



Sugarloaf Ski Club

HOMECOMING 2005 AT SUGARLOAF/USA
October 8, 9, 10

September 2005

Special Rates for Ski Club Members

Play 18 holes on the spectacular Sugarloaf Golf Course
\$50 per person includes greens fees and cart (special rate Oct 8, 9 and 10 after 11 AM)
Call the Pro Shop at 237-6812 to get tee times; mention membership when calling
Members-only rate; must bring membership card

Ski Club Reception and Pig Roast Supper **Saturday 4-6 pm at the Outdoor Center**

A "homecoming welcome" gathering open to all; hors d'oeuvres and refreshments 4-5 pm
Big old-fashioned country-style pig roast supper at 5 pm
Menu includes roast pork, salads, rolls, soda, dessert
Tickets \$10 for members, \$12 non-members (under age 6 free)
Tickets are limited and will be sold at the Ski Club booth in the base lodge.
If any remain, they will be sold at the door.
Benefits the Ski Club Scholarship Program

Used Ski and Kayak Sale at Happy Tunes Ski Service Center **Saturday 10-6 and Sunday 10-3**

Support the Ski Club Youth Scholarship Program for local children
Drop off equipment Friday 3-8 pm and Sat. 8-10 am at Happy Tunes, next to Tufolio's.
Phone 235-TUNE.

Historical Display and Ski Club Information
Saturday 9-3 and Sunday from 9-3, First Floor of the Base Lodge
Memorabilia of early Sugarloaf. Bring your friends to join.

Upstairs in the Narrow Gauge Room New Ski Club Table
New Ski Club Notecards with Vintage Photos
Plus other Ski Club logo items

WELCOME HOME FELLOW SUGARLOAFERS

COME WATCH KIRSTEN AND BODE COMPETE !! (more later)

What a great summer it was!

But, now that summer has ended, I am, as I'm sure you are, eagerly awaiting our first snowfall. Maybe we will see some mixed in with the foliage at Homecoming. Your Ski Club is looking forward to an exciting year, but first I want to tell you about a few fun things we did last year.

The Pig Roast during Homecoming was a sellout as usual, and special thanks go to the Sugarloaf Inn for allowing us to have the event there. The Sugarloaf Ski Club was very well represented at the January Sugarloaf Charity Summit. We also had a very successful Pot Luck Supper at the Competition Center during February vacation. For me, one of the most enjoyable social events of the year was our Ski Club Snowball. It was held at the Sugarloaf Inn. The food and service were great thanks to Alfred and his staff. Part of the evening's success was due to the fact that "Elmore Twist" was our band.

These events are a lot of fun and are a result of many Club members putting in long hours to pull them off. If you have any ideas for any other social events, please let your Board members know.

This year is shaping up to be a great one. The USCSA Championships will be held in March with snowboarding and alpine racing. The big event of the year will be watching our very own **Kirsten Clark** and **Bode Miller** competing at Sugarloaf in the 2006 U S National Alpine Championships to be held March 22-31. Sugarloaf was asked to host this huge event this year because the U S Ski Team knows they can count on us to host a quality event for our U S Ski Team athletes. Lev Steeves and I will be coordinating volunteers and we will need a lot of them. Please call Laurel at the Comp Center or get in touch with Lev or myself.

In between your busy schedule of seeing old friends, attending association meetings, and shopping for new equipment, stop by the Ski Club desk downstairs and our merchandise table upstairs in the Narrow Gauge room at the Base Lodge. We have some awesome note cards for sale as well as our usual logo items.

The Sugarloaf Regional Ski Education Foundation (SRSEF), an organization which cooperates with the Ski Club in providing scholarship aid to deserving athletes each year, will be selling a cookbook to raise money for scholarships; Jane Wilkinson will be revealing some of her secret recipes!

Have a great Homecoming weekend and an even greater season.

Bruce Miles
Ski Club President

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Thanks go to the following businesses which support our Ski Club each issue during the season. The fees which they pay to advertise help us to print and mail this newsletter. Their support is much appreciated, so please thank them and patronize their businesses!

