



Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club

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March is here!

A message from SMSC president, Bruce Miles

We have finally emerged from another "100 days of darkness." It is really good to see the sun above the peak of the mountain once again.

As I write this I am looking out from the Ski Club office window at partly sunny skies and about eight inches of new snow. The weather forecaster is saying more is on the way tomorrow (we ended up with 28 inches of new snow the next day).

February vacation week is winding down. It has been a fun-filled week here at the 'Loaf. The Pot Luck Suppah on Tuesday was a great success with many club members enjoying a fun evening. The torchlight parade and fireworks were spectacular as always.

This year's annual meeting was awesome! With membership up, the club is having a great year. Scott Andrews, from the Ski Museum of Maine presented a "Fireside Chat" for the evening. The title was *140 years of skiing in Maine*. Our Ski Club helped to underwrite the cost of developing Scott's series of historical presentations. This was the first, and the next eight are sure to be just as good.

The reality of a new Ski Club competition center is getting closer as we move into Spring. We are in the process of choosing a site for the center now and will email our members when we have decided on one.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be selling raffle tickets to help raise matching funds for the Begin \$60,000.00 challenge gift. We will also be having some fundraising cookouts at the Jean Luce facility. Special thanks to club members Bob Luce and Tom Hildreth for their help in making these cookouts possible.

Hopefully the best part of the season is yet to come and we will have some great riding and skiing into May.

See you on the hill,
Bruce

2009 Clem and Rolande Begin Matching Fund Raffle

Buy a raffle ticket from the Sugarloaf Regional Ski Education Foundation to help raise money to build a new Competition Center. **First prize:** A 2009-10 Sugarloaf season pass with no blackout dates donated by Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation. **Second prize:** Two nights for up to four people in Gondola Village 1-bedroom 2-bath condo donated by Steve and Laura Schaefer. Other prizes to be announced!

Tickets are \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00 and are on sale at the ski club office in the Competition Center. Drawing will be held at the Jean Luce facility during the Dan McKay/ Mike Waddle Scholarship races scheduled for April 11.



SMSC Social Events

Ideas for additional social events are welcomed. Please email your thoughts to the Ski Club at sugarloafskiclub@roadrunner.com

March 14 • 14th Annual Snow Ball

6PM at the Sugarloaf Inn

Bring your friends and get a table together! This is a fun event that sells out early so be sure to reserve your tickets at the Ski Club Office. Come and dance the night away to Elmore Twist and help support the scholarship fund. \$60 per person includes gourmet dinner, wine and dancing.

Saturday March 28 & Sunday, April 4 Mara Barbecues

After the race, come and enjoy a cook-out at the Jean Luce Building and help raise money for the Scholarship programs and the Clem Begin Matching Fund to build a new competition center! Grilling begins at 11am.

Tuesday April 7, 4:30-6:30 • Final Midweek Social

At The Rack. Sure to be a great Happy Hour!

Saturday April 11 • Annual Dan McKay/ Mike Waddle Scholarship races and Ski Club Raffle drawing

Enter the races and get a t-shirt and lunch. Lots of great prizes as always. Come out and participate in this great event. An event that brings out the best in the Sugarloafer spirit.

April 17-19 • Reggae Weekend

Competition Schedule

March

2 nd	EAC DH Training	12 th	SB REV Tour
3 rd	EAC DH Training	28 th	Spring SER 3/4/5
4 th	EAC DH	29 th	Spring SER 3/4/5
5 th	EAC Super G		
6 th	EAC Men GS		
7 th	EAC Women GS		
8 th	EAC M/W SL	April	
10 th	SB REV Tour	4 th	Spring SER 1/2/3
11 th	SB REV Tour	5 th	Spring SER 1/2/3

Two huts are better than one!

If you haven't had a chance to visit our newly opened Flagstaff Lake Hut, give us a try there's plenty of winter left and the trails are in great shape for a wonderful X-country or snowshoe adventure right here in our own back yard. Ski from hut-to-hut (11.3 miles) or park at the new trailhead on Long Falls Dam Road for a family- friendly, gentle 1.8 mile ski to the Flagstaff Lake Hut. Enjoy the stunning views and homemade hot lunch daily from 11- 1:30, or stay overnight - lodging includes two hot meals, showers, toilets and a friendly atmosphere in which to relax. Call Maine Huts & Trails at (207) 265-2400 to make a reservation, visit www.mainehuts.org.

