



Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club

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President's message

Bruce Miles,
President, Sugarloaf Ski Club

Happy New Year

Well, the Farmer's Almanac has been pretty accurate so far this winter. It was predicted that this would be a real winter with snow and cold, and we have not been let down. Today is January 4th and we have not seen above-zero temps for a few days. The cold temps have been a boon to the Snowmakers, all lifts have been opened, and the skiing has been very good.

The Sugarloaf Competition Center has been in full swing hosting FIS races, USASA Snowboard and Freestyle events, MARA races and, of course, the highly contested Bud Light Locals race series.

As always, we have a full calendar of events laid out for the season. Check out the full calendar at our website: www.sugarloafskiclub.org. The beer tasting scheduled for February 8 is definitely high on the list. The fabulous appetizers whipped up by Ginny, Nancy and their crew are always a big hit. Two Maine craft beer brewers, Rising Tide and Baxter Brewing Company will be serving their best, and you can decide which your favorite is. The ever popular Snowball dinner and dance will take place on March 29 at the King Pine Room. The Retro Rockerz will again be performing your favorite rock and roll dance tunes.

One of the highlights of my year is seeing

the Ski Club help make dreams come true for aspiring skiers and riders. Our scholarship program awarded over \$23,000 this past fall. Also, we were able to give \$2,000 to the local schools of Phillips, Stratton, Kingfield and Strong to assist with their Ski, Ride and Skate programs; these monies were made possible by the G. Norton Luce Fund, established in memory of past ski club president Norton Luce. The low cost program is run by Sugarloaf, and makes being on this mountain a possibility for many local kids who might not otherwise ever be exposed to the snow sports we



Jean Luce, Liz Hoefler, Dick McWilliams and Slim Melwin planning the 1987 Founders Night.

all love so much. In the spring we will also make grants to Ski Club member young skiers and riders who qualify for post season out of division competitions. These merit awards are our way of congratulating our own club members who have worked hard and earned a spot in higher level competitions. Who knows which of these athletes may become Olympians or NCAA champions? We have had many of both.

I am looking forward to the sun getting higher in the sky and shining on our BBQ grill at the Melvin Family deck at the Jean Luce building.

See you on the hill. ▲

2014 Event Calendar!

For more information on these events and to view our complete calendar of events, check out our web site: www.sugarloafskiclub.com

January 25

Sugarloaf Charity Summit
www.sugarloaf.com/charity

February 8

Beer Tasting • Begin
Community Room
Carrabassett Library

February 11

Midweek Social
Shipyard Sugarloaf Inn

February 18

Spaghetti and Skating
Party at the Sugarloaf
Outdoor Center

March 11

Midweek Social
Widowmaker Lounge • Base Lodge

March 29

19th Annual Snowball with Retro Rockerz

April 5

McKay/Waddle Races

April 8

Midweek Social
The Rack • Sugarloaf Access Road



Phil and Mary Hunter danced up a storm at the Snowball last year!

19th Annual Snowball

March 29 is the date of this year's ever popular Snowball, which will be held in the King Pine Room of the Base Lodge.

Once again, The Retro Rockerz will perform the rock and roll dance tunes we all enjoy.

This special evening includes a social hour, a 4-course dinner, and a few bottles of wine per table. As always, some door prizes will be given away. Dress is Sugarloaf formal, which means almost anything goes.

Advance tickets will be on sale at our website store beginning in February. So mark the date on your calendar, call your friends, get together a table, and come out for this great evening event. ▲

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Beer Tasting Event

It is always fun to learn something new or brush up on a favorite subject. On February 8, 2014, the third annual Sugarloaf Ski Club Beer Tasting Event will take place in the Begin Room, from 5 to 7 PM, at the Carrabassett Valley Public Library.

Rising Tide's Heather Sanborn (Sugarloafer since '76) will be pouring and teaching about the artisanal hand-crafted ales created by her husband, Nate Sanborn (Sugarloafer since 1980).

Joining this year's event is Rori Crossman, who is Baxter Brewing's Ales Representative and CANSultant. All of Baxter's ales are sold in cans as part of their environmental commitment. Rori is keen to share Baxter's unique and



The inside of the Rising Tide brewery.

artisanal brews, and tell the Baxter story, at this fund-raising event.

The cost is just \$25.00 per person with proceeds going to the Ski Club Community Scholarship Fund. There will be fine appetizers served as folks enjoy the different types of ales. ▲





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Spaghetti & Skating Party

February 18, Tuesday, is the date of our annual ice skating and spaghetti dinner at the Sugarloaf Outdoor Center. The Sugarloaf Ski Club will once again rent the facility for the evening. Join family and friends for a great evening. The festivities begin at 5:30 with an awesome spaghetti dinner prepared by Ragan Beaugard, John Thompson and their fellow chefs. After a great meal, the action moves to the ice rink where the fun begins. The cost for skating and dinner is just \$5 per person or \$20 per family. If you do not have your own skates, the Outdoor Center will have some available to rent for a small fee. Last year we had over 100 kids and



Allison Korn and her mom Karen had great fun at last year's Spaghetti and Skate event.

parents show up and a good time was had by all. Dinner will consist of spaghetti, bread and salad. People may bring their own favorite beverages to drink.

