



# Sugarloaf Ski Club

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**MARCH 2005**

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## **SUGARLOAF SKI CLUB ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club was held at the Competition Center on the 22d of January. Attendance was larger than usual, and it was standing room only! Outgoing President Lev Steeves thanked the members for their cooperation and highlighted the functions of the club, including competition, social fellowship, and maintaining our historical traditions.

Committee reports were heard from all of the standing committees, including the Communications Committee dealing primarily with newsletter publication; the Community Committee, which is responsible for the scholarship program; the Competition Committee, which recruits volunteers for events and also includes the Cardiac Club; the Historical Committee; the Merchandise Committee; and the Social Committee and the Membership Committee. Phil Hunter gave the Treasurer's report, which highlighted the sound financial condition of the club.

This year three lifetime memberships were awarded to longtime members of the club: Audrey Leonard, Dana Wallace, and Jerry Hopson. Each has supported the organization for many years.

Three members of the Board of Directors retired this year and deserve our thanks: Charlotte Zahn, John Weir, and Linda Cloutier. The annual elections were held. (See accompanying list of officers and Board members on page 2.)

Bruce Miles, new President replacing Lev Steeves, took over the gavel and spoke to the members about his vision of the purposes of the club, both past and future. The Sugarloaf Ski Club has been pivotal in the past development of skiing at Sugarloaf Mountain, and Miles would like to see the club continue to play a significant role. A specific project that Miles presented to the club is the renovation of the building at the bottom of Comp Hill. A motion was passed to allow the Board to negotiate with SMC regarding needed upgrades. Miles concluded by expressing his wish that the club have social events that return a sense of unity to the Sugarloaf community and promote a feeling for its history.

After the meeting the members enjoyed a superb selection of hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

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## **SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN SKI CLUB 2005**

### **OFFICERS**

Bruce Miles, President  
Steve Schaefer, Vice President  
Nancy Holliday, Secretary  
Philip Hunter, Treasurer

### **Members of the Board of Directors, Term Expiring in Jan 2007**

Mary Jean Doyle  
Don Fletcher  
Nancy Holliday  
Sue Manter  
Lev Steeves

### **Members of the Board of Directors, Term Expiring in Jan 2008**

Joyce Tobias  
Greg Foster  
Bruce Miles  
Virginia Bousum  
Joe Tutlis

### **Members of the Board of Directors, Term Expiring in Jan 2006**

Anne Hanson  
Phil Hunter  
Betty Ann Listowich  
Karen Pier  
Steve Schaefer

### **Appointed, Ex Officio Members**

Joan Dolan, CVA  
Jim McCormack, Competition Center

### **Committees:**

Communications Committee: Betty Ann Listowich  
Competition Committee: Lev Steeves, Anne Hanson  
Community Committee: Sue Manter, Phil Hunter, Greg Foster  
Historical Committee: Bruce Miles  
Membership Committee: Mary Jean Doyle  
Merchandise Committee:  
Social Committee: Nancy Holliday, Anne Hanson

**\*\*Note to members:** Anyone is welcome to join a committee of interest. More help and ideas are encouraged. Speak to one of the Officers or Board members, or call the office.



## **10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SKI CLUB SNOWBALL-----THE BUNNY HOP**

Saturday, March 26 at the Sugarloaf Inn with the "Elmore Twist" Band

Reception starting at 6:30 Dinner at 7:00, followed by Dancing

Tickets will be \$50 per person, and must be reserved and paid by Tuesday, March 22. Tickets are limited to 130. The profits this year will be designated for the Sugarloaf Ski Club Scholarship Fund that gives financial aid to young competitors.



Menu choices: Baked Haddock, Prime Rib, or Baked Stuffed Chicken  
Also included: salad, rice pilaf, vegetable, wine, dessert, coffee, and tea.



This is the premier Ski Club social event of the season and lots of people are really looking forward to attending. In contrast to a January event when there are so many other events already scheduled and conflicting, it is a late season event this year when winter will be winding down. We can celebrate spring skiing, warmer weather...and so on!!!



### **MARA SPRING PICNIC**



### **COMING UP ON SATURDAY, APRIL 2**

The MARA Spring Series Finals for J3, J4, and J5 boys and girls in giant slalom and slalom, will be held the first weekend in April. The Spring Series is generally the occasion for the great Sugarloaf Ski Club spring MARA cookout and picnic at the bottom of Comp Hill (barring weather disasters!)

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, whoopie pies, soda .....all the usual good stuff!