CVA Raffle winners

All those at this year's Big Raffle Auction found great deals on live and silent auctions; enjoyed good company; and entertainment while supporting the dream of CVA student-athletes with much needed scholarship funds. The lucky winner of the \$10,000 grand prize was CVA alumnus, Carter Witherspoon.

SMSC is on the web and in the Comp Center!

Remember your Club is on the web. Go to sugarloafskiclub.org. You can read old newsletters, check out the photo galleries and see the social and competition calendar. There are links to other sites of interest to club members. If you have ideas, things you would like to see on the site or photos to contribute email to info@sugarloafskiclub.com.

The Ski Club office is located on the second floor of the Competition Center, next to the Base Lodge. A big Ski Club logo in the window makes the office easy to find. Just go into the building, up the stairs, and take a left. Follow the signs and you will find us. Doreen is in the office every weekend and each vacation week, so just drop in and say hello. You may also reach her at 237-6955, or at sugarloafskiclubi@roadrunner.com. Don't forget to check out our website at www.sugarloafskiclub.org, and let us know what you would like to see there! ▲



Newest Ski Club member

A third generation 'Loafer and skier-to-be, Anderson Jay Diller was born with skis on his feet in January 2009. He is our newest, and possibly youngest member to date.

Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Nancy Holliday, Secretary

Ski Club President Bruce welcomed everyone to the 58th Annual Meeting of the Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club and reminded us that we are one of the longest running Ski Clubs in the State. He also mentioned that after dinner there would be a slideshow presentation given by Scott Andrews and Sherri Perkins of the Ski Museum of Maine titled, *140 years of Skiing in Maine*. This is the first of several planned presentations by the museum and a project the Ski Club has helped fund.

The minutes were then approved by the assembled members of the club.

Miles introduced all the board members who



Ski Club Treasurer, Phil Hunter, delivers Treasurer's Report.

were present at the meeting and explained that the board does a great deal of behind the scenes organizational work as committees in order to keep things going. He added that if anyone would like to volunteer for any committee, the help would be gladly appreciated.

Treasurer's Report:

Ski Club Treasurer, Phil Hunter stated that the financial health of the club is good. The budget reflects an increase of about 5% from the last year. The total assets are divided into an Operating Fund which represents about 17% of the assets, and a Capital Fund representing the remaining 83%. The Capital Fund is somewhat restricted in that it represents money set aside for future projects. It is also where the Ski Club investments lie and is made up of money market funds, certificates of deposit, equities and long term bonds. The Capital Fund has seen a reduction of 3% since last year. He added that the Ski Club maintains a



Scott Andrews presents a "Fireside Chat" to Ski Club members.

rather conservative investment philosophy which is serving us well in today's economy. Membership remains our major source of revenue, now at over \$18,000 and continues to rise over the last several years. The Cardiac Club adds to our revenues every year and the advertising in the news letter is another source of revenue. The profits from our social events are earmarked for the Scholarship Fund and enable us to give more scholarships to the children in the area. Greg Foster moved that we accept the Treasurer's report and Peter Roy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Miles stated that year-to-date, we have just over

460 memberships which represents over 1,200 individuals. This is the largest number of members in Ski Club history.

Miles then introduced Cathy Nodine, who was Ski Club Administrator last year and Doreen Chamberlin who is Ski Club Administrator this year. He went over the office hours and asked how many people have been getting Ski Club email blasts. He added that the Ski Club can be reached at sugarloafskiclub@roadrunner.com and there is a message board on the door to the office, if a member needs to leave a message.

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Annual meeting *Continued from page 3*

Miles turned the meeting over to Lev Steeves who gave the report of the Nominating Committee. The following names were recommended for the five vacant Board of Directors positions; Regan Beauregard, Phil Hunter, Mike Rowland, Steve Schaefer and Peter Smith. There being no more nominations from the floor Charlie Brown moved that the nominations be closed and Joyce Tobias seconded. The secretary cast one vote and the slate passed. For the Executive Officers of the board for 2009 to 2010, Lev put the following names in nomination; Bruce Miles, President, Steve Schaefer, Vice President, Phil Hunter, Treasurer and Nancy Holliday, Secretary. There being no further nominations the slate passed.

Miles stated that Clem Begin has pledged \$60,000 to the Ski Club over the next ten years in order to aid us in building a new home for the ski club. The Ski Club needs to match the \$6,000 per year grant each year to receive the money, therefore all Ski Club events will include fundraisers.

