



# Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club

# NEWS

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Ski Club Members:  
Approx. 1,300

## President's Message

Opening day of Sugarloaf's 66<sup>th</sup> season came on November 21. Mother Nature has given us several days of warm weather in November, which made it tough to get a long snowmaking window. The Snowmakers were like firemen waiting for the call that temps would be low enough so they could jump into action, and they did, lighting up the trails with scores of high efficiency guns. The regular crowd of Sugarloafers that were waiting for the lift to open gave a big round of applause when the snowmakers showed up and got on the lift to continue their work.

### Exciting News!

It has been a busy 2 months since Homecoming. This summer, a committee was formed for the construction of the new Competition Center. They have been meeting diligently, and as many of you have heard, the construction of the



*Once again CJ and friends got the first chair of the year.  
Left to right: CJ Gaunce, Caiden Shea, Daniel Gaunce and Mike Tighe*

new building will begin in May and be completed by November 15, in time for the 2016-17 season. I was doing a little math about how much time the committee has put into this project since May. We have had well over 50 meetings, and the result is that we have the building designed, partnership agreements signed, a lead donor that has enabled the project to go forward, and the permitting process pretty well wrapped up.

The floor plans and

exterior images are at the existing competition building for all to see. If you would like to be shown the plans, or learn how you can be involved in the project, send the Ski Club an email at [sugarloafskiclub@tds.net](mailto:sugarloafskiclub@tds.net) or call 237-6955. I will be happy to look over the project with you. By the time you read this, there will be a website page up and running detailing plans for the building. Check back: [www.sugarloafskiclub.org](http://www.sugarloafskiclub.org).

## Ski Club Events Calendar

Check our website for up to date happenings at [sugarloafskiclub.org](http://sugarloafskiclub.org)

### DECEMBER

**December 27**  
**Ski Club and CVA WP**  
**pot luck adult social**  
4 pm – 6 pm at Atrium of  
King Cumming's campus  
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d'oeuvres to share

**December 30**  
**Snowshoe Shuffle**  
Outdoor Center  
FMI on this fun event: [www.sugarloafcharitysummit.org](http://www.sugarloafcharitysummit.org)

### JANUARY

**January 9 • Ski Club**  
**Annual Meeting and**  
**Social**  
Honoring the Past and  
Planning for the Future 5:30  
- 8PM Carrabassett Library  
Begin Room

**January 12**  
**Monthly Tuesday Social**  
Gepetto's - 4:30 to 6 pm

**January 30**  
**Sugarloaf Charity**  
**Summit**  
FMI - [www.sugarloaf.com/charity](http://www.sugarloaf.com/charity)

### FEBRUARY

**February 6**  
**Beer Tasting with 3**  
**Maine Brewers**  
Outdoor Center

**February 9**  
**Monthly Tuesday**  
**Social - TBA**

**February 13**  
**The Maine Ski**  
**Heritage Classic**  
Auction and reception  
at Sugarloaf Inn  
[www.skimuseumofmaine.org](http://www.skimuseumofmaine.org)

**February 16**  
**Spaghetti and**  
**Skating Party**  
Fun for all ages  
5:30-7:30  
Outdoor Center

### MARCH

**March 19**  
**Downhill24**  
FMI: [winterkids.org](http://winterkids.org)

**March 19**  
**North of Nashville**  
**Annual Snowball**  
**Dinner/Dance**  
King Pine Room

## Comp Center Social



Long time volunteers Steve Schaeffer and Phil Hunter

The Competition Center season kickoff for volunteers (our last one to be held in the existing Comp Center) was held November 28. Over 50 people were in attendance. Lev Steeves, the Comp Center volunteer coordinator, was very pleased with the turnout and the many new faces. It takes scores of volunteers to put on the many events hosted at Sugarloaf each year. When you watch an Olympics or see one of our kids competing at a high level, just remember they would not have that opportunity unless some tireless volunteers were willing to be on the hill in all kinds of weather.

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## Scholarship News

The Sugarloaf Ski Club and its foundation Sugarloaf Regional Ski Educational Foundation recently met and awarded over \$20,000 to local children. These scholarships enable them to participate in on-mountain ski and ride programs, from minicuffers to full time CVA.