Tickets will be \$5 each for competitors, parents, and guests. Tickets will be sold at race registration and on the hill as well. Buy early, if possible. Remember the race registration does NOT include the cookout ticket.

Parent volunteers needed and appreciated to help on hill. Call Bonnie at the Office: 237-6955.

## SCHOLARSHIP WORK CONTINUES AS SEASON PROGRESSES


The Sugarloaf Ski Club, in order to encourage and support the SAD 58 Middle School Ski Team, provided assistance toward the costs of a CVA January tutorial program for 2 young skiers. The Middle School program, under the direction of Dennis Olsen, promotes participation for a very large number of young athletes. They have great enthusiasm and commitment. Grants were awarded to 2 skiers who had not had the opportunity to participate in any other formal training programs. Sue Manter, Scholarship Committee Chairperson, says that from later reports, they had a wonderful time and learned a lot.

### Spring Financial Grants

A more structured process for the 2005 Sugarloaf Ski Club Spring Grants has been adopted. Financial need is the guiding principle for awards. Criteria were defined which limited the grants to upper level athletes participating in season-culminating events for which qualification is necessary. Those events will be: US Alpine Nationals at Mammoth, Canadian Alpine Nationals at St. Anne and Le Massif, US Freestyle Junior Olympics at Park City, US Freestyle Nationals at Bogus Basin, USASA National Snowboard Championships at Copper, and Freeride World Championships in Ruka, Finland. Grants will be awarded in March.

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## **FAMILY POTLUCK DINNER FEBRUARY VACATION SUCCESS**

On Tuesday, the 28<sup>th</sup> of February, the Ski Club held a family potluck dinner at the Competition Center. We had hoped that scheduling it just before the fireworks might bring out some families. Whether that was the magic bullet or not is hard to say, but the count was about 120 attendees!! There had been an email sent out to SCVA families by Laurel, and it seemed effective, since there was heavy attendance by alpine SCVA participants (where was freestyle and snowboard??). There were quite a few non-Ski Club members there from the SCVA programs; hopefully such activities will encourage more to join next year.

Offerings ran the gamut, from cheese and crackers and dips to start, to sandwich fixings, pasta casseroles, salads, and so on. Eating was standing room only at one point. There was hardly a crumb left for the resident mice, and the moose stew was a secret hit among those who discovered it!!



Thanks to Betty Ann Listowich and Anne Hanson for the organizing effort, and especially to Betty Ann for the pre- and post-cleanup!



### **Carrabassett Valley Academy And The Special Olympics**

During the days leading up to the Maine Winter Special Olympics there is a buzz and excitement felt throughout the CVA campus. Headmaster Ritzo leads the enthusiasm announcing, "These are my favorite two days of the year". For almost twenty years CVA student-athletes have coached Special Olympians at the Maine Winter Special Olympics. Why do these days of coaching and cheering for Special Olympians create so much enthusiasm and energy within a community that creates its own Olympians and World Champions? The time CVA student-athletes and faculty spend with Special Olympians hold such a tender place in their hearts because the Special Olympics allows them an opportunity to offer their talents and time to help very special people succeed in a sport they both share a passion for. For two days a community that is focused on individual academic and athletic excellence takes time to make champions out of others. Then after all the races have been run, the Olympic torch is extinguished, and the Olympians head home with their medals and dreams of next year's Olympics you can hear the CVA students and Olympians say, "I can't wait until next year's Special Olympics".

—Rick Bisson, Communications, CVA

# Ski Museum of Maine

## **Fryeburg Ski Tow**

**RIDE**

**UP HILL**

**ONE RIDE 10c**

**ALL DAY 50c**

It doesn't look like much but this ad for the Fryeburg rope tow, Maine's first, helped usher in a new era of skiing in Maine. Snow trains in 1935 brought people to towns like Greeneville and Fryeburg for winter sport. Skiing became an overnight hit. Well, skiing had been around for 5,000 years but it was now a new and very popular form of recreation. In January, 1936 the Deering Ski Club was invited to the first day of skiing on the rope tow. Avon Hilton remembered the crowds, "There about 400 of us skiing that day but there were about 3,000 people who came out to watch. Cars were parked for miles up and down Route 302." A rope tow was being used in Bridgeton to haul toboggans back up after sliding down to the lake. After seeing the crowd in Fryeburg it only took two weeks to move the tow and have it

installed at Pleasant Mountain. The Civilian Conservation Corps (C.C.C.) cut a trail from the top of Pleasant Mountain giving Maine its first full length expert trail.



