



Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club

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President's message

**Bruce Miles,
President, Sugarloaf Ski Club**

The Swamp Maples have turned bright red and the foliage will be in full bloom by the time you receive this newsletter. It's nice of Mother Nature to give us a couple of weeks of spectacular beauty before starting the dark and stark days of November. Hopefully the cold bare earth will be blanketed with stunning white snow in early November. I keep hoping we will open like we did in November 1968 with 34 inches of new snow.

September is such a busy month on the mountain. All the projects started in the summer take on a sense of urgency once Labor Day has passed and cold weather has begun. The full moon of September 18 brought with it some great frost which stirred up thoughts of skiing and riding. Once again Sugarloaf has invested in more snowmaking capacity. Let's hope we don't need to use it much this year.

A big change is in store for Sugarloafers. By now most of you have heard that Gepetto's has been sold to Sugarloaf. Lloyd Cuttler has decided to take life a little easier and only focus on one job, being a pilot for Delta.

I recently had a chance to talk with Lloyd and let him know how much he and Gepetto's have done for the area. Since Gepetto's opened its doors in 1976 they have been a true friend to the Sugarloaf Ski Club. Always advertising in our newsletter, and supplying us with gift certificates for prizes. They have also been very generous whenever a fundraiser was being held. I asked Lloyd to reflect on his 40 years in the Valley. He agreed, and you will find his article inside this newsletter.

The Ayotte Classic Golf tournament was held on September 20 under a beautiful cloudless



Left to Right: Sugarloaf Ski Club pioneers - Odlin Thompson, Amos Winter and Robert (Stub) Taylor

sky. Over 140 players were entered. I want to thank John Beaupre and Bob Thomas for hosting this very important fundraiser. I also want to thank Steve Pierce for all his help on securing sponsors. This has been a very important source of scholarship funds for the Dick and Martha Ayotte scholarship fund. The fund was started in 1982 in memory of storekeeper Dick Ayotte. Martha died just a few years later and her name was added to the fund. It has grown over the years to a sizeable endowment that helps insure that funds will be available year after year.

We have a great season planned for club members, starting with our new Oktoberfest dinner at the Outdoor Center on October 12th. Thank you Peter Van Alstine for organizing this event, and special thanks to Alfred Oberlechner for creating the German menu for us.

We will have monthly Tuesday socials starting in January, another fun beer tasting in February, and our annual Snowball in the Spring. All these events plus our BBQ's at the Jean Luce building will add to a fun season. I know you are all looking forward to the season as much as I am. Please stop by the Ski Club Homecoming booth when you come up to get your season Pass. We will have a great historical display set up.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon. As always, if you want to get more involved with the club, or just have questions, send me an email or give a call. ▲

2013 Event Calendar!

For more information on these events and to view our complete calendar of events, check out our web site: www.sugarloafskiclub.com

Homecoming Oct 12-13

Ski Club Desk in Base Lodge
Saturday 9-3 Sunday 9-12

CVA Open House at new Academic wing

Saturday Oct 12 3-6 pm
Dedication at 4:30

Oktoberfest Event

Saturday October 12 at Outdoor Center
Social for SSC members 4:30-5:30
Dinner for general public 5:30 PM
(must purchase dinner tickets by Oct. 8)

November 30

Competition Volunteers Social
Competition Center 5-7 pm

January 11 • Ski Club Annual Meeting

Carrabassett Library
Begin Community Room

January 25

Sugarloaf Charity Summit
www.sugarloaf.com/charity

February 8

Beer Tasting
Begin Community Room
Carrabassett Library

February 18

Spaghetti and Skating party
Sugarloaf Outdoor Center

March 29

19th Annual Snowball
King Pine Room
Base Lodge

Oktoberfest on Homecoming Weekend

Peter Van Alstine, Social Committee Chair

The Sugarloaf Ski Club is pleased to announce that it will be celebrating Oktoberfest during Homecoming Weekend on Saturday afternoon and early evening, October 12th, at the Outdoor Center. Festivities will begin at 4:30pm with a cocktail hour for all Sugarloaf Ski Club members, and prospective members. The cocktail hour will serve wine and will feature German beer.