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It All Begins with the Ski Club



Hi, my name is Jaime Bisson and I'm a senior and Student Council President this year at Carrabassett Valley Academy. Every year during our fall CVA orientation we hear about the history of CVA, Sugarloaf and the Ski Club. I started at CVA in the eighth grade so I've heard pretty much the same history talk five times now. I've been a Sugarloaf since birth (1988) so I've heard most of the history about Sugarloaf, and of course there's my dad, he's been coming to Sugarloaf since 1968, but I've never really fully appreciated what part the Sugarloaf Ski Club played in CVA's history. So I asked around, talked to some faculty and learned that way back in 1969 members of the Ski Club started something called the Sugarloaf Regional Ski Educational Foundation, or SRSEF for short. The SRSEF was committed to providing ski training as well as academic preparation for college. Apparently up until then kids who really wanted to work on their skiing skills were going off to Vermont and other parts of the country where ski academies were starting to pop up. In it's first few years the SRSEF provided a handful of students the chance to ski and train one week per month at Sugarloaf while being tutored in homework from their home. Then in 1972 SRSEF achieved a major milestone by becoming the first academic tutorial program approved by the Maine State Board of Education. I guess this was successful but the Ski Club members recognized the need for kids to participate in a more consistent academic program while spending more time on the snow. So Ski Club members and other interested people worked with the SRSEF and in 1982 Carrabassett Valley Academy opened. During this first year 15 CVA students lived in condominiums on the mountain and their classes were held in the basement of the Bell Chapel. The next year CVA relocated to the former Capricorn Lodge where I have my classes.

Well a lot has happened to CVA since these early days. This year we have 115 kids enrolled, I get to work out in the Anti-Gravity Complex, I play soccer on a beautiful new field, and there are plans to build a whole new campus, but when I look back on all the history and where we are now, I'm really thankful for all that the Ski Club did to get CVA started. I know for me CVA has been a great place for me to learn and grow in the sport I love. Without the hard work of the Ski Club I might not have had the opportunity to: 1) learn at a school where my teachers and coaches have taught me to advocate for myself, 2) figure out how to balance the demands of class work, training and travel, and 3) get to be on the mountain every day to train.

So thank you Ski Club for all that you've done and all that you do for CVA kids like me. We may not say it enough but we really do appreciate all that you for us.

See you on the hill.

Jaime Bisson
CVA Class of 2006

HAPPY TUNES !!



HOMECOMING ANNUAL SKI AND KAYAK SALE

Consignment drop off Fri 3-8 Sat 8-10
Pick-up Sunday 3-6, Monday 10-3
Ski consignment proceeds benefit Ski Club Youth programs
More junior equipment needed!
Used whitewater playboats and expedition ocean kayaks

Ski Service Center

HOMECOMING WEEKEND
Oct 8: 10 am to 6 pm
Oct 9 and 10: 10 am to 3 pm

RACING GEAR PROGRAM FROM HAPPY TUNES:

Skis, Boots, Bindings, Poles, Tuning Supplies
Savings for Sugarloaf Ski Club or USSA Members

Recreational junior lease program and Telemark packages

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RT 27, 7 MILES SOUTH OF ACCESS ROAD CALL 235-TUNE (235-8863)

Ski Museum of Maine

Theodore A. Johnsen

1857 - 1911

"Skeeing is indeed a glorious sport; it never grows tame or uninteresting; and the exhilarating joy of it is a delight beyond all comparison." Theo Johnsen wrote those words in America's first ski book, *The Winter Sport of Skeeing*. Johnsen had emigrated from England and settled in Portland, Maine where he worked as a carpenter. Among other projects he worked on the pews for the Lutheran Church. It was here that he met and married a Swede, Hilda Ek.

In 1900 Johnsen became foreman of a boat building company and in 1904 he started his own boat building and wood products company. He correctly understood that the commercial sailboat was a thing of the past and the future was not the steamboat but rather gasoline power. He designed and built two styles of gasoline powered pleasure craft.

In addition to a wife he got from the Swedes a love for skiing. By 1905 he had turned his attention from boats to skis. For the 1905 - 06 season his factory in Portland produced 12 models of skis. Since few people outside the Scandinavian community knew how to ski, Johnsen wrote a book, *The Winter Sport of Skeeing*. There had been earlier articles but this was America's first book on skiing. He described the sport and offered lessons on how to do it. Johnsen also included a catalog of his equipment.

Johnsen's passion for skiing shows in lines like, "As the experienced skidor dashes down the crusted hillsides with the speed of the wind there comes to the sport an exhilaration and excitement that positively knows no equal."

He made beautiful models of his skis, which he sold to shops. From these models customers would place an order and Johnsen would ship the skis. He also placed skis on consignment in stores as far away as Chicago, Duluth and Salt Lake City.

Unfortunately passion for the sport was not enough. Martin Strand, another ski maker of the time, wrote, "The average young American is a sort of hot house plant, who does not care to spend much time out doors, as the cheap show houses and pool rooms seem to be more attractive. They do not want to spend enough money on a pair of skis so that cheap skis are the only ones that will sell."

In the spring of 1906 most of his consignment equipment was returned. Johnsen closed his factory in 1907. The market for skiing and his beautiful, well made skis was still decades away.