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Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club Scholarship applications due November 11, 2009

The Sugarloaf Ski Club Scholarship Committee wishes to remind folks that the members meet with the Sugarloaf Regional Ski Education Foundation's Board of Directors and the Ayotte Fund Managers once a year to process applications and award grants to those who need them in order to participate in the various programs at Sugarloaf. This year the deadline for applications is November 11, 2009.

It is fitting that this year's deadline is also known as "Remembrance Day" because many of our funds have been established to honor someone, now gone, who contributed to our sport. The Dan McKay and Mike Waddle Funds are named for two outstanding alpine ski racers. The Brooke Gallup Fund honors a young local boy who was a keen snowboard competitor. The Amos Winter Fund is named for the founder of Sugarloaf and the Dick and Martha Ayotte fund helps students in SAD #58 defray program costs.

And now, thanks to the kind thoughtfulness of Mrs. Paul Schipper, "Chris" Schipper, we are accepting donations for a new fund to help SAD #58 students purchase their ski passes. And thank you, also, to the Max Kagan Fund in the generous contribution to both the Begin Challenge Grant and the Scholarship Fund. The late Irv Kagan and his wife, Paula, always wanted to see the young skiers be able to take part in the programs and competitions here at Sugarloaf.

You can download the application forms from www.sugarloafskiclub.com. They are also available at the Sugarloaf Ski Club desk during Homecoming Weekend and in the local SAD#58 school next Fall.

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Life Members:

Audrey and Ron Leonard

The second of a series of short sketches about those people the Sugarloaf Ski Club has deemed worthy of "Life Member" designation, reserved for members who have given exceptional service to the Ski Club over the years.

By Barbara Ericson

Audrey and Ron Leonard were volunteers you could count on! "Unsung heroes" is how one fellow volunteer described them. Many times the first to arrive in the morning and the last to leave at night, Audrey was inside giving out bibs and counting the money at the end of the day, while Ron was outside as a crosscut guard or taking down nets (sometimes in the half-dark!) as part of the fencing crew.

They got involved in the Ski Club almost by accident. Son James, then eight-year-old, was in the Junior Masters program. Program Director John Diller made it clear that "parents should be involved, too," so they joined the Club in 1972. Since then they have volunteered in almost every way possible. Audrey was Treasurer of the Club for several years while Ron served on the Board of Directors. They gave presentations on "what it takes to be a volunteer," which is how Ron teamed up with his crossing-guard buddy Bruce Millar. They even held shares in the Mountain.

The Leonards brought a

wealth of information and Sugarloaf tradition with them to the Ski Club. They first skied here in 1956, just after the first T-bars were installed, staying in Kingfield at Blanche Goodwin's Guest House. They skied with founder Amos Winter and other early Loafers, thrilled to have found "a great family activity" for their three children. All of the children raced, though James, the youngest, was particularly active, traveling to meets all over, even training at Waterville Valley before the Sugarloaf program was fully underway.

In 1960, Ron and Audrey built their ski house in Stony Brook, a 16 by 20 one-room camp with no electricity or running water. Undaunted, they came up every week-end ("The kids just knew they were coming to Sugarloaf on Friday nights," says Audrey, and Ron adds, "It was a long way, but it was worth it!") When the camp burned in 1973, they rebuilt it of course, and it is still in the family.

They have wonderful memories of those early days, remi-



The Leonard's original 1962 Photo Ski Passes (The first year they were offered).

niscing about Amos exhorting them-and all-to "fill in your bathtubs ("sitzmarks")," wonderful runs down the old Double Bitter and their 61-62 season trek to the snowfields where Ron started an avalanche! In those days, they say, the snowfields were open most of time; skiers just had to check in with Ski Patrol leader Stub Taylor to register and make sure they were safe. "You knew EVERYONE in the lift line back then," they both agree.

The Leonard family got their first season passes in 1960, the first year they were offered, paying about \$120 for their entire family to ski all season. Passes with pictures came along two years later, and the Leonards still have those original passes, along with passes from every year until 2006-07 when they had their last pass.

Comfortably ensconced in Eustis in a wonderful house they bought in 1988 upon retirement, they have countless pictures and mementos of Sugarloaf through the years. Their breathtaking view of lake and mountains includes a spectacular chunk of Sugarloaf, with trails (and grooming machines) usually in view. They are positive about the many changes on the Mountain. "It's all for the good," says Ron.