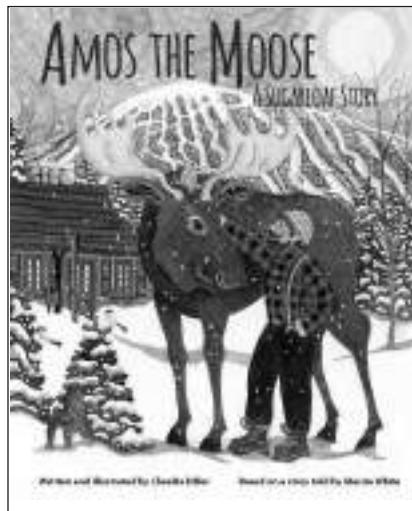
At 5:30pm, an Oktoberfest dinner will be served. The all-German dinner will feature cabbage soup, sauerkraut, bratwurst, potato, and apple strudel. Non-alcoholic beverages will be included, you may BYOB. This will be a fun event; Ski Club members and the general public are invited. The cost is \$20/person, children 12 and under are \$15 each.

Dinner tickets must be purchased by Tuesday, October 8, online at the Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club store, or send your request by email to sugarloafskiclub@roadrunner.com, or by phone 207-237-6955, for other payment options.

The Ski Club looks forward to seeing all Sugarloafers and Sugarloaf Ski Club members at Oktoberfest on October 12 at the Outdoor Center. ▲

Amos the Moose is on the loose

Amos the Moose - A Sugarloaf Story



There will be a book sale and signing on Saturday, October 12, from 2-4PM in the Sugarloaf shop in Village West for a new children's book about Amos the Moose. The book is how Amos the Moose came to be, and a fun history of the founding of Sugarloaf Mountain.

The book was written and illustrated by Ski Club member Claudia Diller, and is based on a story as told by Marcia White, the Director of Children's Services for Sugarloaf.

Advanced copies can be purchased through the Sugarloaf web site. ▲

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



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SSC scholarship news

By Ginny Bousum, Chairperson

The Ski Club and Sugarloaf Regional Ski Educational Foundation (SRSEF) Scholarship Committees made an adjustment this year to the deadline date for applications to take advantage of early discounts offered by Sugarloaf and CVA. In past years, the deadline followed Sugarloaf's Homecoming weekend and families could pick up applications in the base lodge.

Since Sugarloaf and CVA offer discounts (\$50 and \$75 respectively to participants who are registered by Homecoming) the committee wanted to put those savings to work when every dollar counts.

This year's deadline for applications was October 8th, allowing completed applications to be processed in time to apply the discount. All scholarship funds are limited and all contributions gratefully received.

Ski Club members make a huge contribution throughout the year just by participating in the several social events which, in addition to being fun, also raise funds for the scholarships. Also, the Town of Carrabassett Valley provides \$10,000 to the fund for local kids, which the Ski Club administers. The Ayotte Scholarship fund named in memory of Carrabassett residents Dick and Martha Ayotte is another major fund that provides us with money for scholarships. Many members also make additional contributions of all sizes when renewing their dues at the club's on-line store -- an easy way to help.

Be sure to visit www.sugarloafski-club.org often! The Spring awards program to help ski club athletes who have qualified for out-of-division competitions is detailed in the website. ▲

Fall Events at MH&T

Our First-Ever Harvest Dinner at the Stratton Brook Hut!

We'll be showcasing culinary creations by our talented hut staff at this first-ever event taking place at Stratton Brook on Saturday, September 28th at 6:00pm. Dinner will feature locally-sourced and in-season fall foods to celebrate the beginning of fall in delicious style! Beer and wine will also be served.

All are welcome to attend and the cost is \$120 for members and \$130 for non-members. Prices include dinner, overnight stay, and breakfast and lunch the following day, and are subject to additional taxes. For more information and to sign up, please contact lodging@mainehuts.org or call (207) 265-2400.

6th Annual Fall BBQ

This year's Annual Fall BBQ will be taking place at the Poplar Hut on Sunday, October 13th from 11:00am – 3:00pm. This year's menu will feature hearty, home-cooked items like squash soup, corn bread, pulled pork, baked beans, apple cider and more, plus beer and wine available for purchase.