When the scholarship committees of both the Sugarloaf Ski Club and the Sugarloaf Regional Ski Educational Foundation (SRSEF) met this fall, they were especially

impressed with the applicants' goals for the upcoming season. These young athletes showed that they are serious and excited about their programs and their own goals and accomplishments.

These programs range from learn to ski or ride: "I want to go higher up on the mountain" and "improve my park skills" to high-level competitions: "Lower my FIS points" or "Make a NorAm podium." Some of these motivated ath-

letes have an eye on the next Olympics!

The Ski Club raises funds throughout the year at social events. SRSEF funds come from, among others, the Aoytte Golf Classic and the McKay/Wadddle Ski Race. A full list of all the funds managed by the SRSEF is on our ski club website at [www.sugarloafskiclub.org](http://www.sugarloafskiclub.org). The Town of Carrabassett Valley, managed by the Ski Club, also helps students who attend local schools.

If you would like to help, tax deductible donations can be made to the Sugarloaf Regional Ski Educational Foundation fund by mail or online, and please indicate the fund of your choice.

Let's ensure that local area kids can ski and ride on this mountain we all love. Who knows - one of them may be the next Seth Wescott, Bode Miller, Sam Morse or Emily Cook.

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Congratulations to WSKI TV for celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an independently owned and run tv station. WSKI started in 1979 as a closed-circuit tv station run by Sugarloaf Mountain Corp. It was available only at on-mountain properties. In 1986 (30 seasons ago) Snowfields Productions, Nadene McLeod and Jeff Dumais, became and still are the independent operator of WSKI. It is broadcast in the larger Sugarloaf area community on TWC.

They continue to be the

video arm for Sugarloaf's marketing department, are now affiliated with Outside Television, a nationwide channel. Their tag line is still "Turning Guests Into Locals". Host Greg Powers says he is "living the dream" up here at the Loaf and wants to make sure everyone lives their dream up here as well.

Aside from the weekend report live shows, my favorite is "From the Archives", which showcases footage from Sugarloaf's past. WSKI is invaluable to clubs and other non-profits



*Greg Powers interviewing Snowboard Gold medal winner Seth Wescott*

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The third annual Snowshoe Shuffle, the kickoff event for the 16<sup>th</sup> Sugarloaf Charity Summit, will take place at the Outdoor Center on Dec 30, 2015. The route is about an hour long through the rolling hill trails of the Sugarloaf Outdoor Center. The fee to enter is only \$25. Kids are free when accompanied by adults. Full details and signup can be found at [www.sugarloafcharitysummit.org](http://www.sugarloafcharitysummit.org)



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## News from the Ski Museum of Maine

The Ski Museum of Maine has had a busy fall with a very successful Hall of Fame banquet and our Maine Ski Season Launch party. Special thanks to Ski Maine for their leadership role in both. The Sugarloaf Ski Club was well represented at both events.

The Ski Museum vintage fashion show will take place at the Bethel Inn and Resort on January 9 at 4:30 pm. More info and tickets are available on our website. Come see what was chic in the ski world many years ago.



*Deb Freeman, Roger Hewson and Glenn Parkinson model their vintage ski clothing and equipment.*

We will once again be having a ski museum day at Camden Snowbowl and the Waterfront restaurant. The theme

of the event will be to honor Sonny Goodwin, who played an instrumental role in making the Camden Snowbowl

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the great community asset it is today. This is the second year we have gone to Camden. Last year several Sugarloafers attended and had a very memorable day with pow-

der skiing, a great dinner and lots of good story sharing. So mark your calendar for February 10th for this great event. Check our website for details and lodging info.

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, our 9<sup>th</sup> annual Maine Ski Heritage Classic will take place once again at the Shipyard at the Sugarloaf Inn. Ski club member and museum board mem-

ber Gerry Thompson is chairing the event, and it is going to be a great day of history, socializing and silent and live auctions. Well over 100 people usually attend and a good time is had by all. Great deals abound at the auctions with over 100 items available to bid on.