Most of all, they are happy that their three children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren are skiing and carrying on the family traditions. The Ski Club is grateful for all that they have done over the years, making them logical choices for "Life Members." ▲

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



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The Streak

By Paul Schipper

(as it appeared in the Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club 50th Anniversary Magazine)

It was an early day in May 1981 when three of my ski buddies, my dog "Mogul" and I hiked up to the summit of Sugarloaf Mountain for one last run. As I recall it was a nice sunny day—blue sky and tons of snow on the trails—yet the mountain was officially closed. We rested in the sun at the "Gondi" building, had a beer and a sandwich, and tried to make the big decision on which trail was the best and most rewarding for our descent. During our conversation, the number of days we'd skied that year came up.

We realized that by coincidence all four of us had skied almost every day the mountain had been open that year. In every case, the few days missed were for the most part trivial reasons. Anyway, then and there we all resolved that the next season, we'd ski every single day the mountain was open. That was how the Streak started!

Using that year as a start, I had skied the last 135 consecutive days of the season. I haven't missed a day the mountain has been open since. This

year, May 2, 1999, the number is 177 days and the Streak now totals 3,077 days. The question I'm most asked is, "why"? That is hard to answer in a few words but it has been a fun experience! It has also been a rewarding accomplishment! It has been easy and it has been difficult! It has been pleasant and there have been moments of misery when there were days of severe wind, ice, snow, freezing rain, sub-zero temperatures, sickness and various other distractions. Looking back, it has all been worth those bad days. The good days, the friendships, the good wishes from friends and strangers alike, the hand shakes, and the encouragement give me a wonderful, warm feeling and make it all worthwhile. Needless to say, there is a great deal of self-satisfaction that comes from each day's accomplishment of my skiing.

By the way, the three buddies who joined me in the vow to ski every day never did get their streak started for one reason or another.

The year 2000 will be the



The Streak

(photo courtesy Nancy Marshall)~ Paul Schipper 1923-2009

twentieth year of the Streak, so I'll be trying hard to keep it going. Each year seems tougher but I'm programmed to keep going. Thanks for all the support and good wishes. See you on the mountain.

Paul continued his streak through 2005 retiring at the age of 81. He skied every

day Sugarloaf was open for 3903 consecutive days. On April 4, 2005 Sugarloaf named a section of the Narrow Gauge trail "Schipper's Streak" to honor not only his accomplishment, but his Sugarloaf spirit. The Iron Man award is now given out each year to the Sugarloafer who reflects this spirit and toughness to ski the Loaf every day they are physically able to. Paul passed away Feb 16, 2009 at the age of 85.

Competition Center Volunteer Chris Schipper

Sugarloaf lost one of its icons this winter, our own Ironman, Paul Schipper. We would like to honor the other half of the Schipper union; our long time Comp Center Volunteer Chris Schipper, Paul's wife.

At every competition through the nineties and into this century, be it alpine, freestyle or snowboard Chris

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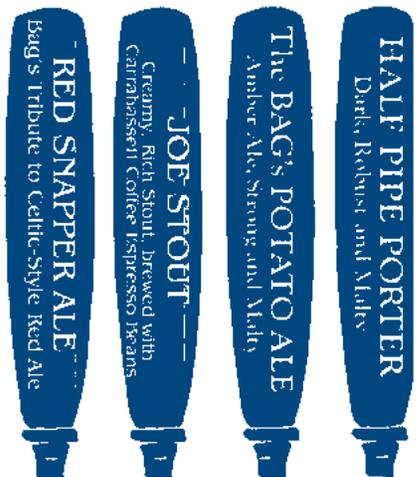
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CVA NEWS

Gedevanishvili at European Youth Olympic Winter Festival

Dimitri Gedevanishvili, CVA '11, qualified to compete at the 9th European Youth Olympic Winter Festival (EYOWF) in Slask Beskidy, Poland February 14-21. The 2009 EYOWF hosts over 1070 athletes from 49 European countries. Athletes compete in Alpine Skiing, Cross-country Skiing, Curling, Figure Skating and Snowboarding. The four top ranked boys and four girls ages 15 and 16 from each European country qualify to compare their talents in an Olympic setting and thereby discover the tough requirements of high-level international competition. Organized under the auspices of the European and International Olympic Committee the event is also a chance to share an unforgettable cultural and educational experience.



Ben Morse

Marshall, Morse, Myrick, Waddle Head to J2 Olympics

Among the top junior men and women receiving invitations to compete at the 2009 J2 Olympics are CVA student-athletes Craig Marshall, Ben Morse, Casey Myrick and Kelly Waddle. Qualification to the J2 Olympics requires that athletes be in the top 5 to 10 percent of the 15-16 year olds in the USA. In total 80 men and 60 women will compete at Aspen, CO March 9-13.