The BBQ is free for members and \$15 for adult non-members and \$7 for children non-members. Please contact us to RSVP today! For more upcoming events, please visit www.mainehuts.org/calendar. ▲

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Ski Museum of Maine News

Three Sugarloafers to be inducted to the Maine Ski Hall of Fame

Selection committee chairman Bob Flynn has announced the names of the Class of 2013 for the Maine Ski Hall of Fame. Eight skiers will be inducted at a banquet October 25 at Lost Valley.

The Class of 2013 includes three US Ski Team members (one nordic, one alpine and one disabled), an outstanding high school ski coach, a freestyle pioneer; a leader in Maine's ski patrol and MARA founder; a Sugarloaf founder; and an outstanding Nordic coach. Their stories give an important insight into Maine skiing and the skiers produced in this state.

The World Cup came to Sugarloaf in 1971, and **Gail Blackburn**, a hot junior racer



Gail Blackburn

out of Brunswick, was scheduled to forerun the women's downhill. When the coaches realized that as host team they had extra slots, Gail was moved from forerunner to full competitor. At the age of 16 she skied into a 22nd place finish against the finest female downhillers in the world. That performance earned her an

invitation to train with the US team and a year later Gail Blackburn became the first female alpine skier from Maine named to the US Ski Team.

In the early years at Sugarloaf **Rand Stowell** was a constant presence, helping to lay out trails, furnishing equipment and crews to cut trails and lift lines, and working side by side with



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King Cummings to negotiate the purchase of the mountain from Scott Paper. Sugarloaf regulars remember him as always being a supporter of racing on the mountain and he could be counted on to always be at the finish line at big races. This part of his legacy is recognized each year with the running of the Rand Stowell Downhill.

Will Farnham is one of those avid skiers who gives back by using his organizational skills to benefit Maine skiers. As a ski patrolman he served as patrol director at Titcomb and Hermon Mountains, and organized patrols at Squaw, Lee and Eaton. He served as section chief for the Ski Patrol and for eight years served as Director for the Maine Region overseeing all of Maine's ski patrols. He also served as Chief of Course Safety for the 1971 Alpine World Cup held at Sugarloaf.



Will Farnham

Along with Larry Mahaney and Peter Spaulding, Will organized the Maine Alpine Racing Association, which remains the governing body of alpine ski racing in the state.

Bruce Cole was the freestyle coach at Pleasant Mountain (now Shawnee Peak) a skilled freestyler in his own right, who competed on the early professional circuit. His program that produced Greg Stump

and five other national champions.

Greg Poirier had Junior Nationals, high finishes in collegiate events, and the Olympic trials in 1980. He was jumping and cross country coach at Winter Park and went on to coach the US ski jumping team and the nordic combined team in World Championships and Olympics.

Craig Gray was paralyzed in 1979, but it didn't stop him from pursuing athletics and he represented his country in the Paralympics in Nagano, Japan in 1998 as a cross country sit skier. Along with his competition, Craig has volunteered with Maine Handicapped skiing to train other disabled athletes

Howard Paradis coached at Madawaska High School and his girls ski teams captured a long list of titles through the

seventies and beyond, developing a cross country center close to school. At age 80 Howard Paradis is still skiing 60 days a year.

Randy Kerr earned a spot on the US Cross Country Team in 1973, moved to the A team in 1975, but missed out on an Olympic spot with a case of the flu during the Olympic trials. In 1978, as a member of the B team, he was top American finisher in the American Birkebeiner, coming in eighth behind seven Scandinavian, Swiss and Finish skiers, all consistent winners in world XC competition.

Mark your calendar for Oct. 25. Reservations and more info can be found at www.skimuseumofmaine.org.

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New Academic Center & Classroom Technology

CVA has reinvented the classroom with collaboration, engagement, and interactivity. With our new state-of-the-art academic center and iPad program, we are taking our programming to new heights. CVA's new 17,000 square-foot academic center includes 10 classrooms, 2 science labs, art studio, and sound isolated music room. In addition to the instructional space, the building will include: two study lounges, locker spaces, a teachers' room, a conference room, 5 administrative offices, and a 1600 sq ft Great Room. All instructional spaces are equipped with state-of-the-art instructional materials, interactive technology, and wireless high speed internet.

Research shows that when students are actively involved in classroom dialogue and course content, they are more successful and retain more information. They are more willing to learn. This is why CVA has evolved from laptops provided by the Maine Laptop Initiative to an all-academic iPad technology. This technology increases the interaction between teacher and student and the classroom becomes a place where collaboration grows. The iPad allows students to engage with information....touch it, feel it, question it, manipulate it, and share it. It's a shift that allows a student to learn how to think critically.



