



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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President's Message Stephen Arner

The ski season at Sugarloaf is winding down as I write this, although the resort was lucky enough to get a surprise 12" of powder on April 9. And the snow really was powdery, not the heavy stuff one might expect at this time of year. ReggaeFest is firing up this weekend, with a bit more snow in the forecast. The mountain will be open through the weekend of April 27, with hope to be open into early May. To date, the mountain is reporting 160" of snow accumulation this winter. That is below the reported 200" average snowfall that some sources claim for Sugarloaf, but actually a bit higher than the average if you look only at the data going back to 2012-13. I was surprised to find that in a few seasons (dating back to the late 1960s) Sugarloaf has received less than 70" of snow in a season! At any rate, it certainly felt like the number of wind holds was higher than average, but I didn't try to find statistics to back up my perception.

Meanwhile, the Ski Club is in great shape and already preparing for next season. The club has over a million dollars in assets and plans to award over \$100,000 in ski and snowboard scholarships next year (including Kings' Kids). Athletes we have supported continue to excel in multiple disciplines, including alpine, ski and snowboard cross, freestyle, rail jams, and moguls. We plan to continue mailing out newsletters and supporting social events, in addition to our main focus of providing opportunities for youth to participate in and excel in skiing and snowboarding. The pot luck social at the Competition Center this week was well-attended and it seemed to me a good time was had by all. Many also gathered a few days prior to that to attend a celebration of life for Leverett ("Lev") Steeves, who passed away

in January. Most of you no doubt knew Lev and know that he was a dedicated race volunteer and was integral to the locals race league for more than three decades. The locals race league trophy has been named the Lev Steeves Cup in his honor; and additionally, the Volunteer of the Year Award will now also bear his name (along with Gleason Rand's). Lev will be missed but his legacy remains.

We plan to continue Tuesday night socials next ski season and will likely be working in conjunction with Sugarloaf to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Club and Sugarloaf. If you have any ideas regarding social events, or would like to assist with them, we'd love to hear from you! Indeed, your input regarding any of the Club's events and plans is welcome.

We have a few events coming up that you may want to add to your calendar. First up, is the 44th Annual Golf Classic scheduled for June 20. There will be volunteer, sponsorship and tournament entry opportunities. Check the website for more details coming soon. Another club fundraiser, Swig and Swing, is scheduled to return October 10. And finally, our annual meeting is scheduled for December 6.

I hope everyone has a great summer and those interested are able to check out Sugarloaf's coming bike park and lift-serviced mountain biking, still on track to open this summer.

Steve Arner
President, Sugarloaf Ski Club



Upcoming Events

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

May 11

Sugarloaf Marathon

June 20

44th Annual
Ski Club Golf Classic
Sugarloaf Golf Club

June 28

Kingfield Pops

July 4

Bike Park opens

July 12

Carrabassett
Backcountry Challenge

October 10

Swig & Swing
Golf Tournament

October 11-12

Homecoming

December 6

Annual Club Meeting
& Social

Iron Man 2025



**The Paul Schipper 2025 Iron Man Award
this year goes to Dan Burgess.**

The Iron Man award was created in 1999 to honor the original Sugarloaf Iron Man Paul Schipper who for 24 years straight skied Sugarloaf every day the mountain was open for a total of 3,903 days. A complete story on Paul and a list of past recipients can be found on pages 45 & 46 of the Club's 75th aniv. magazine which is on our website.

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



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The 44th Annual Sugarloaf Ski Club Classic Golf Tournament

Presented by The Bag & Kettle and the Sugarloaf Golf Club

This year's event will take place on Friday, June 20th, at the Sugarloaf Golf Club. Ski Club Board members Patrick Willihan and Joe Tutlis will co-chair this important scholarship fund raising event for the Dick and Martha Ayotte Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The fee of \$700 per foursome is all inclusive with lunch, golf cart, Mulligan, all contests and Raffle. Many prizes will be awarded.



Thursday night June 19 will be a Pre Classic gathering at The Bag & Kettle

Friday morning June 20, 7:30 registration, 9:00 am Shotgun start Scramble format.

