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To ski club members:

Above the fog bank, spring '07 are Rick Chenard, Paul Houliearis and Dick McWilliams. Photo: Dan Cassidy

## Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club Homecoming events & news

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## Ski Club Homecoming Events

At the Sugarloaf Skiers Homecoming Weekend, October 5-7

### Ski Club Information and Historical Display at the Ski Club Booth

9am-3pm  
 Saturday & Sunday  
 On the first Floor of the Base Lodge, there will be memorabilia of early Sugarloaf and an opportunity to join the Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club.



*Ski club member and author, John Christie*

### Book Signing at Competition Center

10am-4pm  
 Saturday and Sunday  
 If you ordered a copy of *The Story of Sugarloaf*, pick up your book and have it autographed by author John Christie



*Joe "Cool" McGovern with his gang of roudies. Close to thirty years ago, this instructor was the Pied Piper of Cool to a bunch of young Sugarloafers.*

### Used Ski and Kayak Sale at Happy Tunes Ski Service Center

10am-6pm - Friday  
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12-10pm - Saturday  
 Show your Ski Club membership card to renew or join the Mug Club at the Shipyard BrewHaus, and get a free ticket to the Brewhaus Pig Roast at the Sugarloaf Inn.

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**Ski Shop:** Sale on the October 6, from 6-8pm for all full time program kids, SCVA and bubblecuffers.

### NO SKI CLUB PIG ROAST HOMECOMING WEEKEND!

Due to construction at the Touring Center the pig roast has been given a year off, but we are still having a reception. It will be held at the Competition Center after John Christie's book signing. The reception will start at 5:00 pm and run until 6:30 pm. Come catch up with all your old friends after the long summer.

The Pig Roast will be on our Social Schedule for Homecoming 2008. This is just a "temporary change in plans" this year. See you at the reception!

# A Message from SMSC President

Welcome home skiers:

I haven't sensed this much excitement about Sugarloaf's future in a long time! People I have talked to at the mountain are very excited about the upcoming season. Boyne USA Resorts has a long history of running ski areas very successfully and the Kircher family is well known in the snowsports world for their dedication to creating world class resorts. For more information about Boyne USA Resorts check out their web site [www.byneusaresorts.com](http://www.byneusaresorts.com)

Your ski club board is also looking forward to the upcoming season with a lot of enthusiasm. We are particularly proud of, and anticipate many good times at our new Jean Luce Competition and Training Facility at the bottom of Competition Hill. Looking back on what it took to get this project accomplished, I am overwhelmed by the generosity of our ski club supporters for their help in making this great new facility a reality. Thank you all!

As you see on the schedule, we have many great activities planned this season for our 1,100 plus members. These events are a lot of fun and are the result of the efforts of many club members putting in long hours to pull them off. If you have any new ideas for our other social events, or you want to help out by volunteering to work on them, or if you have ideas for new social events, please let your board members know.

The US Alpine Ski Team is, once again, returning to Sugarloaf/USA in March for their National Championships. When the team officials came for site inspection last summer, they were very impressed with by the new Slim Melvin Timing Room and the improvements made to the Narrow Gauge ski trail.



In between your busy schedule seeing old friends, attending association meetings and shopping for new equipment, stop by the Sugarloaf Ski Club desk in the base lodge.

Have a great Homecoming weekend and an even greater season.

Bruce Miles



Getting ready for MARA Spring Series BBQ this past spring at the new Jean Luce Competition and Training Facility at the bottom of Competition Hill. From left to right are, Lev Steeves, Laura Schaeffer, Nancy Holliday and Mary Ann Beliveau.

## Preliminary SMSC Social Events '07-'08

Ideas for additional social events are welcomed. Please email your thoughts to the Club at [sugski@tdstelme.net](mailto:sugski@tdstelme.net)

### October:

**Saturday, Oct. 6th  
Homecoming Reception**  
To be held at the Competition Center 5:00 to 6:30 pm.  
(There will be no pig roast due to construction at the Touring Center)

### January:

**Saturday, Jan. 26th  
Annual Meeting**  
To be held at the Golf Club, Club House beginning at 5:30 pm with dinner and a speaker. Pick up your free tickets early; the number is limited due to space constraints on the building.

### February:

**Tuesday, Feb. 19th  
Vacation Week Ski Club  
"kids" Pot Luck Supper.**  
**Where?** Child-friendly event from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Each child must bring an adult and a covered dish to share.

### March:

**Saturday, March 1st  
Wine Tasting and  
Educational Evening**  
To be held at the Sugarloaf Golf Course Club House from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. A limited number of tickets are available. Price is yet to be determined.