Results from this year that put these four into the rankings for J2 Olympics include Ben Morse's podium finishes in nine races this season. A member of the USST Morse placed third last year in Slalom at J2 Olympics. So far this season Craig Marshall has won two Super G races and finished second in another. Casey Myrick has four podium finishes this year. For Kelly Waddle her solid finishes in FIS and Junior National races have placed in the J2 Olympic rankings. With three races remaining before qualifications cutoff fellow CVA teammate Bobby Artsma is in the hunt to join the field in Aspen.



Craig Marshall



Chloe Cochran

J3 Women Clinch 5 of 6 Junior Olympic Spots

After standing out in six qualifying races throughout the season, CVA's J3 women earned five of six of the coveted Junior Olympic post season spots. Chloe Cochran qualified in first place after winning almost every race. Earn-

ing the third place spot was Mariah Anne Zanca followed by Eliza Whatley in fourth. SCVA skier Jennifer Rowland was fifth and Helena Williams qualified sixth.

The men claimed four of the eight spots at Junior Olympics. Spencer Couch skied his way onto the third spot. Cody Bullen earned the fifth spot followed by Lucas Bonnevie in sixth. SCVA skier Dan Falt qualified eighth.



Kelly Waddle

In all 9 CVA J3 athletes will head to Gore Mountain in New York March 14-17 to take on the top J3 alpine racers from the Eastern United States in Slalom, Giant Slalom and Super G.

Momentum Builds for Sugarloaf Revolution Tour

Traveling across the country Carrabassett Valley Academy snowboarders are picking up speed in preparation for the March 9-11 Sugarloaf Revolution Tour stop. In Boardercross action at the Mt. Hood Meadows, Oregon stop CVA senior, Alex Tuttle of Coplin, stepped onto his first Revolution Tour podium earning a bronze medal. CVA junior, Juliette Bisson of Carrabassett Valley, earned her second Revolution Tour medal taking silver in Oregon. Results in Revolution Tour, Grand Prix and NorAm events are taking Tuttle to the 2009 Junior Worlds in Nagano, Japan and Bisson to the World Cup at Sunday River.

Woo Wins Korean Nationals

Competing at the Korean Freestyle Nationals in late January CVA junior Woo Hyun Cho arrived to challenge his country's national team members as a relative unknown. For the past four years Woo has been a student-athlete at CVA competing in the United States and Canada with CVA's NorAm mogul team. After the dust settled from his reintroduction

into Korean Freestyle Association competition at Nationals, Woo emerged as Korea's highest scoring mogul

skier. Stepping onto the podium at Nationals Woo gained himself a spot on the Korean National Team. He flew from Korea to NorAms in Calgary and from there he boarded a plane for Russia to compete with his Korean teammates at FIS events. With enough FIS points Woo could qualify for the Olympics.

In other freestyle highlights junior, Evan Walls won the NorAm halfpipe under the lights in Calgary. Jeremy Cota '07 and Dave DiGravio '05 battled for 1st and 2nd place in dual mogul action at the Calgary NorAm.

Podium Real Estate for Rowland

Competing against 120 of the top college and high school women from the eastern United States 16 year old, CVA junior, Amie Rowland posted the fastest second run in Slalom competition at the FIS Eastern Cup Alpine Race Series finishing with the third fastest overall time. In a Canadian Pontiac Cup Series slalom where she raced against the Quebec, Alberta and Ontario provincial teams, Rowland climbed the podium in second place. Rowland's podium finishes have earned her the opportunity to compete in NorAm races.



Peter Smith

Smith Wins White Face FIS GS

Cascading down the steep slopes of White Face Mountain in Lake Placid, New York Carrabassett Valley Academy postgraduate Peter Smith posted the fastest overall time in a recent FIS Giant Slalom.

College Acceptance Letters are in the Mail

Colleges and universities love CVA's highly motivated, self-disciplined student-athletes. Early decision, early action and regular decision letters are arriving. The following colleges and universities have accepted CVA seniors: Smith College, Champlain College, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, University New Hampshire, Plymouth State University, Gordon College, Westmont College, Green Mountain College, Montana State University, Westminster College, Colby-Sawyer College, College of Idaho, University of Maine, and Sierra Nevada College. The list keeps growing. ▲

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Competition volunteers *Continued from page 8*

would be in the southeast corner of the Competition Center at 7 a.m ready to provide tickets for coaches from away, and sign in the volunteers for the event. She always knew who was coming since she had called



or seen in-person most of the people scheduled for the day's event. Once the coaches had their tickets and the volunteers were on their way to the competition Chris turned to her favorite part of the day, making a fuss over the children who came in and out of the Comp Center.

