



Sugarloaf Ski Club

JANUARY 2006

Ski Historian to Speak at Annual Ski Club Meeting

Saturday, January 28

Noted ski historian Glenn Parkinson will be entertaining and enlightening ski club members at the Sugarloaf Golf Course Clubhouse at our annual meeting this year. Glenn is a founding member of the Ski Museum of Maine and the New England Ski Museum. I have attended previous presentations by Glenn, and believe this will be a memorable evening for all Club members who attend.

The schedule for the evening is as follows:

- 5-6 pm Annual Sugarloaf Ski Club meeting
- 6-7 pm Social hour, refreshments provided
- 7-8 pm Dinner of lasagna and salad to be provided by the Club
- 8-9 pm Presentation by Glenn Parkinson

At the Annual Meeting, one-third of the seats on the Board are up for election or re-election. Officers are elected and Committee reports are given. Come see what your Club has been doing and what plans we have. Also, bring your interesting and new ideas to your Club.

Please call or email Bonnie at the office to let us know if you are planning on coming for any or all of the evening. [237-6955 or sugski@rdsteleme.net] We need to know how many to plan on for the dinner.

--President, Bruce Miles

Race Worker/Officials Clinic
Friday, January 27th, 7:00 to 8:30pm
Caribou Room, Grand Summit Hotel
For all levels of Race Workers/Officials
RSVP Joyce Tobias 235-2069

HAPPY NEW YEAR from your Ski Club President

I hope you all have recovered from your holiday eating sprees.

All in all I think the Christmas and New Year vacation period went well for the mountain. The skiing and riding got progressively better as the week went on, and you probably noticed we passed the winter solstice, so the sun is beginning to creep a little higher each day.

I attended the CVA Holiday Buffet held at the new Sugarloaf Golf Course Clubhouse. It was a fun evening. Hats off to Clem and Rolande Begin. By making a serious pledge themselves, and then challenging the audience, within 15 minutes they were able to raise \$110,000 towards CVA's new campus.

Your club board has been busy with plans for winter events. Check the schedule to see what you will want to participate in. We will once again be hosting a family potluck supper at the Competition Center during February vacation, and the Annual Snowball Dinner/Dance at the Sugarloaf Inn.

The Sugarloaf Charity Summit to raise money for fighting cancer will take place the weekend of Jan 21. Although this is not a Club event, we had a very large presence last year and I hope our support this year will be even bigger. Info can be found at Guest Services or the Sugarloaf website

Also, we have been busy helping the Competition center host the many events that are on this year's schedule. As you know, the premier event this year will be the US National Alpine Championships, Mar 22-30. With Bode Miller and Daron Rahlves leading the World Cup at this time and Kirsten Clark making a very strong showing this year, it promises to be an exciting Post-Olympic event. Many volunteers will be needed; if interested, you should call Laurel Lashar at the Comp Center at 237-6896 to let her know if you can help or if you have room at your house to put up a volunteer during the week.

Last year at the annual meeting, we voted to allow the Board members to explore entering a partnership with the Comp Center to upgrade the on-mountain competition facilities at the bottom of Competition Hill. I have had many meetings with mountain management about this and hopefully will have some plans to report at this year's annual meeting.

I am very excited about the future of the Club, and once again I remind you that it is your Club and the Board welcomes any input and involvement from you. Please contact any of us with ideas or requests.

—Bruce Miles



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Ski Club Community Committee Awards Financial Aid

The Community /Scholarship Committee, consisting of Greg Foster, Phil Hunter, and chaired by Sue Manter, again administered a large program of financial grants to local and to CVA skiers and boarders. The town of Carrabassett Valley voted \$6000 for grants to SAD 58 weekend program participants, and the Ski Club budgeted another \$4000 for additional grants, including and beyond the SAD 58 group.

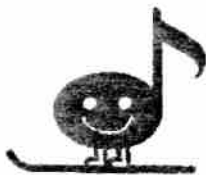
The Ski Club promotes both recreational and competitive snow sport activity. While there will be some children who take part in competition, these funds also hope to encourage children to develop a healthy outdoor interest in a lifelong sport which is such a significant part of both work and play in this region. Programs include the Minicuffer and Bubbiecuffer programs, the SAD #58 Punch Pass Lessons, the Sugarloaf/Carrabassett Valley Academy program, and CVA.

It is the philosophy of the Club and of the Committee that every local child who would like to learn should have the opportunity. The Club works with the Ayotte Fund and the Sugarloaf Regional Ski Education Foundation to allocate funds to all deserving applicants. The grants enable many children to learn to ski and to compete who would otherwise not be able to participate.