**Saturday, March 29th  
The Annual Snow Ball**  
To be held again at the Sugarloaf Inn, with music by El more Twist. A limited number of tickets are available. Price to be determined.



**Saturday,  
March 29th  
MARA  
Cookout**  
To take place at the bottom of Comp Hill.

Guess who at Hall of Fame dinner '05  
Photo: Dan Cassidy

# Improvements to the mountain this year

*A note from John Diller, General Manager, Sugarloaf/USA*

I think it is an understatement to say that we have a very exciting season in store this year. As you know, this summer, Sugarloaf joined the Boyne USA family of resorts, and as a result, the winter of 2007-08 has quickly become one of the most anticipated in Sugarloaf's history.

The Kircher family have been pioneers in the recreation industry for more than a half a century and bring tremendous experience in all aspects of resort management.

Even though the ownership transition is very new, we have already embarked upon a host of projects to take Sugarloaf to new levels of excellence and are confident this is only the beginning.

Boyne is a leader in utilizing the latest technology in snow-making and, as a result, we are greatly increasing our fleet of high efficiency snowguns, including introducing Boyne proprietary technology, that will get more snow on the slopes faster and earlier in the season.

Other areas we have addressed include expanding Bullwinkles, removing the

gondola mid-station building and installing a new magic carpet style lift to greatly

enhance the learning experience for new skiers and riders.

All of us at Sugarloaf are looking forward to working closely with the Ski Club to host the 2008 US Alpine Championships. Sugarloaf and the club's history of

hosting world class events enabled us to secure this

wonderful week-long championship that will once again focus the national spotlight on Sugarloaf and our competitive programs. Of course, the national championship is just one of many competitive events at all levels on the calendar for this season.

These and many other events would not be possible without your support both on and off the slopes. It gives me great pleasure to work with the club to make Sugarloaf the best it can be.

Think snow and have a great winter season.

John Diller  
General Manager  
Sugarloaf ▲

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## Thank you volunteers!

All of us at the Competition Center would like to take this opportunity to say THANKYOU for all of your hard work and help this past season.

Through snow, sleet, rain, winds, freezing temperatures and glorious sunny days with bright blue skies you are there to make sure the athletes have a great event. We cannot thank you enough for your dedication to winter sports. Your help is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you again this season, which promises to be very exciting with many prestigious events highlighted by the return of the US Alpine Nationals, in March, to Sugarloaf.

Thank you,  
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Joyce Tobias &  
Bode Miller

## Maine Ski Hall of Fame elects nine

By Dan Cassidy

*Nine ski notables have been elected to the Class of 2007, 5th Annual Maine Ski Hall of Fame. Founded in 2003, the MSHF seeks to honor instructors, competitors and other skiing visionaries – men and women who have elevated the sport of skiing in Maine.*

Three of the inductees have distinctive ties with Sugarloaf/USA. They include Winston 'Win' Robbins, Tom Upham, and Richard 'Dick' Bell.

### Winston "Win" Robbins

While earning his engineering degrees, Winston 'Win' Robbins skied for the University of Maine and captained the team his final year. After serving with the Army Corps of Engineers he turned his skills to ski lifts building T-bars at Black Mt. NH and Sugarloaf/USA. In 1952 he designed, built and erected

*Win Robbins  
Photo: Ski Museum of Maine*

a double chair at Cranmore. His company designed and built lifts as well as erecting

them for other companies until 1964 and he served on the original task force that developed the American National Standard Safety Code for Aerial Passenger Tramways.

### Tom Upham

A four event skier on four state championship ski teams in high school, Tom Upham switched to straight Nordic skiing at the University of Colorado. His success led to the U.S. Nordic Combined Team and the 1968 Olympics. Following his competitive career, Upham coached at



*Tom Upham  
Photo: Ski Museum of Maine*

high school, college and U.S. Team levels.

### Richard "Dick" Bell

The name Dick Bell can be easily found at Sugarloaf. The ski patrol operates out of the basement of the Dick Bell Chapel and the Dick Bell Cup is one of the Loaf's biggest races. Bell was among the

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founders of the Sugarloaf Ski Club that built the ski area in the beginning and served on the board of directors. He also contributed greatly to Titcomb Mountain in Farmington and was a director for the Maine Ski Council and the Eastern Amateur Ski Association.

Also, Class of 2007 inductees include, Jim Miller, Galen Sayward, Murray 'Mike' Thurston, Charles Broomhall, Bob Flynn and David Irons.