CVA's new addition

Work and college environments are sharing and collaborating, and CVA students are learning to seamlessly transition to these post-secondary situations.

The iPad also frees up the teacher to walk around the classroom and interact with each student to get immediate

feedback on a student's understanding of the material. Content in the classroom (audio, visual, etc.) can be shared and manipulated from anywhere in the classroom, on the teachers' or students' devices.

"I have been very lucky to have been part of all of the Maine Technology Initiatives to date," said Director of Aca-

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demics, Eric Chamberlin. "The iPad program is by far the most exciting and most dynamic of all the initiatives. There were plenty of classes and projects where laptops were not able to be used. With the multiple inputs (voice recognition, handwriting, typing, photos and video) on the iPad, there really are no limits to how the technology can be integrated into our curriculum."

New Teachers & Coaches

Charli Sayward, Math

Charli graduated from the University of Maine at Farmington in 2013 with a BA in Mathematics and a BS in secondary Education with a mathematics concentration. While at UMF, Charli worked as a ski instructor at Titcomb Mountain. She has her Level II whitewater raft guide license and leads trips on the Penob



Charli Sayward

scot, Kennebec and Dead Rivers. At CVA Charli teaches Geometry, Algebra II, and Pre-Algebra.

Jade Clukey, English

Jade graduated from Suffolk University in 2009 with a BS in Psychology and minors in English and Philosophy. She also has her Masters in Secondary Education with a concentration in English/Language Arts. She recently taught at Madison Area High School. She loves to travel having taught English

in India and Cambodia. Skiing is also on her list of hobbies. Jade teaches Junior English, Senior English and Psychology/Sociology.



Jade Clukey

Robin Chace, U18/U21 Women's Coach

Robin joins CVA after working for Vail Ski Club for 4 years as Head U14 Coach and Assistant Ski Coach. She is a Gould Academy Alumna, and earned her Bachelors Degree in Community Health from the University of Maine at Farmington in 2007.



Will Rivera

Will Rivera, Head Elite Snowboard Coach

Will was the Elite team coach at Vail Ski and Snowboard Club. The five previous years he was the head travel coach for Mount Snow Academy. Will has worked with top riders in the US Revolution Tour, Grand Prix, USASA Nationals and is a fixture on the contest scene around the globe. As the recent Director of Snowboard at Camp Woodward, he brings his vast trampoline and air awareness experience. He is a level 200 USSA/USASA coach.

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Lloyd Cuttler reflects on 40 years as a Sugarloafer

In 1969 I was a Freshman at college in Lowell, Mass. My college roommate was Steve Warren (Yes, the Truffle Hound Steve). We were both avid skiers, and as it turned out, Steve had a brother named Larry (Yup, the Same Larry Warren) who was working at a ski area called Sugarloaf. Being poor college students, with the prospect of free housing at a ski resort, we headed to Sugarloaf in February of 1969. Oh yes, the same February, 1969 that is still remembered as the Biggest SNOW year in recent memories. Needless to say Sugarloaf had made its mark on us permanently. Somehow Steve and I still managed to graduate from college, even

though most of our winter time was spent driving a 1965 VW Beetle back and forth between Massachusetts and Maine to ski.

Steve moved up to Sugarloaf after Graduation and ran the Truffle Hound Restaurant. I took an engineering job in Boston, and continued to make the trip to Sugarloaf in the winter. I worked part time at the Truffle Hound to support my Skiing addiction. In the Winter of 1975 Larry Warren began talking to me about his Idea to cut up the original Valley Crossing and move it up to the #1 Parking Lot at the mountain. Seems he had a deal with the Dead River Company to buy the



Lloyd Cuttler, Jenny Needham, and the late Tiger Bragdon

entire building at a very low price, but the Banks he was talking to wanted to see engineering prints as to how this would all occur.

