



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 Ginny Bousum

I am happy to report that our membership numbers are growing!

Belonging to the Sugarloaf Ski Club has different meanings to folks. Some belong for the camaraderie of fellow Sugarloafers as we enjoy skiing and socializing all season long. Others join to meet families who have young ones in the ski programs. Some have even belonged since Sugarloaf was first opened over 70 years ago!

Your membership allows the Ski Club to have a full-time Executive Director to keep administrative tasks completed. This included overseeing the successful King's Kids campaign that raised a million dollars to endow our ski and snowboard scholarship programs for local kids. The fund also enables us to help the 3 non profit areas of Titcomb, Spruce and Baker Mtns which are located in Franklin county. The Ski Club's King's Kids Fund has surpassed its target and will continue to grow and ensure the future inclusion in ski programs for local kids.

Your membership support is vital to the sustainability of the programs, people and organizations that our Ski Club

supports. For example, the Ski Club helps make it possible for local students to be included in skiing and snowboarding programs at Sugarloaf including the Ski/ Skate program at all local schools. The Ski Club and Sugarloaf's Perfect Turn have a program on eight Sundays called "Boom Augers" which allows local youth to learn to ski and ride with instruction and rental equipment for the low cost of just \$40 for all eight sessions. There is also a Nordic

Boom Augers for just \$8. Over 120 kids from Eustis, Rangeley, Carrabassett Valley, Kingfield, Solon, Anson, New Portland, North Anson, Strong and Phillips are benefitting from this program.

Beyond the kids' programs, your

Ski Club membership also supports the competition center at Sugarloaf, the Ski Museum of Maine, and MARA (Maine Alpine Racing Association.) Our members should all be proud of the contributions they have made — and hopefully have found it fun to belong as well. Thanks for joining the Sugarloaf Ski Club and remember as a non-profit organization, all Ski Club dues and gifts are fully tax deductible.

Ginny



Coaches Chip and Lani Cochrane take a break in the locker room.

Ski Club Events Calendar

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

**Due to COVID-19
restrictions on gatherings,
at this time indoor social
events are postponed**

February 3, 2022

Olympics start

February 21, 2022

McKay / Waddle Race

March 4-5, 2022

WinterKids

Downhill24

Volunteers needed contact

Bruce at Theclub@sugarloafskiclub.com

June 24, 2022

Annual Ski Club Golf Tournament
for Ayotte Scholarship Fund

June 25, 2022

Kingfield POPS returns

October 7, 2022

Swig & Swing Golf Tournament
to support King's Kids Fund



Ski Club volunteer Cindy Foster was presented with a lifetime membership to the Ski Club. Cindy is heading West to be closer to children and grandchildren

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



Name: _____ Address: _____

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() Individual \$30 () Couple \$50 () Family \$60 () This is a renewal

I've been a member since: _____

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Robert Anderson ready to attack the race course. Circa 60s.



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



40th Annual McKay/Waddle Scholarship Races

Presented by Sugarloaf Ski Club and Carrabassett Coffee

Monday Feb 21, 2022 is the scheduled date for this year's races in memory of Dan McKay and Mike Waddle. This GS format fun race is held each year on President's Day with the proceeds going to the Sugarloaf Ski Club's McKay -Waddle scholarship fund which is named after these two racers. The fund was established to honor their memory and to help young ski and snowboard competitors defray the costs of travel expenses and entry fees. This year's event is being presented by Carrabassett Coffee, and sponsored by CSM, Darling's Auto, Acadia Lending, Lucas Tree Experts, D'Ellies, Jordan

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The fund was started in the early 1980's by the families of Dan McKay and Mike Waddle, two young Alpine racers who died tragically in separate accidents. These two, were good friends as well as competitors who trained with the Sugarloaf Junior Racing program and raced throughout the state of Maine and New England. They exemplified the "spirit of Sugarloaf" with their determination and style. Both Mike and Dan were avid speed

racers competing in many Downhill events. Even though they skied very fast and were always on the edge, this was not the cause of the accidents that took their lives while they were young men. Dan died in a mountaineering accident and Mike was the victim of a commercial fishing tragedy.