Past Sugarloaf notables and members of MSHF include Robert 'Bunny' Bass, Amos Winter, Wes Marco, Tom Reynolds, Jean Luce, Robert 'Stub' Taylor, Roger Page, Richard 'Pat' Murphy, Franklin 'FC' Emery, Jack Lufkin, Irving Kagan, Peter Webber, Fletcher Brown and John Christie. The banquet will be held at



Dick Bell  
Photo: Ski Museum of Maine

Lost Valley Ski Resort in Auburn, on Friday, October 26, 2007. Social hour with a cash bar is from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner and awards ceremony begins at 6:30.

Tickets for the dinner are \$32.50 each. The menu includes a choice of prime rib

or chicken and haddock. Vegetarian menu is also available upon request. Make check payable to the Maine Ski Maine Association, c/o Ski Hall of Fame Dinner P.O. Box 7566, Portland, ME 04112.

For additional information or to reserve your ticket(s), call the Ski Maine Association at: (207) 761-3774, or reserve your ticket(s) online at [www.skimaine.com](http://www.skimaine.com) Click on the Ski Hall of Fame icon and go to Individual Reservations Form. RSVP by Friday, October 19, 2007.

Dan Cassidy is a member of Eastern Ski Writers Association (ESWA) and North American Ski Journalists Association (NASJA). He is also a member of the Ski Museum of Maine, The Maine Ski Hall of Fame and the Sugarloaf Ski Club. ▲

## CVA adds Nordic to SCVA Weekend Programs

CVA is pleased to announce the addition of Nordic skiing to their SCVA offerings for the 2007-08 season. "Nordic is a natural addition to our weekend alpine racing, freestyle skiing, and snowboarding programs," said Joan Dolan, CVA's Athletic Director.

Details of the program and sign up forms will be available during Homecoming Weekend at the CVA Ski Sale in the AGC on Saturday, October 6th. ▲



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## Scholarships for alpine, freestyle, snowboard and nordic applicants

*The Sugarloaf Ski Club, the Sugarloaf Regional Ski Educational Foundation (SRSEF), and the Ayotte Fund will be accepting applications in November from young alpine skiers, freestyle skiers, cross country skiers, and snowboarders for financial assistance for programs this winter.*

These funding organizations hope to foster 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 Bubblecuffer programs, the SAD#58 Punch Pass Lessons, and the Sugarloaf/Carrabassett Valley Academy program.

Funds are annually appropri-

ated by the Town of Carrabassett Valley to aid SAD #58 children who participate in the weekend programs, both recreational and competitive, at Sugarloaf Mountain. The Sugarloaf Ski Club Community Fund also grants money from its own General Fund. These monies are available for CVA scholarship grants.

The SRSEF funds include resources from the Brook Gallup Fund for snowboard athletes; and the Amos G. Winter Fund, the Dan McKay and Mike Waddle funds for entry fees and out-of-state

travel for Maine competitors. Amos G. Winter was noted for his encouragement of local girls and boys who wanted to ski. The Brook Gallup Fund commemorates a young snowboarder who grew up in Kingfield.

The Ayotte Fund, in memory of Dick and Martha Ayotte, has also served many local SAD #58 skiers and snowboarders for a number of years.

The scholarship grants are partial, and are intended to help those who might not be able

to participate without some assistance. Applicants must complete an application form and include a letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach or other unrelated adult. A common single application form is used for all programs and funds. Application forms will be available at the Sugarloaf Ski Club office (237-6955) at the Competition Center on the Mountain, at local schools, and at Ayotte's. They will be due in early November and should be mailed to Sugarloaf Ski Club, Village West #13, Carrabassett Valley, ME 04947. ▲

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## CVA's Chip Cochrane named USSA Domestic Coach of the Year

*Although he feels winning is the ultimate fun, Cochrane also realizes he's teaching kids lessons that they'll carry into their everyday life, in the real world.*

Chip, head development coach for CVA, former coach of Bode Miller and current coach to Topolino medalist Ben Morse is, according to US Alpine Director, Jesse Hunt, a great contributor to the ski community at the club level.

"He has done a tremendous job for a number of years," Hunt said. "He's an ex-athlete himself. In the past, his most

notable athlete was Bode. This season, the clincher was Topolino. He went with the ski team and then Ben Morse podiumed."

While Cochrane knows international ski racing on the regional level, he's a man with a plan.