The Museum is open daily throughout the year and admission is free, so stop in any time to view our exhibits.

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## Judson's - The End Of An Era

*In October, shortly after Homecoming, Judson's Sugarloaf Motel was torn down.*

The motel, which opened in the spring of 1958, was the last of the three original "Valley" ski lodges to come down. The Chateau des Tagues came down in 2014 and the Red Stallion in 20013.

The Sugarloaf Motel was built and operated by Irv and Edna "Ma" Judson. Before coming to Sugarloaf they had operated a

hotel called the Judson House in Unity, Maine. They operated the Sugarloaf Motel through the late 1960's together; then Irv passed away,

and Ma Judson continued to operate the motel and restaurant. Ma Judson had a reputation for serving home cooked meals in a pleasant

family atmosphere. The motel restaurant boasted knotty pine walls and a very large fieldstone fireplace, which separated the dining room from



*Judson's Sugarloaf Motel*

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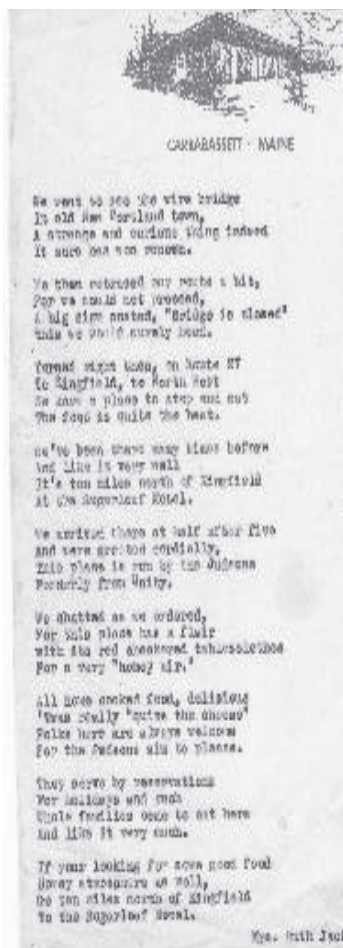
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the après ski bar known as the “We Ski Den” - commonly known as “whisky den”. The bar had many notable bartenders, one of whom was John Christie.

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This truly is the end of an era. In the late 50’s and through the 60’s, the Valley was a “happening place” with 3 ski lodges and restaurants operating. Thanks to Tufulios, and now the SugarBowl, the Valley is still a “happening place.”



## CVA WP Parents & All Ski Club Members Are Invited

### CVA Weekend Program Appreciation Social

Sunday December 27<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm – 6:00pm

CVA King Cummings Campus—Atrium

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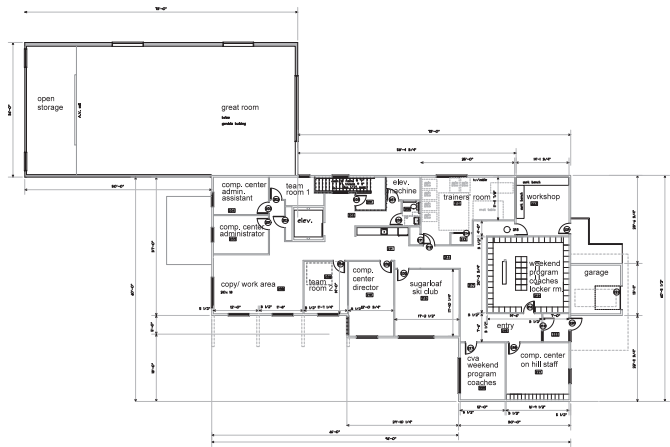
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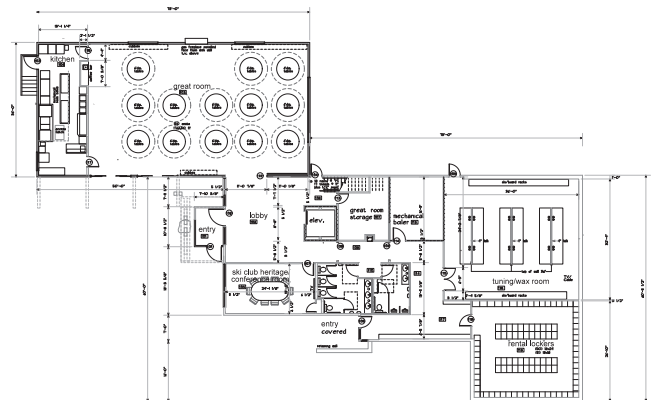
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## New Comp Center Update