You will be able to buy your tickets that night with cash or check, or sign up ahead at www.sugarloafskiclub.org at our online store. ▲

Ski Club Merit Awards

By Ginny Bousum, Chair of Scholarship Committee

I am an Alpine Official, often assigned to work at the start of a race, and I am always impressed by so many of the young competitors as they prepare for their runs. Their coaches offer a few words of encouragement or advice, but it is the athlete who gets into a zone and is focused on the task. The same is true if it is an alpine, freestyle or snowboard competition. It takes dedication and hard work to make it to the top in every sport, but skiers and snowboarders also often have to deal with cold temperatures, strong winds, poor visibility and icy tracks.

For those who do well event

after event, qualifying to compete at a National Championship is the reward -- and an added expense.

The Sugarloaf Ski Club has supported competitions and competitors for more than 60 years and is pleased to offer Merit Awards to our members who qualify for the post-season events.

Applications for these awards are posted on www.sugarloafskiclub.org along with guidelines. The deadline for applying is March 31, 2014. Athletes must be a member of the Ski Club by December 31, 2013 to be eligible. ▲

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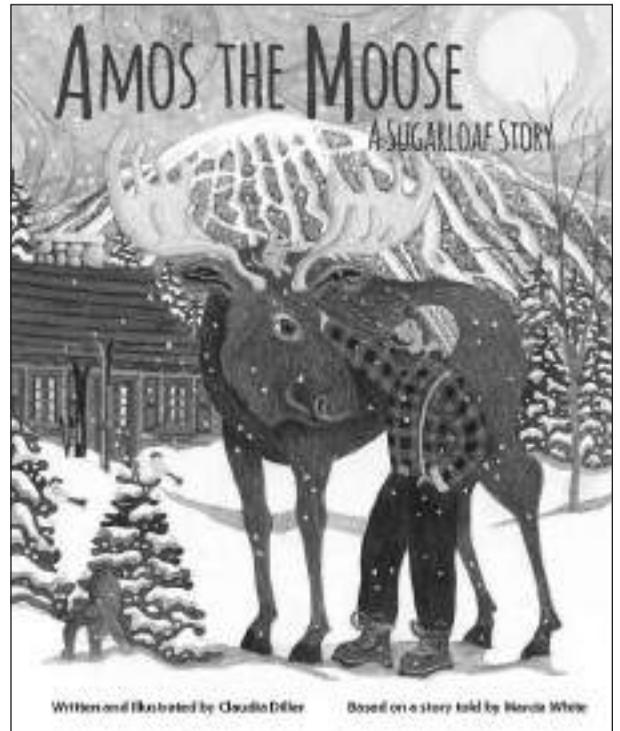
Artwork by Claudia Diller & Amos the Moose Book Signing at the CV Library



Artist Reception

The Carrabassett Valley Public Library will be exhibiting the art of Claudia Diller from now through the end of February. An artist reception with wine & cheese will be held on Friday, Feb. 21 from 4:30-6 PM.

A long time Sugarloafer and ski club member, Diller is a professional illustrator and designer, and now splits her time between Sugarloaf and Portland. Her art reflects those two worlds. She also produces wall and desk calendars of her artwork, and a weekly painting blog that can be seen on her web site www.claudiadiller.com.



Amos the Moose book signing

The library will also host a book signing and informal talk with Claudia Diller and Marcia White about their collaboration on the Amos the Moose book at 5 PM. The story about Amos the Moose was created over 15 years ago by the Sugarloaf Marketing Department and Marcia White, Director of Children's Services. The book is a story about how Amos the Moose came

to Sugarloaf, but also a fun history about how the skiing "Bigelow Boys" from Kingfield discovered Sugarloaf as a ski mountain.

Diller re-wrote and illustrated the book for Sugarloaf. ▲

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.... will be held on Saturday Feb 15, 2014, at Sugarloaf. This day long celebration of Maine's skiing heritage starts in the Base Lodge at 10:30 with a memorabilia display by the Ski Museum of Maine. The display will run until 3:30, at which time a group photo will be taken, on the Beach, of any and all who show up wearing and carrying their vintage clothing and equipment from yesteryear.