It was and still is important to the families of these courageous and crazy young men that their legacies live on. Thus, the McKay-Waddle Scholarship fund was started in 1982 with a fun race on Lower Competition Hill to benefit others.

So please come out and enjoy a few hours of racing

and a great awards gathering at the Jean Luce Building.

All prizes for competitors will be randomly drawn in bib raffle style. Age grouped place ribbons will also be awarded. Everyone will receive a uniquely designed commemorative t shirt. And weather permitting a light lunch served at the Jean Luce building

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“The Podium Project”

Since the very beginning, CVA, the Sugarloaf Ski Club, and Sugarloaf have partnered to create ski and snowboard competition programs that provide young athletes with more than medals. They serve as an important platform to set and achieve ambitious goals, raise aspirations, and connect with athletes from around the world. Today that commitment deepens, and it is with great excitement that we announce the launching of The Podium Project.

The Podium Project is about “raising the bar” for student athletes by building the country’s best ski and snowboard training venue, right here at Sugarloaf. It takes two excellent training and racing trails, Narrow Gauge and Competition Hill, to the next level, by adding a high-speed surface lift and state-of-the-art snowmaking.

CVA Head of School Kate Punderson shares, “Our community has been dreaming about this project for 30 years, and with the support of our partners, and the dedication of the CVA and Sugarloaf communities, I am confident the vision will now become a reality for current and future generations.”

The goal is for T-bar construction to begin in the spring of 2022, with the lift spinning by November 2022. At 1200’ length and 380’ vertical gain, the new T-bar will be located just above the Peavey Crosscut between Narrow



Ski Club Director Bruce Miles presents a check for \$25,000 to CVA Development Director Alex Godomsky

Gauge and Comp Hill. Comp Hill will also be widened to accommodate more training space. Installing a high-speed T-bar will optimize athlete’s time on-snow and greatly improve training. Coupled with higher density snowmaking, and trail-widening, this will provide an ideal training environment for our student athletes.

In the words of CVA alumnus and US Ski Team Head Men’s Alpine Coach Forest Carey, “Simply put, we look for quality snow and quick turnaround time to maximize training. With a T-bar between Narrow Gauge and Comp Hill, Sugarloaf will have it all.”



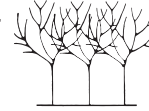
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This event is a major fundraiser for the WinterKids organization. WinterKids is a nonprofit dedicated exclusively to increasing outdoor physical activity in children and families during our longest and most sedentary season. The goal of DH24 this year is to raise One million dollars to help fund this mission.

This is a huge event and there are many ways to get involved. You can register as a DH24 team or as a volunteer to help run the event. There are many facets to this event and many opportunities to be involved. For more info on participating, go to <https://winterkids.org/downhill-24>

To volunteer on this great event, contact Bruce Miles at Ski Club office. Theclub@sugarloafskiclub.com



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For local kids 15 and under

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 for the King's

Kids initiative to help kids 15 and under in Franklin and Somerset counties learn to alpine ski, snowboard, and nordic ski and to support other local initiatives.

Third year accomplishments

Last winter King's Kids funded the following:

- Kids from RSU 58, 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 Snow Cats learn to ski and snowboard program for RSU 9 kids
- Baker Mountain in Bingham and Spruce Mountain in Jay were given funds by King's Kids to reduce lift tickets for kids to \$5 during February vacation.
- Many local children received scholarships to Sugarloaf Mini & Bubblecuffer programs (in addition to significant monies from other club funds).
- We awarded \$2000 each to Stratton, Kingfield and Solon Elementary Schools to help them by Nordic Ski equipment for their students to use.

New last season:

We launched a Nordic Boomauger Program at the Sugarloaf Outdoor Center. For just \$1 per session, kids received lessons, trail access and rental equipment for five Sunday sessions.