Well, having just gone through a divorce, having an Engineer-

ing degree, and with the prospect of living full time at the "Loaf", I took the bait. The only pay being a promise I would have first choice to buy any of the new Real Estate

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The 14th Annual Charity Summit

Save The Date January 25, 2014

That is the date of a gala evening you will not want to miss. The 14th annual Sugarloaf Charity Summit. "Raising a mountain of money to find a cure", Sugarloaf's premier fundraising event, has raised over 1.6 million dollars since its inception. The money raised is split between the Maine Cancer Foundation and the Martha B. Webber Breast Care Center.

For the second year we will be starting the program with the "Summit Snowshoe Shuffle" at the Sugarloaf Outdoor Center on December 30, 2013. This kickoff event leads up to the Charity Ball on January 25, 2014.

During the month of January there will be many ways for you to be involved in helping to fight cancer. You can buy a raffle ticket to win a two-year Sugarloaf season pass that is good for both



Ski Club members enjoying the evening - Left to right: Regis Lepage, Mary Frank and Colon Durrell; Standing: Luli and Malcolm MacNaught

the mountain and the outdoor center. You can donate silent and live auction items. If you ever thought about donating a week at your vacation property, this is a good event to do it. Become a corporate or individual sponsor. Become a "Loafer for a Cure" - these caring Sugarloafers collectively raised over

\$32,000 last year, and in doing so many earned a \$500 Downhill Supply Co. gift card. So if you want to be involved, give Bruce Miles, 235-2495, or Martha Bradley, 415-1036, a call for more info. Or go to www.sugarloaf.com/charity.

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Interview with Ski Club member Michael Jamison

Sugarloaf Ski Club member Michael Jamison is a woodworker, cabinetmaker, carpenter and a Sugarloafer since 95. He lives and works in Carrabasset and Hollis, ME. He also has volunteered for many competitions on the mountain.

He's created many unique items and beautiful items that grace many Sugarloaf homes. From full kitchens to rocking moose, yacht interiors to shaker style hearths; his versatility and innovative designs stand out for their superb craftsmanship and detail.

"Michael, how did this bench come about?"

"I had a client who needed a seat designed and built that could work in a congested space. Being able to fold the bench up and fastened to the wall when not needed really helped out the traffic flow. It's made of oak, with locking legs, so it's sturdy as well as attractive.



One of Michael's recent creations is a folding bench seat.

"Can you make these in other woods? Was it expensive?"

"Yes, I can make these benches in a variety of woods, finished to match any décor. Sometimes people get the mistaken impression that my work is expensive. While I also do some very high end work, I usually work within most people's budgets. I can make these benches on a semi-production basis and that also lowers the cost."

"How can folks contact you?"

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SSC Multi-generation project

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The Rick and Barbara Ray family 4-generations of Sugarloafers



Rick and his
grandmother
Evelyn Ray in
1966

Left to right: Tyler and Kristin (Ray) Evans, Cameron, Rick,
Barbara, Chelsea, Debbie and Dirk Ray

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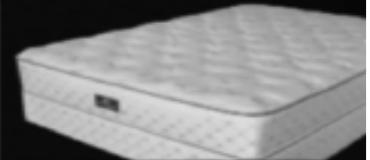
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I'm told that I tend to ski too far "in the back seat". My instructor suggested that my current boots force me into that position, and that I should get a new pair designed with more forward lean... What's that about??

Forward Lean: the angle at which the upper-cuff rises from the lower clog of the boot (frontal axis; think flexion / extension).

There are several factors that could influence your stance while skiing, equipment being one of them. However, just as the human body is well adept at operating within a three-di-

mensional plane, it is unlikely that equipment alone should throw you out of balance. Your instructor has probably already helped you isolate some quirks within your skiing technique; you might have even gone as far as recognizing some anatomical restrictions that challenge your ability to ski in a well-balanced posture; more often than not, it is a combination of these factors, possibly accentuated by an ill-matched piece of equipment, that can be blamed.

As to the boots... Beyond a certain level of comfort, without which motion cannot take place in an already constrictive environment, we often think of three, frontal axis characteristics that influence stance within the actual design of a pair of boots: ramp angle (the slope upon which you stand on top of the boot sole), for-

ward lean angle, and boot/plastic stiffness, aka "flex".

All three work together. The idea is to try to find a combination that best matches your anatomy.

In your case, a quick foot assessment should be your first course of action. If not within your instructor's repertoire, seek out an experience boot-fitter. No need to be scientific... all you need to do is find out whether your ankle range-of-motion (ROM) is average (I think of 14 to 20 degrees ROM as average... a rather generous range), less than average (i.e. Less than 14 degrees of ROM), or above average (i.e. more than 20 degrees of ROM).