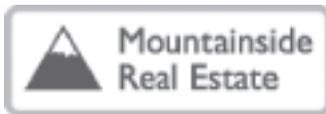
At 4:00 pm we will move to the Sugarloaf Inn for a reception with appetizers and a cash

bar. Suggested donation to attend is \$10 per person. There will be a silent auction with over 100 great items up for bid. The evening will also include a live auction with items such as the ever popular Sugarloaf Cat skiing experience for you and 17 of your friends. A unique experience, the package includes Cat transportation to Sugarloaf's upper trails, early morning skiing, and a special breakfast at Bullwinkle's.

The Heritage Classic is an



important annual event for the Ski Museum of Maine and helps us further our mission of "Preserving Maine's Skiing Heritage". ▲



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Rockin' on the Rockers

By Kenny Jacques, co-owner of Ski Depot in Jay

Christmas is behind us, demo days are over, and the New Year is here. Now it's time to get the season into full swing and enjoy the days getting longer! You've been thinking about hooking yourself up with a new pair of boards and aren't sure what you want or need. There are so many choices out there that you can't zero in on the right ones. "Rocker or no rocker. That is the question." Most skis today have some sort of rocker built in to them. From recreational to race skis, this seems to be the latest trend. Let's see if we can make this decision a bit easier for you.

If you're like me, you like to rip around on "groomers" and get into that "sugar snow" on the edge of the trail after the middle is skied off. For those conditions, skis that are somewhere between 80 to 90 millimeters under foot, and with an all mountain rocker, work best. An all mountain rocker is usually about 15% of the skiing surface, slightly uncambered in the tip and tail. If it's a racecar ride that you're looking for, something in the mid 70's under foot and a slight tip uncamber will do the trick. For tree and back-country skiing, the trend is towards a much wider ski under foot with a fully uncambered ski. This will allow the ski to float on "freshies" and help you slide that ski around much more easily in tight spots and bumped up conditions.

You can get much more information about these skis by visiting your favorite ski shop, and it's always good to "try before you buy." Getting on several pairs of demo's will really help with getting you on the perfect new ride. Now that you've been schooled in the new technology, get out there and rip it up. Spring is only a few months away! See you on the hill. ▲

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Look for all of these families on the Ski Club web site. ▲

The DILLER Family



Three Generations:

First: John Diller on the right

Second: John's son Brocken on the left

Third: Brocken's sons Anderson (left) and Jack (right)

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Parker Merrill - is Deb Hewson Merrill's son and now sits for the University of Virginia ski team. (as of March 2011)



Roger and Charlie with their grandchildren when they were small. They are all out of college ago now. From left to right: Molly, Seth and Abbie King.



Halsey Hewson, photo taken AGES ago. He is 45 now. (as of March 2011)

Four Generations

- 1st generation: Halsey Gulick
- 2nd generation: Roger and Charlotte "Charlie" (Gulick) Hewson
- 3rd generation: Halsey Hewson, Deb Hewson Merrill, Evelyn Hewson King
- 4th generation: Parker and Dana Merrill, Molly, Seth and Abbie King

The HUSSEY Family

Three Generations



Photo: 2005

Left to right: Ian, Thomas, Ashley, and Peter

First Generation: Peter Hussey

Second Generation: Peter's son Thomas Hussey

Third Generation: Thomas' daughter Ashley and son Ian



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Copper Mountain's half pipe. This helped these team members earn medals at their first USASA competition:

Above: USASA halfpipe comp at Copper Mountain. Nick Malone, Maddi Chamberlin, and Jerry McGuire have a great spot to watch the half pipe competition at Copper Mountain in December.

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Left: Payson Sowles rides the rails at Breckenridge.

Above: Chase Blakely, on the right, made it to the USASA podium at Copper Mountain.

Madeline Chamberlin (1st place, Junior Girls), Jerry McGuire (2nd place, Junior Men) and Chase Blakely (2nd place, Youth Men). The Freeskiers focused on

their jumps, with many athletes making significant breakthroughs in their progression: Keegan Kilbride (dub cork 12 and 14), Declan O'Brien (dub cork 10 and 12), Michael

Lundy (switch misty/bio 10 and 12), Payson Sowles (cork 9 tail), Will Wozencroft (switch rodeo 5, cork 9).

The trips were very worthwhile

for all of the freestylers. Thanks to this preparation, we look forward to seeing many of them on podiums throughout the winter. ▲

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By Charlie Woodworth, Executive Director, Maine Huts & Trails

What's New at Maine Huts & Trails?

After our best winter season to-date in 2012-2013, we are excited to now be in our 6th season and to offer guests and members some great new offerings this season including the Winter Passport Program, gear shuttles, and increasing our "youth rate" age to 17 and under.

Gear shuttles will be offered from our Poplar, Flagstaff and Stratton Brook Trailheads, as well as between the huts for \$25 per bag (must be booked in advance).

The new Passport Program is offered for guests looking to have a true hut-to-hut experience, allowing guests to



A winter opportunity on Flagstaff Lake.

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Annual Ski Marathon & Tour Planned for March 16th

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