"He's really there on the international level along with

contributing within the region," Hunt said. "He helped orchestrate a speed program at Sugarloaf this season. He's also on the Eastern youth committee representing his thoughts to the youth of the sport. It shows through his athletes' performance."

Reflecting on the award Cochrane said, "I'm very honored to have gotten it, to say the least. I work my hardest for the kids, and it's nice to get some results from that over the years. That's the reason for getting it- for the kids. I was surprised to get the award because I didn't think anyone was really watching me. I wouldn't be able to do what I do without the support of Sugarloaf and CVA."

"To me," Cochran continued, "a main goal is getting the

athletes to believe in themselves by self-motivation while having them light their own flame. I want them to want to win on their own. All athletes eventually have to come around to that. I try and turn them onto the fun parts of the sport along with hard work."

"Winning is the ultimate fun, and hard work equates to winning. They can carry that onto their everyday life, in the real world. That is what I love to see," Cochran concluded.

In addition to Cochrane's USSA Coach of the Year distinction, Doug Williams, CVA's Alpine Program Director, was previously selected USSA International Coach of the Year and USSA/USOC Development Coach of the Year. ▲

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# Are you fit to ski?

By Jeff (Hawk) Hawksley

*When you watch someone with good skills from the chairlift, what do you see? Here's what the Hawk sees!*

Imagine yourself riding the Spillway chair lift. Looking up the hill you see skiers of all different skill levels. Some have chosen a fast, large radius line, others are making short radius turns, while some are battling the bump line under the lift. You see snowboarders, telemark skiers and alpine skiers. You might think that the physical elements to be skillful at either sport are quite different. But in reality that is not the case. All of those folks on the hill that impress you with their skill have several things in common.

**NOW WHAT?? TRAIN!!!!**  
Believe it or not getting fit to ski at the recreational level is not all that difficult. You don't need to immediately join a gym or hire a trainer. Perhaps a trainer could help you by designing a program for you and perhaps a session to teach the workout, but you should be able to do the workouts on your own. You also don't need to go out and purchase

*...basically it takes a body that is in balance in the physical sense... strong legs, core, back, shoulders, and metabolic fitness...dynamic flexibility...and base cardiovascular fitness.*

When you watch someone with good skills from the lift what do you see? Well, this is what I see. I see excellent balance. I see a strong and dynamically active lower body and calm stable core and upper body. I also see cardiovascular fitness and endurance sufficient to perform skillfully from the top of Spillway to the bottom of the run. So basically it takes a body that is in balance in the physical sense: strong legs, core, back, shoulders and metabolic fitness. Another essential element is dynamic flexibility that allows the body to move into and out of sometimes extreme positions. Flexibility also helps prevent injury and allows less energy to be expended to perform certain skills. Base cardiovascular fitness allows the body to recover while riding the chair.

expensive training equipment. There are a few things you do need however: A Swiss ball, a jump rope, pairs of dumbbells from 10lbs to 25lbs at 5lb increments. Later on perhaps, you can add a couple of Dyna Discs to your equipment as your training progresses.

## **TRAIN WHAT???? EVERYTHING!!!**

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# Carrabassett Valley Outdoor Association

By John McCatherin

*By Sugarloaf Ski Club standards, we're Johnny-come-latelies. But on Homecoming Weekend we'll be just as visible at our well-staffed booth and our outdoor fly casting demonstrations, among other things.*

We're CVOA -- the Carrabassett Valley Outdoor Association -- a group started by a handful of Carrabassett Valley area residents about seven-and-a-half years ago and that now numbers over 500 members.

The immediate concern back then was that we needed to work with area landowners to help ensure access to private lands in our region in the future, a goal that had been somewhat threatened by hikers, bikers and others (we won't call them sportsmen) who were littering and otherwise mistreating private lands.

Our initial concern is still a primary one. We conduct annual clean-up patrols of virtually all heavily-used trails on private property in the area. As a group, we take part in cleanups along the roads in the region. And as individuals, we constantly hike and bike the trails and pick up litter and correct or report instances of damage to the area's recreational infrastructure.

But far from that original handful, CVOA is now composed of members from all over Maine, dozens of other states and Canada and is recognized as a leader in



helping to create recreational opportunities and plan and organize major outdoor activities throughout New England.

Its annual schedule included 30 different activities this year, including among other things,

hiking, mountain climbing, cross-country and downhill skiing, snowshoeing, fishing, canoeing, and social events. We also conduct an annual ski trip with 40 of us off this coming year to Sun Valley in

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late January. Some of our destinations this past year have been Big Sky in Montana, Tuckerman's Ravine for spring skiing, Mt. Katahdin in Baxter State Park, the Kennebec River via canoe, Borestone Mountain and Peaks Kenny State Park in Dover Foxcroft, and Cobscook State Park and the Bold Coast hike along the Atlantic way down east.