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 over, at the end of the Pandemic, King's Kids 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

Thanks to these generous folks, we have attained our goal of raising over One Million Dollars for the King's Kids Endowment Fund

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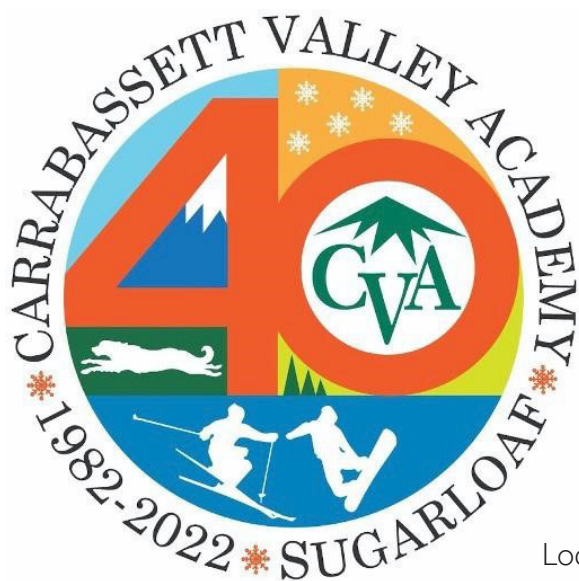
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CVA is Turning 40

In 2022, Carrabassett Valley Academy (CVA) is celebrating their 40th year of providing college preparatory academics and competitive ski and snowboard training, to student-athletes right here at Sugarloaf Mountain.

With the milestone right around the corner, you'll be seeing some new logos around The Loaf, on the apparel and gear of CVA student-athletes, and the greater community. CVA is proud to reveal the 40th logo, and the artist behind it, to you..

Local artist Claudia Diller partnered with CVA to design the commemorative logo. As one of the most esteemed Maine artists, Claudia has called our state home since she was a teenager. Essentially self-taught, her work is an honest reflection of her own mental meandering, and a diary of the way she sees the world.

As the original designer of the CVA logo and the Big Dog icon, Claudia saw this as an opportunity to pay homage to the original logo, while showing how CVA has grown over the last 40 years. As a former CVA parent, she wanted to "conjure up the original spirit of CVA" in her design, including some iconic CVA images – the Big Dog, skiing, snowboarding, and The Loaf itself.

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*Hiring of the first CVA Head of School Bruce Colon.
Front left to right, Ginny Bousum, Jean Luce, Bruce Colon,
Back Art Currier, King Cummings, Robert Boylestad*

Beautifully designed, Claudia has captured the vibrancy of CVA, as well as the collective spirit, and balance, between Sugarloaf, CVA, and the community.

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The Kirsten Clark League and Junior Bump League which are team scoring style competitions have a full slate of competitions this year.

We have also had several FIS Alpine races that occurred before Christmas.

After a year off, the annual Bill Bousum race which is named in honor of the late Bill Bousum, a tireless volunteer, was held on Dec 31. It was a Giant Slalom for boys and girls U14 and younger.

The Kagan Cup, a premier Eastern A Mogul meet was held over Jan 8 and 9. This two event was held in honor of Irv & Paula Kagan who were not only tireless Freestyle volunteers but also instrumental in the advancement of Freestyle as a major skiing competitive sport.



The 35th annual scheduled Bill Bousum race was held on December 31. The top finishers were Lucia Littlefield and Rocco Lazzaro from CVA.

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Kagan Cup The 22nd annual scheduled Kagan Cup was held on January 8 and 9. The winners of the combined two day event were Skyleer Slattene of Stratton Mountain School and Jack Petrone of Killington Mountain School.

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US SKI TEAM member and CVA Alum. Sam Morse

The Narrow Gauge Trail will once again host the nation's best alpine ski racers when Sugarloaf hosts the Toyota U.S. Alpine Championships and NorAm Finals March 20-April 1, 2022—the final leg of the 2022 HomeLight Alpine Foundation Series.

