



Sugarloaf Ski Club

NEWS

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Ski Club Mission

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.

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Ski Club Members:
 Approx. 1,500

President's Message

Stephen Arner

Thanks to all of the members who were able to attend our annual meeting this past Saturday, December 6. We had a nice group join us for the meeting and the social event following the meeting. Thanks to Nancy Holliday for organizing the tasty food! Our annual election resulted in the re-election of myself as President, Kim Kearing as Vice-President, Phil Hunter as Treasurer, and Bruce Miles as Secretary for officers, and Tracy Goller, Erik Kankainen, Christine Kendall, Peter W. Smith, and Patrick Willihan re-elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors. Thanks to all for their volunteer service for the Club.

As Phil informed us at the meeting, the Club is in strong financial shape. We continue to help local youth get out on the snow, supporting King's Kids, ski/skate programs at local schools, local non-profit ski areas, and offering a variety of scholarships. We are awarding over \$100,000 in scholarships this season (including King's Kids). None of this would be possible without your ongoing support, for which we are thankful.

We also heard from Glenn Parkinson with the Maine Ski & Snowboard Museum (<https://www.maineskiandsnowboardmuseum.org/>). The museum is looking for docents to volunteer at the museum on the access road for a couple of hours on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. We also welcomed Sugarloaf's new competition director, Greg Towle. And we observed a moment of silence for Lev Steeves, who passed away last January, and for Clermont ("Clem") Begin, who passed away December 1. Both were pillars of the Sugarloaf community. Clem and his wife, Rolande, made substantial contributions to the Club, the Carrabassett Valley Public Library, Carrabassett Valley Academy, Maine Huts & Trails, and the R.H. Bell Chapel, among other organizations. And Clem, through Sugarloaf Construction Co. which he formed in 1971, built the Outdoor Center, the King Pine Room addition to the base lodge, and

designed the climbing wall at the Anti-Gravity Center. A funeral mass is set for Saturday, May 23, 2026, at 11 am at Sugarloaf's Bell Chapel (it will also be live streamed). A memorial reception honoring Clem will immediately follow the mass in the King Pine Room.



In happier news, on the heels of the Sugarloaf Ski Club celebrating its 75th anniversary, Sugarloaf itself has started celebrating its 75th anniversary as well. Save the date of March 14 for a gala event celebrating Sugarloaf's anniversary. And the 75th anniversary season is shaping up to be a good one. We've had several snowstorms, and consistent cold weather allowing for snowmaking, the mountain has largely rebounded from a big rain storm. The mountain opened this year with Double Runner and Skyline, but the terrain and lift openings continue to expand. King Pine is scheduled to open later this week. The Locals Race League has its first race and will start back up again in January, with the Rack looking to repeat as champions for the third year in a row after a long stint at the top for the Bag.

Finally, we have a few events coming up that you may want to add to your calendar. We have member appreciation socials scheduled for January 13, February 10, and March 10, at Shipyard, and a potluck on April 7. The McKay-Waddle Race is scheduled for February 16, and the 45th annual Golf Classic scheduled for June 22. And our next annual meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2026.

See you on the hill!

Steve Arner

President, Sugarloaf Ski Club

Upcoming Events

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

January 13

Tuesday Social Shipyard

February 10: 4:30

Tuesday Social Shipyard

February 16: 4:30

McKay-Waddle
Scholarship Race

February 26-27

WinterKids Downhill 24
www.winterkids.org

March 7: 7-9pm

CVA Scholarship Bash
Bill & Joan Alford Competition Center

March 10: 4:30

Tuesday Social Shipyard

March 14

Vintage Ski Day
75th Aniv Gala: King Pine Room
<https://www.sugarloaf.com/events>

April 7: 5pm

Pot Luck Social
Gondola Room
Bill & Joan Alford Competition Center

May 10

Sugarloaf Marathon

June 22

45th Annual Golf Classic

Kagan Cup Winners



Kagan Cup 2026 The overall A Mogul Competition winners were Chase Littlefield & Murphy Jane Knight

Yes, I would like to be a member of the Sugarloaf Ski Club!



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I've been a member since: _____

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Sugarloaf Mountain officially opened for the 2025–26 winter season on Friday, November 21, kicking off the resort's 75th anniversary Winter.

The first 75 guests in line received a commemorative 75th anniversary face buff. This season skiers and riders will have the chance to earn additional limited-edition items by hitting 25, 50, and 75 days on the hill this season. A Big party is scheduled March 14 in King Pine room. Full anniversary details are available at Sugarloaf.com/75.



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A scenic winter landscape featuring snow-capped mountains in the background, a dense forest of evergreen trees in the middle ground, and a frozen lake in the foreground. A person wearing a bright green jacket and dark pants is ice skating on the frozen lake. The sky is overcast and grey.

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Being a docent at the Maine Ski and Snowboard Museum is both fun and rewarding. It is fun because docents have the opportunity to meet other individuals that share a passion for our great sport, its history and its evolution throughout the past century and beyond. Visitors are interested to see, touch and feel the many items on exhibit. Almost every visitor will comment that "those were my first/favorite pair of boots/skis" or some other item. They have fond memories of the many individuals or locations that are depicted in the many posters and articles. For most people it is a walk down memory lane.