When the Competition Staff needed extra people she always had a secret list of names to

call on, and to this day she has phone numbers of people who may be needed to staff an event. When Chris called a volunteer she may not have known the exact position they would have but she always knew "inside" or "outside" and in her opinion that's all they needed to know.

Most of the regular volunteers that help out at events now remember Chris. She was always the first to get a card for all the volunteers to sign for any occasion and if a collection was required for anything it was usually initiated by her. The volunteer records were always up to date and neat and she was always ready to explain the rules.

Chris is a former Gleason Rand recipient as well as a former Board Member of our Ski Club. She is also a champion of the Stratton Food Bank and in years past has knit hats and sweaters for the less fortunate and could always find a home for stray T-shirts.

For the past three years, Chris has been unable to volunteer but the word is out she will be back next year, giving her a chance to re-connect with the children, the thing she misses the most. ▲

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News from the Ski Museum of Maine

Megan Roberts, Curator

The scene was lots of fun, prizes and auction items for all who attended the second annual Maine Ski Heritage Classic. This event is a fundraiser for the Ski Museum of Maine, and we appreciated everyone's enthusiasm, both from those who donated items and also those who attended and bid on items.. Many wonderful prizes went to new homes and the museum



A group of auction-night bidders.



Michael Parker, Grand Prize Winner!

has new funds to continue its mission.

The raffle's grand prize of a 2008-2009 Ski Maine

Solo Pack will give winner Mike Parker the opportunity to visit all of the Ski Maine Association Ski areas in the state. Congratulations Mike! Bob Briggs won the \$50 L.L. Bean Gift Certificate, Armand Hudon won a signed copy of John Christie's "The Story of Sugarloaf", and Kathy Miles won a signed copy of Glenn Parkinson's "First Tracks". Congratulations to all.

Our traveling display that was set up in the lodge was well attended, and it was fun to see all of you who stopped in. Enjoy the spring skiing and riding, and we hope to see you at the Museum in Farmington! ▲



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Ask Happy Tunes!

By Lionel Hering, owner of Happy Tunes Ski Service Center in Valley Crossing

Should I do any particular maintenance when I am ready to put my skis away for the summer?

Indeed, three potential hazards to avoid: **Edges will rust** if put away less than completely dry or if stored in a moist environment; **Bases will dry** if left exposed to air, resulting in drastic drop in performance; **Bindings possibly “de-calibrate”** when left under constant tension without “exercise.”

Easy solutions to each of the above: Dry your edges thoroughly. Any dry, absorbent rag or paper towels will do. As a kid, I had a coach who even encouraged us to lightly swipe a rag imbued with motor oil over the steel edges of our skis. It worked! Better (and cleaner), however, is to coat your skis beneath a layer of soft wax, including coverage of the base edges. Again, be careful to thoroughly dry the edges first or the wax will actually trap moisture, enabling spots of rust to “fester.”

Tune your skis before you put them away. Perform all necessary base repair; true your bases, bevel the edges as needed, and finish by applying a thicker-than-usual coat of warm/soft wax that will prevent oxidation of the bases. Bases left exposed to air for prolonged periods of time will dry up. I like to use the analogy of skin: A dry skin left untreated will die, flake-off, and require exfoliating before it can “breathe” and regenerate itself; so will a dry ski base; micro-filaments of polyethylene start peeling off, giving the base a grayish look and a “fuzzy” feeling to the touch... resulting in excessive drag from all that “fuzz” and less than mediocre turning and gliding performance when the skis hit the slopes again. Then it is off to your favorite ski shop for a thorough stone-grind, always resulting in more base material being removed than ideally wished for!

Twenty-plus years of working on skis have shown me that binding performance tends to be more affected by long periods of inactivity than constant use. Although manufacturers no longer recommend releasing tension of the binding springs, I think it is mostly due to liability concerns. For the same liability reasons, all manufacturers recommend that skiers have their bindings torque-tested and calibrated every twenty to thirty days of skiing... and I believe a great time to do so is the beginning of the season, when skis and bindings come out of storage and before one’s first day on the slopes. If such is the case, then it really should be no concern to loosen the tension of the binding springs for the summer, thereby putting less “stress” on said springs. Simple “mechanical” observation.

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