Awards and luncheon at Golf Club House included at 2:30 pm.

If you cannot play but your business or family would like to be a hole sponsor. The donation cost \$250..

The purpose of the Dick and Martha Ayotte Scholarship Fund is to assist needful youngsters who live in the Sugarloaf region with the costs associated with their ski and snowboard training programs at Sugarloaf Mountain. Next season the Club will be awarding over \$100,000 to assist local kids in being able to pursue their skiing and riding dreams. The Sugarloaf Ski Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and has been supporting ski and snowboard training and educational programs for kids since 1950..

For more information contact Bruce Miles at the Sugarloaf Ski Club email TheClub@sugarloafskiclub.com or sign up on the Sugarloaf Ski Club website www.sugarloafskiclub.com

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2025 Sugarloaf Locals Race Series

The season ended with The Rack team in first place for the second year in a row.

They beat out 6 other locals teams that were comprised of more than 130 ski & snowboard racers. As usual there were weather disruptions throughout the season but weather did not dampen the camaraderie of the locals teams or make for any less fierce competitions.

The biggest news for the Sugarloaf Locals racing series was not the results.

As a well deserved tribute to long time locals racer and volunteer, the annual locals team trophy will be forever named the "Lev Steeves Cup". As well as being a long time Competition Department volunteer, Lev worked many hours to insure that locals racers were scored fairly and accurately. Lev loved the Sugarloaf Locals Race Series and all it entailed. His physical presence will be missed but his locals spirit will live on.



Rack Team



Jay Reynolds of Team Bag displays the newly named "Lev Steeves Cup" trophy



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Pond Skimming

The Annual East Coast Pond Skimming Championships were held at Sugarloaf on Saturday April 19.

The event, as always had some successful and not successful attempts to skim across the ice cold water on "The Landing". Lots of young Sugarloafers joined in for the fun. Some as young as 8 years old. New for this year, Skimmers had two ponds to conquer. Some did one some did all. There were many thrills and spills.



A youngster entering the pond.



Snow Reporter Erica Jenson skimmed across as our Lady of Liberty

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Crusher Retires

A retirement celebration was held April 16 for Rich “Crusher” Wilkinson

Crusher has been an integral part of Sugarloaf’s team since starting here as a groomer in December of 1981. He has worn many hats across the mountain operations department. For the past 24 years he has led the entire division as the VP of Mountain Operations. He is one of a handful of team members who have dedicated the majority of their careers to this mountain; 43 years!

Sugarloaf team member Brent Larsen will be following Crusher as V P of Operations.



Police Chief mark Lopez subjects Crusher o a little roasting while he kicks back in his new Lay Z Boy recliner



Crusher hands his “seat” over to his replacement Brent Larsen.

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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.



Docents Josh, Jeannette, Sue & Mike

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".

Skiers and Snowboarders are happy and fun people. Why wouldn't they be? There's something about being out in a beautiful location, enjoying the surroundings with friends, and friends that you haven't yet met, and skiing down a mountain at whatever pace you want that is exhilarating! 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.



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



Over 140 local kids participating in 2025 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.

Sixth season accomplishments

Winter 2024 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
- All volunteer run Baker Mountain in Moscow and Spruce Mountain in Jay were given funds by King's Kids.
- Many local children received scholarship 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 2025 season:

We have the Boomauger Jr:pro program. This program is designed to train 14-15 year olds to become instructors of skiing or snowboarding.

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. Nordic Boomaugers is only \$8. King's Kids had a very successful fifth 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.