It's rewarding because so many of the items relate directly to, or indirectly, to Sugarloaf. Folks invariably remember their first time here. They invariably will tell how this has been "their mountain" forever. They will tell about the many places that they have skied around the world but Sugarloaf is "home". Other areas may be bigger or better but this is the best! Folks frequently inquire about what it's like to live and ski here. It's our pleasure to give them our special spin on how fortunate we are to live here in the "Valley".

There's nothing better. So if you want to spread the love, take a few hours and be a Maine Ski and Snowboard Museum docent. You'll get more out of it than you put in.

Docents needed on Saturdays and Sundays ~ 12-2; 2~4 ~ January/February/March

Just 2 hour commitments

Contact Glenn Parkinson @ parkinson.glenn@gmail.com



Docents Josh, Jeannette, Sue & Mike



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



Boomauger Ski & 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 (now at \$1.3 million) 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. For a list of donors visit our website.

Seventh season accomplishments

Winter 2025 King's Kids funded the following:

- Kids from RSU 58, RSU 74, Stratton, and Rangeley participated in the 8-Sunday PM Boomauger program through the Sugarloaf Perfect Turn 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 and helped fund Titcomb's new TBar
- 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 2026 season:

We are funding 50% of the cost of The RSU58 and Stratton Ski/ Skate programs.

Kids come up during school week to Ski, Snowboard, Skate or Xcountry Ski

The Boomauger program provides 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 operating under 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."

– Parent



Stratton Elementary Schoolkids were given a bonus day of skiing and riding provided by Sugarloaf Ski Club and the King's Kids Fund.



Boomauger Snowboarders



Young Boomaugers get a ride on Moose Caboose

Annual WinterKids Downhill 24, Presented by Agrens

This year's WinterKids Downhill 24 will take place Feb 26-27. Teams will ski or snowboard 24 hours straight and raise money for WinterKids. Volunteers are needed. You can register to volunteer at Winterkids.org

The Sugarloaf Ski Club "Supersquad" team will be participating once again. Last year "SuperSquad" was a group of 12 amazing young Sugarloafers led by Captain JJ Sevigny. Collectively they raised over \$30,000 for WinterKids. This put them in first place for "Kid's teams" and second place overall in funds raised. The team members were Robinson Jones, Suzy Hauser, Niven Wilder-Labrum, Lily Hauser, JJ Sevigny, Flynn Marden, Avery Lajoie, Thomas Ricker, James Ricker, Peter Cote, Nolan Browne and Gavin Johnson. When the "Kids Cup" winner was determined, SuperSquad came out on top.

The Sugarloaf Ski Club is so grateful to these young Sugarloafers for putting in the hours to participate in a very important event. While it is a lot of fun, the event is so important to the Ski Club's mission of helping local youth be able to afford to ski or snowboard. The club got to keep half of the \$30k that was raised by the team. The club was involved heavily in the DH24 supplying many volunteers to help with running the event. Last year's DH24 raised more than \$700,000.

Special thanks go to our 3 moms, Jamie, Megan, Lindsay

and grandmom Suzanne for all the work they put into this adventure.

Four of our team members, James, Gavin, Peter and Thomas skied all 24 hours. Our Captain, JJ, earned the Silver Boot for being the second highest individual fundraiser, raising over \$39k. Those accomplishments greatly helped the point tallies. When the "Kids Cup" winner was determined, SuperSquad came out on top.

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OLYMPICS BOUND

Sugarloaf Ski Club member and CVA grad Sam Morse has qualified for the 2026 Winter Olympics in Cortina / Milan Italy. He is one of 6 male members of the U S Ski Team to qualify for the Alpine races. Sam will be competing in the Downhill, Feb 7, Super G , Feb 11 and Team Combined Feb. 9. All men's races will take place at Bormio Italy. Sam has been working hard to qualify for the Olympics. Recent successes have been two top 20 finishes in Super G at Wengen & Kitzbuehel.



The winners of the 2026 Bill Bousum trophy Preston Ponitz and Madison Lambert

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Sugarloaf Locals Racing

The Locals Race Series kicked off with Draft Night on Dec 3rd at Widowmaker.

After teams were all announced we ended up with 7 teams this year.

They are The Rack, The Bag, D'Ellies, The Red Pony, Tufulios, Shipyard and The Sugarloaf Ski Club (special thanks to The Brickyard Hollow for sponsoring the ski club team).

As of Jan 26, Two races have been completed and The Bag is in first place followed closely The Rack. They will be competing through the season for the "Lev Steeves Cup" named in honor of past Ski Club President and Locals Ski Racing supporter Lev Steeves.

The series is scheduled to conclude March 11, with an end of race season party at The Rack



Barbara & Jeannette keeping tabs on the draft process.





2026 Webber Cup Winners Abraham Musty and Bobbi Jo Griffing Being presented award by Jay Marshall.

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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!

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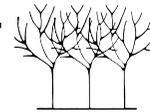


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