A rope tow ticket from 1938

The *Portland Press Herald* understood the excitement for skiing. Every Tuesday they ran a full page on skiing titled *Along The Snow Trail*. Automobiles, buses and trains all carried sports enthusiasts to the slopes. In an article on January 28, 1936 *Along The Snow Trail* stated, "The homeward trip of the eight car train was the usual funfest of hearty if not harmonious singing and a variety of antics conspiring to keep awake those sleepy eyed individuals who had run their store of energy down to the last drop. Nearly everybody was uncomfortably damp, thanks to spills that had filled pockets and sleeves with more snow than a snow loader could move in a day - but no one cared. There were even mild sunburns - which is a point to call to the attention of relatives now basking under the same sun on Florida beaches. Come to Maine for a January sun tan!" It was also a period of exploration as skiers fanned out across the state looking for new ski terrain. New ski areas opened with

enthusiasm. In 1938, when Dunham's Mountain Farm Slope opened in Waterville, Governor Lewis Barrows gave a speech and took the first ride down the toboggan chute. The *Portland Press Herald* described the weather as "steady snow which turned into freezing mist. Thousands who made the trip by automobile were forced to trudge the last mile or two as iced over roads became impossible for travel." Despite the weather 10,000 people came out that day to ski and play.



Detail from the 1938 Dunham's Ski catalog

Skiing had been in Maine since the Swedes moved to New Sweden in 1871. Then it was simply a way to get around in the snows of winter. In the early 1900s skiing was found sporadically as a form of recreation in Portland, Bethel, Poland Springs and a few other places. In the 1930s, in just a few years, skiing became so popular that Governor Barrows predicted it would equal the tourist industry as a factor in Maine's economic prosperity.

researched and written by Glenn Parkinson

You can support the museum's efforts by becoming a member.

Individual	\$15
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Please send your check to:  
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[www.skimuseumofmaine.org](http://www.skimuseumofmaine.org)

**\*\*\*MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER OF THE SKI MUSEUM\*\*\***

Tom Hanson, Treasurer of The Ski Museum of Maine, reports that a family membership to the Ski Museum has been lost. If you sent in a membership in November and your check has not cleared, please contact The Museum at PO Box 359, Kingfield, ME 04947.



**Ski Museum of Maine - Board of Directors**

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### SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN AREA

- The Bag and Kettle** -10% off dinner Sun-Thur (excludes specials, excludes holiday weeks)  
**D'Elle's** - 10% off sandwiches before 10:30am and after 1:30 pm, every day  
**Gepettos** - 10 % 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** - \$1.00 for a medium coffee  
**Perfect Turn** - package of 5 clinics, any discipline, for \$99  
**Sugarloaf Outdoor Center** - 20% off services (lessons, rentals); show card

### STRATTON AREA

**White Wolf Restaurant** - 20% off entrees anytime, each patron must show membership card before ordering

### CARRABASSETT VALLEY & KINGFIELD AREA

- Julia's** - Complimentary Boutique wine tasting with purchase of prix fixe dinner (one time only)  
**Longfellow's** - complimentary wine or soft drink with dinner  
**Nostalgia Tavern** - complimentary dessert with dinner  
**Scent-sations** - 10% off store-wide

### AROUND THE STATE

**Hilltop Ski & Bike, Manchester, ME** - 20% off all skis, snowboards, and other winter-related purchases (except sale items and labor)

**Kentucky Fried Chicken & Taco Bell, Farmington Only** - 20% off items or meals with the exception of Combo meals or Special price meals. Must show SSC Card.

**McDonald's in Farmington, Skowhegan, Jay, Winstow, Waterville (x2), Newport, Augusta**— With the purchase of a Value Meal, your choice of a free item from the \$1 menu. Please present your card to your order taker at the counter.

## Norwegian Moen Cheering Bells

For Sale at the Ski Club Office  
 Bring one to cheer your daughter or son  
 on at local and traveling races!!

Gold bell engraved with the Ski Club  
 emblem, on a decorative sturdy ribbon

\$20

## 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!

Such items as:

- Roomy grey sweatshirts: \$25
- Heavy white tee shirts, with an outline of Maine: \$12
- Also gray tee shirts: \$10
- Great blue denim shirts: \$35
- Golf (long sleeve) shirts: \$25
- Baseball hats: \$15
- Child-size baseball hats: \$12
- Pushovers: \$8 on sale
- Full aprons (with pockets) for ski tuning or barbecuing: \$20
- First Trail posters: \$5

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