Sugarloaf Ski Club presents check for \$2,000 to help Baker Mtn provide skiing & riding services for local kids



Young Boomaugers get a ride on Moose Caboose

Titcomb T-Bar Fund

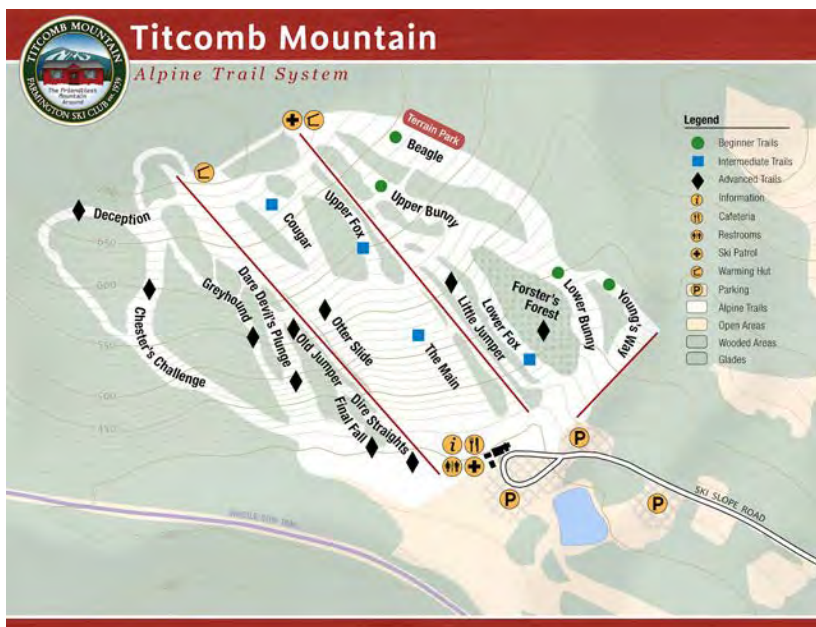
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Many Sugarloaf Ski Club members have made donations to the T-Bar Fund already.

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13th Annual WinterKids Downhill 24

This year's WinterKids Downhill 24 took place Feb 27-28. Teams skied and snowboarded 24 hours straight and raised over \$700,000.00 for WinterKids. The Sugarloaf Ski Club "Supersquad" team participated for its 4th year.

"SuperSquad" consisted 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" fundraising. The team members were Robinson Jones, Suzy Hauser, Niven Wilder-Labrum, Lily Hauser, JJ Sevigny, Flynn Marden, Thomas Ricker, James Ricker, Spencer Ricker, Annika Johnson, Sully Masterman and Margot Harris.

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 over \$30k that was raised by the team and WinterKids also awarded us \$10k to help us with our programs. The club was involved heavily in the DH24 supplying many volunteers to help with running the event.

Special thanks go to our 3 moms, Jamie, Megan, Lindsay and grandmom Suzanne for all the work they put into this adventure.

Five of our team members, Thomas, James & Spencer Ricker & Sully Masterman & Annika Johnson skied all 24 hours. (Annika also got in a run where she skinned up). Our Captain, JJ, was the top fundraiser in the kids category. All those accomplishments greatly helped the point tallies. When the "Kids Cup" winner was determined, SuperSquad came out on top once again.



SuperSquad 2025



WinterKids Executive Director Courtney Holub presents a check to Bruce Miles of the Sugarloaf Ski Club.



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VOLUNTEER Appreciation Party

The Sugarloaf Competition Dept's annual volunteer appreciation party was held on Sunday April 6.

Annually, an award is given to the outstanding volunteer of the year.

This award has been known as "The Gleason Rand Award", named after the late Dr. Gleason Rand since 1974. Starting this season the award has been renamed to add long time volunteer Lev Steeves' name to it.

Volunteer coordinator Mark Swisher presented the award to Phil Hunter, who earned the award in 2002 along with his wife Mary. Phil is the first volunteer to earn the newly named "Volunteer of the Year award in memory of Lev Steeves & Gleason Rand". Phil put in many hours on the hill working key jobs as finish and start referee for Alpine races and Chief of Scoring for Freestyle meets.

Also, time was taken during the party to honor long time Competition Center Director Jim McCormack. Jim will be leaving his post to take on new duties at Sugarloaf as Grooming Director. The lady volunteers led by Laura Schaefer resurrected a skit they did when Jim gained fame by solving a squirrel problem in the Luce building a few years back.



Mark Swisher presents Phil Hunter with Volunteer of the Year Award



Phil & Mary Hunter



Jim reflecting on his over 30 years involvement with the Competition Center.



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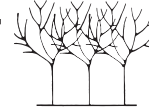


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