The Ayotte Fund raised \$3200 through the annual golf tournament to aid SAD 58 children, plus a special grant for camera equipment to the middle school ski team group led by Dennis Olsen. The Sugarloaf Regional Ski Education Foundation distributed funds to CVA athletes and to 2 athletes competing for spots on the US Alpine and Freestyle Ski Teams.

HAPPY TUNES!

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11th Annual Sugarloaf Ski Club Snowball

**Saturday, March 18:
 Sugarloaf Inn
 6:30 pm to midnight
 Dinner and dancing**

Last year the Snowball was held in late March and was a popular late-season activity. As those who have been regulars know, this is a great event, and not to be missed. The band again this year will be Ross Thompson and "Elmore Twist," and should provide an outstanding background for a fun-filled social event! The theme is going to be SPRING. Be creative, think of some "appropriate" attire. Tickets will go on sale in early March, \$50 pp. Come to the ski club office to reserve and pay for your tickets (cash or check) by 14 March.

All profits from this event will go to the Sugarloaf Ski Club Scholarship Fund.

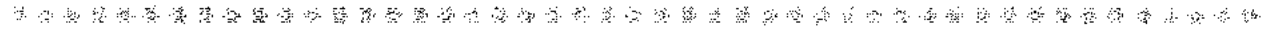
GOOD FOOD, GREAT FUN, BE THERE!!

IMPORTANT SKI CLUB EVENTS

January 28: Annual Ski Club Meeting at the Golf Clubhouse with pasta dinner
February 21: Ski Club Potluck Dinner at the Competition Center (before fireworks)
March 18: Ski Club Annual Snowball at the Sugarloaf Inn

COMPETITION CALENDAR

Jan 20-21: Colby Carnival NCAA Div. 1
Jan 24: Sugarloaf Schuss SG
Jan 25-27: VARA/MARA Downhill
Jan 28-29 Moguls B Meet
Jan 29: Big Air and Halfpipe
Feb 4: USASA Superpipe
Feb 6-10: FIS Downhill and Super G
Feb 12: MARA 1,2 GS
Feb 18: MARA 3,4 GS
Feb 19: USASA Superpipe
Feb 27-March 4: Eastern Alpine Championships
March 6-11: USCSA College Nationals
March 22-30: United States National Alpine Championships



[Editor's Note: The following excerpt was obtained from the online site for the Farmers' Almanac]

Get Ready for a Wild Ride! 2006 Farmers' Almanac Predicts a Polar Coaster Winter

LEWISTON, ME: "Mother Nature seems to be in the mood for some amusement," states Peter Geiger, Philom., Editor of the 2006 *Farmers' Almanac*. The 189-year-old publication, which has an uncanny ability to predict long-range weather with amazing accuracy, reveals a forecast that has so many ups and downs on the thermometer that many may be reminded of riding a roller, or as the *Farmers' Almanac* puts it, "Polar Coaster."

"The East is on tap for a crazy ride, with the temperatures and weather initially leading into the winter season seeming mild, but the bulk of the winter will turn out to be unusually cold, with plenty of snow especially in the northern sections," reveals Sandi Duncan, Philom., Managing Editor. The *Farmers' Almanac*, which accurately predicted the hot, humid summer, is forecasting a more amusing winter in the West, with an overall warmer winter prediction, but with a fair share of snow and cold periods in the country's midsections.

January 2006

1st-3rd. Fair and cold. **4th-7th.** Stormy, possible snow. **8th-11th.** Fair and colder. **12th-15th.** Unsettled for New England. Foggy along the coast. More clouds over the Mid-Atlantic States. **16th-19th.** Fair, then turning stormy. **20th-23rd.** Major storm along the Atlantic Coast. **24th-27th.** Snow. **28th-31st.** Fair and cold.

February 2006

1st-3rd. Stormy, with snow for New England. Mixed snow and rain through the Mid-Atlantic States. Cold winds and rain through Virginia. **4th-7th.** Becoming fair and much colder. **8th-11th.** Snow again into New England. A wintry mix falls through the Mid-Atlantic States. **12th-15th.** Generally fair and milder, then blustery. **16th-19th.** Stormy, then fair and colder. **20th-23rd.** Pleasant, with some fog for New England, then unsettled. **24th-28th.** Fair and windy, then stormy with snow.