CVOA's major asset is its shooting range on 30-plus acres of land leased from the Carrabassett Valley Sanitary District about 1.7 miles north of the Sugarloaf access road on Rt. 27. That's where we

have developed both trap and range capabilities for safe and organized recreational shooting – something that has not previously existed in our region.

One of our Homecoming Week end events will be a trap shoot on Sunday, Oct. 7, running from 9 a.m. to noon.

And our final 2007 outing will be the weekend after Homecoming when about 40 of us converge on Mt. Desert Island for a weekend of climbing in Acadia National Park, biking on its beautiful trails, golf at Kebo Valley and pubbing in downtown Bar Harbor.

For more information, contact John McCatherin at 235-2121, Valley Crossing #6, Carrabassett Valley, ME 04947. Check out the web site: [www.carrabassettvalleyoutdoorassociation.com](http://www.carrabassettvalleyoutdoorassociation.com) ▲

## Are you fit?

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day you train - at least three times per week - you would integrate the following: core stabilization and strength, muscular strength and joint stabilization, balance, flexibility and cardio.

The very best training program that can be done is the one that you will do. Almost all programs end because of starting with too much training volume and intensity. All training should be systematically progressed. Keep the following in mind to ensure making physical adaptations as well as sticking with your training.  
Time: Short to long.  
Volume: Low to High  
Intensity: Low to High  
Resistance: Light to Heavy  
Balance: Stable to unstable.

if you can follow a systematic workout plan for 30 to 45 minutes 3 times per week you will make great gains. If you train for 10 to 15 minutes with basic core stabilization and flexibility you will do a lot of good as well.

**ANY TRAINING IS BETTER THAN NO TRAINING!!!!**

**GOOD LUCK!!**

**TRAIN SMART AND LAUGH OFTEN!**

*Jeff (Hawk) Hawksley is the CVA Men's Alpine Coach and Conditioning Trainer ▲*

# Farmington Travel



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# Founding Fathers

Second in a series of thumbnail sketches of the members of the original 1956 Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation Board of Directors.  
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## RICHARD H. (DICK) BELL

He started skiing on a rope tow next to his house in Farmington. Then on to Titcomb Hill, where a lift was later named for him. Finally, Dick Bell worked with the fledgling Sugarloaf Ski Club in the early days of our Mountain, and his intense interest in skiing and Sugarloaf never abated.

In 1968, Bell had one of his many superlative ideas for the Mountain, a ski in-ski out chapel. In his usual high-energy way, he did everything: spear-headed the fund-raising drive; contributed himself; helped to over-see the actual building; and later chronicled this part of Sugarloaf's expansion, along with other events in its early development.

Dick Bell studied to be a doctor, following in his father's footsteps, but ended up owning Currier Insurance, which he called "the next best thing". "He spent his life giving to others," says daughter Elizabeth (Buffy) Bell- Folsom. He was Director of Civil Defense and a Constable in Farmington, held badge #1 in the National Ski Patrol, served as Secretary and Clerk of Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation, and was a talented amateur photographer with his own darkroom - a true Maine Renaissance man.

## HORACE CHAPMAN

Horace Chapman could easily have won a prize for the earliest skier in the East. According to his son John, he first skied in 1917 when he graduated from Williams College. After service in World War I, Horace went into the family business, the famed Bangor House Hotel, but his heart was always in the woods. He loved skiing, fishing, and hunting, climbed Mt. Katahdin in the winter, and once shot two bobcats with a bow and arrow.

A lifelong resident of Bangor, Chapman organized skiing for the Air Force base there during World War II and became the first President of the Penobscot Valley Ski Club after the War. A



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chance meeting with Amos Winter at Pinkham Notch in 1946 turned him toward the Sugarloaf area. Horace hiked up Bigelow Mt. (the preferred ski mountain then, before Flagstaff was flooded) with Amos, son John and young Stub Taylor. His thick glasses covered with snow, he was in his element.

He quickly became active in the Maine Ski Council, which was charged with finding "THE BEST" mountain for skiing in Maine. Perhaps because of Amos Winter's superior salesmanship ("You can ski in June!"), Sugarloaf was chosen, and Horace Chapman joined first the Sugarloaf Ski Club, then the Board of Directors, investing in Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation and continuing to ski at "The Loaf" for many years. ▲

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