Based on that preliminary assessment, you can start concentrating on certain boot



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designs, aiming at those that more closely resemble your natural stance.

Note that the current trend of boot manufacturing, derived from the racing circles over the past five or so years, has shifted towards a more up-right stance. For example, a higher performance Lange boot is likely to boast a forward lean angle of 14 degrees or so. Higher performance boots being built with stiffer plastics, this may be a good match for the athletic, aggressive skier well versed at re-centering himself or herself with every turn... but likely a poor match for the identically built yet more recreational skier who might not be able to generate the required forces that will "drive" the boot out of its up-right stance. That skier will inevitably fatigue quickly, muscles constantly tensed, either hunched over at the hips

or stuck in "the back seat"... actually quite likely a combination of the two!

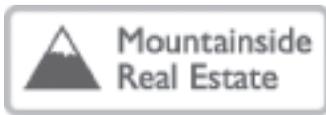
In this case, the solution might include softening the boots by actually cutting notches of plastic within the shell, increasing the ramp angle by adding a heel lift underneath the liner, or increasing the forward lean by adding material between shell and liner in the vicinity of the calf muscle (often referred to as adding a "spoiler"). Is one tactic more effective than the other? Hard to say. Quickest one to implement, on the hill, would be the rear spoiler, maybe by adding a stack of three to five trail maps to the back of the liner. In the lodge, those same trail maps, folded so as to fit the width of the footboard beneath the liner, are also easy to insert as a heel lift. Each is easy to experiment with. "Cutting" the boot to soften them, on the other

hand, is a permanent modification best reserved for your boot-fitter.

Interestingly enough, the scenario is very similar for the other extreme, our skier with the hyper-mobile foot: if the boot is too soft, he or she can flex, and flex, and flex some more without ever "firing-up" those muscles essential in generating the transfer of energy required to bend the skis into a desired turn shape. So he or she will also benefit from a higher-end, generally "stiffer" model. Of course, no heel lift required here. But whatever can be added to the boots to enhance a quicker response a thicker, firmer tongue to the better: think about building liner, as well as installing a Booster Strap, an elasticized power-strap which accentuates the transfer of energy from the boot to the skis with each flexing motion! In

this case, we may even consider raising the toes, thereby pre-flexing the ankle and shortening its range.

Either way, a good foot assessment is your starting point. At Happy Tunes, we do all boot-fitting, be it for new boots or to retrofit old ones, by appointment. Expect an hour to an hour and a half. Based on our findings and where you belong on the spectrum of comfort versus performance, a whole range of options may be available, from basic shell and liner modifications to new footbeds, new custom liners ("Intuition", "ZipFit", or foam-injected), new boots (Lange, Rossi, Tecnica, Salomon, Dalbello for alpine, Black Diamond & Garmont/Scott for tele and touring)... or a completely custom boot/liner/footbed combination (ie. Daleboot). Schedule yours today! ▲



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if we succeeded. And Thus GEPETTO'S was Born.

Gepetto's opened its doors on December 27th, 1976. And over the past 37 years it has been an incredible run. Teaming up with Tiger Bragdon in 1980 and Jenny Needham in 1981, we created an experience that I will always be thankful to have been a part of. Gepetto's was always our family; from our employees to our long time customers, we always felt as if we were part of a very unique experience. Many of our employees have been with us for many years, and we feel grateful to have such loyalty. Seeing the children of our customers, now old enough to have their own children, has been incredible. Knowing that they will con-

tinue the tradition of joining the Ski Club, being part of the weekend programs, and of course eating at Gepetto's, makes me know that Sugarloaf will continue to flourish. Being part of this amazing experience we call the "Loaf" is often times indescribable but always special.

As I am sure you know, Gepetto's is being bought by Sugarloaf. It has been a difficult decision for me, but quite frankly I am looking forward to skiing more and working less. Sugarloaf has indicated that they very much want to keep Gepetto's as it is, of which I am appreciative. Some employees will stay, and some will go, and I will always be grateful and thankful for all they did to make Gepetto's the special place it is. As for me, I'm just going to the other side of the bar, so save me a seat. ▲



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