DiGravio Earns His Own Way

Have you ever marveled at those people who set goals, work hard to achieve them, and succeed? For most of us even reaching the simplest goals are elusive. Next time you consider setting a goal maybe you should take some inspiration from Dave DiGravio. Talk about a goal oriented individual who has his eye on the prize. Last month Dave's goal of earning a spot on the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team became a reality.

What did it take to make it to the pinnacle of U.S. success? In a few words, Dave earned his spot on the Ski Team with a clear focus on a very specific goal, a love and passion for the sport of mogul skiing, five years of expert coaching at Carrabassett Valley Academy, disciplined training, hard fought determination, never quitting, and dedicated, supportive parents. Dave's success is also attributed to being a Sugarloafer since 1990, training on Sugarloaf/USA's legendary Skidder trail, and all the volunteer and financial support he has received from the Sugarloaf Ski Club and the Sugarloaf Regional Ski Education Foundation.

What did Dave do to earn a coveted Team spot? Specifically at U.S. Selections in Winter Park in December Dave won a mogul event and then finished first among candidates for the Team. Leading up to his selection Dave has filled his trophy case with medals, cups and trophies from Europa Cups, U.S. Freestyle Nationals, Junior Olympics, NorAms, and Eastern Championships.

What is the significance of making the Team this year? In an Olympic year with the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team deep with talent and experience including Jeremy Bloom, Travis Cabral, Toby Dawson, Travis Mayer, and Nathan Roberts who all have World Cup wins among their credentials, many in the freestyle world thought any selection to the Team was highly unlikely. But DiGravio prevailed and at age 19 he is the youngest male member of the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team.

What has happened since his selection to the Team? One week after Selections Dave finished second at a NorAM. Then on December 30th Dave competed at U.S. Olympic Trials at Steamboat Springs, CO where in his first head-to-head match up against the twelve other U.S. Ski Team members he placed 7th. Upcoming events for Dave include World Cup competitions in Deer Valley, Utah January 13-14, and then Lake Placid, N.Y. January 20-22.

What's next for DiGravio? Dave continues to pursue his ultimate goal of being the best in the world. Based on what he has accomplished so far he is on his way.

-----Rick Bisson, Communications, CVA

***Editor's note: David DiGravio is from Farmington. His parents both work at CVA; his mother, Maureen, works in the office, and Ron Sr. is a freestyle coach. An older brother, Ron Jr., and younger sister, Alison, are also competitive freestyle skiers. Emily Cook, a CVA graduate from 1997, is also on the US Freestyle Team and will be competing at the Olympics after a long comeback from injury.*



Ski Museum of Maine

Ski For Health

"No sport is more invigorating or better develops all the muscles of the body than a day's run on skees," wrote *Country Life in America* in 1903. The theme of improving your health by skiing was one that would be echoed for decades by those promoting the sport.

In 1905 Theo Johnsen opened a ski company in Portland, Maine. Since few people skied, he wrote *The Winter Sport of Skieing*, America's first ski book. "Skieing in these days is taken up more for the pure healthful fun of it than for it's utilitarian possibilities," wrote Johnsen.

At the turn of the century skiing was found in only a few corners of the Northcountry, in places where Scandinavians had settled. Johnsen promoted the sport as one that was fun and healthy for all. Unfortunately for Johnsen, America was not ready for his beautiful hand made skis or even for skiing. People preferred to remain indoors during the winter. His ski business closed in 1907. Martin Strand, another ski maker understood why. He wrote in 1914, "The average young American is a sort of hothouse plant, who does not care to be out of doors, as the cheap show houses and poolrooms seem to be more attractive. They do not want to spend enough money on a pair of skis so that cheap skis are the only ones that have sold in any quantity in this country up to the present time."

Here in Maine in the 1920s winter carnivals in Augusta, Portland, Rumford, Lewiston and Bangor brought people outdoors and exposed them to winter sport. The carnivals were popular and soon could be found in smaller towns and on campuses across the state.

C. A. Lund, President of Lund Skis and Northland Skis saw a change happening. He also agreed with promoting the theme of skiing as a healthy activity. He wrote in his 1924 equipment catalog, "Dear Out-of-Doorman - I am also a lover of the Great Out-of-Doors. Outdoor sport the year 'round is what I have always enjoyed and think necessary for one's best health. For the most exhilarating sport however give me WINTER and SKIING. I noticed when I came to this country that the average American sportsman "hugged the fire" in the winter. The present day differs greatly and as a result we will soon have a healthier, hardier nation.

