarloaf area like Mountainside Real Estate.

In the last year, our team has sold 12 times the volume of any other agency in Carrabassett Valley.

Our Full Service Agency Offers:

- Buyer Representation
- Seller Representation
- Hotel Quartershares
 - Seasonal Rentals
- All of our Properties are Listed in MLS
- Fully Staffed Office Open 7 Days a Week
- Visit us on Main Street in the Base Village

"Let us help you find your home at the Loaf."





My husband Dave and I moved full time to Sugarloaf 23+ years ago. We have met many great people being members of the ski club. The Club supports local kids who participate in winter sports and they have been instrumental in our children's success as competitive alpine racers, THANK YOU!

Henry/St. Lawrence University, Emma/University of New Hampshire, Luke/Harvard University.

WALLEY GAS & OIL COMPANY

Your complete energy source for propane, kerosene, fuel oil and equipment

P.O. Box 115 • 103 Main Street • Kingfield, ME 04947





47 years have passed since I made the first edition of the **Mountain Buckle**.

This year I am issuing the 4th edition to benefit local charities.

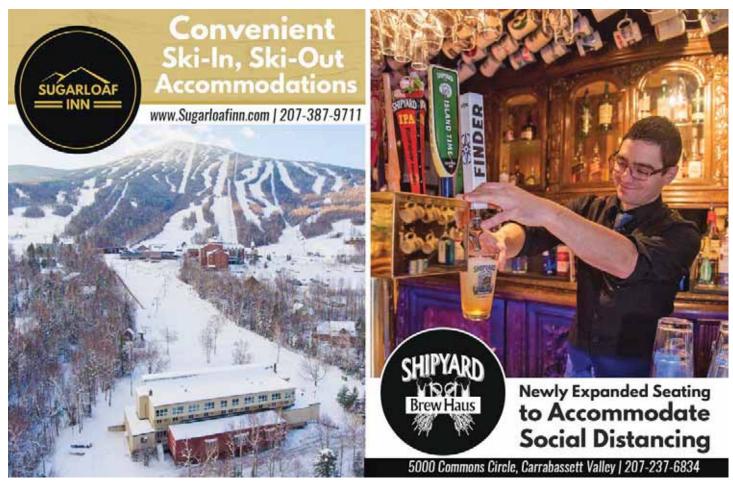
This is a limited edition of only 100 buckles, at \$300 each.

*\$100 will go to the Martha B. Webber Breast Care Center

*\$100 will go to the Sugarloaf Ski Club in support of Children's Ski Programs. Buckles may be picked up at The Bag

This is the best mountain buckle I have made thus far. It is solid bronze, fits belts up to 1.5" and also works great as a bottle opener.

Please contact Bill Royall at wlroyall@me.com or Bruce Miles at theclub@sugarloafskiclub.com



18 9008 Main Street • Carrabassett Valley, Maine 04947 • 207.237.6955 • Email: The Club@sugarloafskiclub.com









Carrabassett Valley, Maine 04947 www.sugarloafskiclub.com



PRSRT STD U.S. POSTAGE **PAID** PERMIT #68 Skowhegan, ME



Our new ski club hats on sale for just \$20. Email Theclub@sugarloafskiclub.com if you would like to order one.

INSIDE: News about stuff that only Sugarloafers care about!