It was 100 years ago this fall that Theo Johnsen from Portland Maine tried to introduce the country to the sport of skiing. He was right, but early. Johnsen wrote what many of us would agree with today, "Any skidor will tell you that skeeing is the most exhilarating and most delightful of all winter sports and that indulged in sensibly and not to excess, it is indeed an ideal outdoor pastime for everybody young and old."

[Thanks to Glenn Parkinson of the Ski Museum Board]



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CVA ANNUAL TENT SALE

It's time to clean the ski room, take old equipment to the CVA tent sale—or maybe find a good deal for the upcoming season —and support CVA student/athletes at the same time!!

Drop Off times: Friday Oct 7: 4 pm to 7 pm

Saturday Oct 8: 8 am to 10 am

SALE HOURS ARE SATURDAY FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM

KINGFIELD SALE

If you miss the CVA sale or need to try again, there will be a sale in Kingfield in mid-November sponsored by the SAD #58 PTA group. Watch The Irregular for date and times.



SEASON 2005—2006 AT THE SUGARLOAF OUTDOOR CENTER

The Sugarloaf Outdoor Center is preparing for another exciting season with opening day scheduled for November 25, 2005.

Season passes are still available and taxpayers may still enjoy reduced rates. Property owner fees for 2005/2006 are \$185/ adult and \$135/ JR (6-12) and SR (60-). As in past years, season pass holders may enjoy New England's longest ski season and unlimited skating on the outside rink. Pass benefits also include special retail purchasing opportunities.

A full calendar of events and programs is scheduled for 2005. Highlighting the event calendar is the second annual running of TD Banknorth Sugarloaf Ski Marathon, this year a 30Km/ 15Km Freestyle Race and Tour, the second race in the prestigious TD Banknorth New England Ski Marathon Series on February 12, 2006. A variety of volunteer opportunities are available to ski club members and their friends at all events. Benefits include one alpine lift ticket voucher for each full day worked. For more information on volunteering opportunities or to sign up for an event, please contact Sue Foster at 237-6830.

Skiers will enjoy the same extensive trail network offerings as in 2005. At this time, fall trail crews are working hard to prepare all of the trails to ensure that the network is in great shape for the winter.


Exciting planning continues on the Town of Carrabassett Valley's proposed "Touring Center Improvement Plan", a comprehensive review of, and long range plan for, substantial facility improvements to the buildings, grounds and trails on the Town Lot. Concept plans are on display at the Town Office.

Outdoor Center hours of operation will be 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Sunday through Friday and 9:00 am to 8:00 pm Saturdays and holiday weeks (rink conditions permitting).

2005/2006 Winter Events Sugarloaf Outdoor Center

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| 11/25/05 | Open for the Season |
| 12/17/0 | Maine High School Opener |
| 01/14/06 | TD Banknorth Eastern
Cup 10Km Freestyle |
| 01/21/06 | Colby College NCAA
Division I Winter Carnival |
| 02/12/06 | TD Banknorth
Sugarloaf Ski Marathon 30Km/ 15Km
Freestyle Ski Race and Tour |
| 03/06/06 | USCSA National
Championships Week |
| 04/02/06 | Close for the Season |





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237-2192

Open Daily for Lunch & Dinner
Use your Ski Club Discount

**DISCOUNT PROGRAM
FOR SSC MEMBERS**

Numerous area businesses offer discounts to SSC members each season. A complete listing for the season, with details of amounts and restrictions, will be available in the November newsletter. The following have offered discounts in the past.

Sugarloaf Mountain Area

The Bag and Kettle, D'Ellies, Gepetto's, Gold Smith Gallery, Hug's Italian Cuisine, Java Joe's, and the Seasons Restaurant, Sugarloaf Outdoor Center

Stratton Area

White Wolf Restaurant

Carrabassett Valley and Kingfield Areas

Julia's at Winter's Inn
Longfellow's
Scent-sations

**MEMBERS : Get some new Sugarloaf
Ski Club merchandise !!**

The newest item is the collection of note-cards published by the club with 4 vintage photos, great for your own use or for gifts for the holidays!!

We have lots of nice Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club logo items for sale. They are a great way of identifying yourself as a Sugarloaf regular.

We have the warm windbloc fleece hats, sweatshirts, t-shirts, baseball hats, aprons which are super for tuning skis or having a barbecue, and those wonderful heavy denim shirts. All have the club logo. Or get another club logo sticker!

DID YOU RENEW YET?



Sugarloaf Ski Club Membership Form: 2004/2005

Name _____ Home phone _____

Mailing Address _____ S'loaf phone _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Type of Membership

Please list each family member:

Family \$50 _____

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