In 1928 Harold Grinden wrote in the USEASA yearbook, "I like in the old days when the Norwegian skier doffed his hat to the king, the Americans will doff their hats to the ski sport because of its value, especially from the health standpoint. If people would invest in a pair of skis and get off their boiling radiators and out into the winter air there would be less sickness. "Ski For Health" should be a national winter slogan."

Hothouse plants? Were we really a people who sat on "boiling radiators" or "hugged the fire"? Well, as a nation that was true. Even those winter carnivals did not get us to participate in sports; they really were spectator events. Ski jumping was very popular, thousands came out to watch a dozen or so people compete.

During the 1920s momentum towards skiing built but the Stock Market Crash of 1929 and the Great Depression that followed robbed most people of the time and money needed for recreation. Skiing languished. It took time for the country, and the state of Maine, to work out of those dark times.

In 1935 ski trains began running to places like Greenville and Fryeburg. Maine's first rope tow was built on Jockey Cap in Fryeburg in 1936 and by 1939 rope tows could be found from Bangor to Berwick and from Bridgton to Bar Harbor. It took three decades but Theo Johnsen's vision of "all ages and both sexes enjoying traveling over snow-clad land or ice, breathing in clear, crisp air and feasting the eyes on the passing landscape," had finally arrived. In the 1937 American Ski Annual Max Wheildon wrote, "Those who have already experienced the fun and happiness of a holiday in the Maine snows, and who have learned for themselves what wonderful influence winter sunshine and mountain air can exert on mind and body, realize just what is meant by those two words, "winter sports".



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Daily Ski Pass Prices: "An unscientific, random, sort of national survey!"

In mulling over what sort of ski-related trivia might make an interesting article for this issue of the newsletter, the matter of the range of prices for an adult daily ski ticket popped up! So, what are prices around the country for an adult ticket-- highest price, vacation rate, all access, etc? A search of area websites seemed to be the best route--go right to the source! At the start, season pass rates were included in the survey, but it was too difficult to compare apples and apples because there are so many permutations--early season, with varying definitions for that, availability no longer listed due to time expirations, different levels of pass access by benefits or terrain, and so on and on. It would seem that Sun Valley has the most expensive season pass at \$1875, at least in this survey!

In an article at CNN.com on Dec. 12, 2005, a headline stated that: "Among elite ski resorts, higher prices touted, not hidden." At Vail, name, value, and customer base were the justifications for having the highest ticket price in the nation. Vail's position was that if people were willing to pay the rate, it meant skiers were getting the best experience. Aspen officials referred to their position as a "dubious honor."

Maine	Camden Snow Bowl	39
	Saddleback	30
	Sugarloaf	63
	Sunday River	63
New Hampshire	Balsams	35
	Cannon	54
Vermont	Jay Peak	58
	Stowe	140 (2 days)
	Stratton	72
New York	Whiteface	63
Michigan	Boyne	47
Pennsylvania	Seven Springs	53
Montana	Big Sky	65
California	Mammoth	73
Idaho	Sun Valley	69
Colorado	Crested Butte	66
	Loveland	50
	Steamboat	76
	Vail	81
Utah	Canyons	150 (2 day)
	Deer Valley	76
	Park City	75
New Mexico	Taos	57

Home Sweet Home!



How many different ski areas/resorts have you skied in your lifetime?
 Make a list, bring it to the ski club office; owner of the longest list (the best knees?) will be posted in the March newsletter !!

DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR SSC MEMBERS

Present your membership card at these area businesses to take advantage of benefits. Many discounts are for regular priced items only, and some may not be used for alcoholic beverages, or during holiday weeks.

SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN AREA

The Bag and Kettle - 10% off dinner Sun-Thur (excludes specials, excludes holiday weeks)

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Gepettos - 20 % off lunch (Mon-Thurs)

Gold/Smith Gallery - 10% off jewelry over \$100

Hug's Italian Cuisine - 10% off dinner, food only (Sun-Thurs, excludes holiday weeks); must show card before ordering

Java Joe's - \$1.25 for 16 oz coffee

Sugarloaf Outdoor Center - 20% off services (lessons, rentals); show card

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Scent-sations - 10% off store-wide

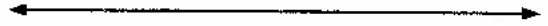


OFFICE HOURS

The office is open every weekend from
about 8:30 to 1:30 or 2

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SKI CLUB LOGO ITEMS

We have lots of nice Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club logo items for sale. Support the Club, show you are a member—all at the same time!

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ANNUAL MEETING AT THE GOLF CLUBHOUSE JANUARY 28