This will be the eighth time Sugarloaf has hosted the nation's premier alpine racing event, having previously hosted the championships in 1996, 1997, 2006, 2008, 2015, 2017, and 2019. Sugarloaf also hosted the stand alone Women's National Downhill Championships in 1982.

The 2022 event will come on the heels of the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing, China, and is expected to feature a number of

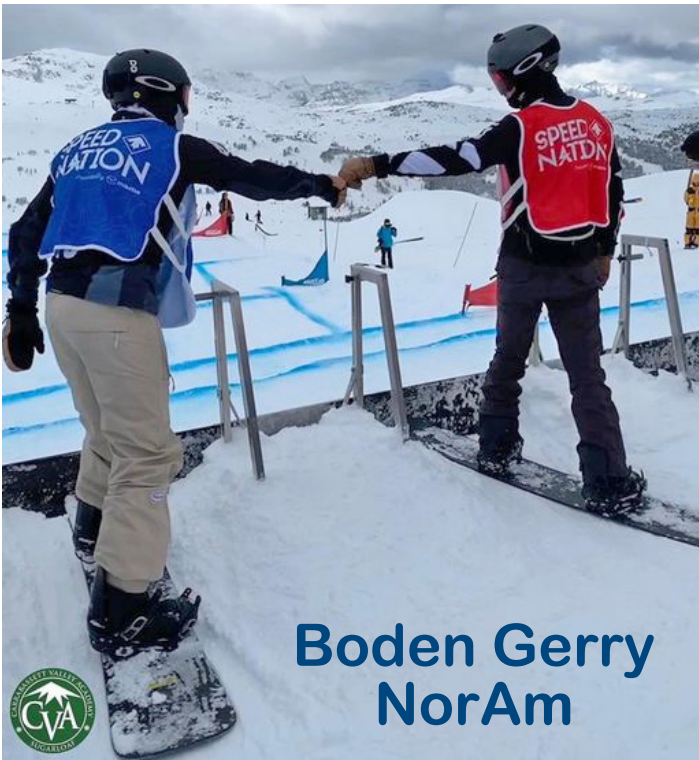
Olympic athletes, along with many of the top racers on the U.S. Alpine Ski Team.

Among those athletes will be Sugarloaf native Sam Morse, a member of the U.S. Alpine Ski Team who grew up in Carrabassett Valley, attended Kingfield Elementary School and graduated from Carrabassett Valley Academy.

"Sugarloaf has a proud tradition of hosting some of the world's premier ski racing events, and we're honored to have the U.S. Alpine Championships return for 2022," Sugarloaf General Manager Karl Strand said. "Having this event on the heels of the Olympics will only add to the excitement of what is already one of the country's best alpine racing showcases."

Over the years the Narrow Gauge trail has hosted many of the world's biggest alpine events, including men's and women's World Cup races in 1971, and in 1984 hosted the first official FIS Alpine Junior World Championships held in the US. .

"Sugarloaf has been a great partner for decades," noted Lindsay Arnold, U.S. Ski & Snowboard Event Director. "Their hospitality in welcoming the ski racing community is unmatched. We are thrilled they are hosting not only the Toyota U.S. Alpine Championships but also welcoming back the NorAm Finals. We look forward to a great two weeks of watching the top North American athletes compete!"



Boden Gerry NorAm

Results are in! Boden Gerry '24 (in the blue bib) finished 12th overall at the Speed Nation SBX NorAm tour at Banff Sunshine Village. At 15 years old, he is the youngest age eligible for participating at the FIS level for snowboarding.

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My husband and I moved full-time to Sugarloaf 20 years ago. We have been Sugarloaf Ski Club Members for many years. The Club was instrumental in our children's success as competitive Alpine Skiers, THANK YOU! Henry skis for St. Lawrence University, Emma skis for University of New Hampshire and Luke will be heading to a D1 college for 2021-22.

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