The proposed starting date for construction of the new Competition Center is May 2016, and it will be completed in time to open for the 2016-17 ski season. The building will be located right where it is now; the existing building will be redone and turned into one large great room to accommodate 150 people. A two-story addition will house a variety of offices and work rooms, a waxing/tuning room, lockers, a conference room, a kitchen, and bathrooms. If you would like to know how you can be involved in this exciting project, please contact the Ski Club at 237-6955.



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*Cathy Sharpe, John Hall, Mike Sheriden, Bro Hopkins, Nadene Macleod. Nadene poses with Mike's new car in front of the Red Stallion in the early 70's.*



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## 65th Annual Ski Club Meeting

*Honoring the Past and Preparing for the Future*

The 65<sup>th</sup> annual membership meeting of the Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club will be held on the evening of January 9, from 5:30 – 8:00, at the Begin Room of the Carrabassett Public Library.

After a short business meeting at 6 pm and election of directors and officers, we will have a program with a slide show highlighting the accomplishments of the Sugarloaf Ski Club and its members over the last 65 years. The program will also showcase what is in store for the future. Detailed plans for the new Competition Center and home for

the Sugarloaf Ski Club will be on display and explained. We have invited the past presidents of the club to attend this event. As movers and shakers of the Ski Club, they will be honored for their vision and commitment.

As always, after the short business meeting, adult refreshments and some great hors d'oeuvres will be served up by co-chairs Nancy Holliday and Ginny Bousum and their volunteer assistants. This meeting is always a great example how the club mixes business with pleasure, and it is sure to be a great eve-



*These past presidents of the Sugarloaf Ski Club were honored at Founders Night many years ago: Front row l. to r.: Peter Spaulding, Don Pfeifle, Robert (Bunny) Bass, Jack Smart, Jon Helstedt; Back row l. to r.: Bernie Carpenter, Skip Skaling, Pat Andrews, Scott Scully*

ning for all who attend. Although there is no charge to attend the event, you must reserve your spot by going on-line to our store and

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Until December 17<sup>th</sup>, it will cost just \$30-\$35 per night to stay at a Hut. This is self-service season, so you'll need to pack in and pack out all

your own food and gear. There's still heat, hot water, electricity, and a volunteer caretaker to

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Starting December 18<sup>th</sup>, the Huts will be back in full-service season, when the facilities are staffed and meals are served. Even if you're not spending the night, a trek to a



*Flagstaff Hut entrance in January*

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Do you know someone who would love to stay at Maine Huts & Trails? Consider giving a Maine

Huts gift certificate this holiday! It's the perfect present for someone who doesn't need any more 'stuff', and is an experience they'll never forget. Gift certificates can be used for anything from lunch, to membership, to a Hut-to-Hut adventure. We also have great gift items at the Kingfield office, so be sure to pop in to say hello!

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Carrabassett Valley Academy (CVA) is pleased to welcome Matt McFall as the Head Ski Cross Coach for the 2015-2016 season. McFall will join the team in early December and brings a wealth of industry knowledge and experience from his many years as a ski racing coach and ski technician. Most recently he has worked with the Chinese Olympic Freestyle Team in Sochi, and the Canadian National Ski Cross Team.

“I’m looking forward to working with the athletes and staff at CVA,” said McFall. “I believe we can define a development path that gives each athlete a clear vision for personal and athletic excellence in ski cross.”

The CVA Ski Cross program is well established as it begins its fourth full season. The program has a proven track record for success with several FIS Junior World Championship nominations, USASA National podiums, and two ski cross athletes participating in this year’s Youth Olympic Games in Lillehammer, Norway. This year, Sugarloaf/CVA will again be hosting a stop on the Nor-Am Ski Cross Tour, and continues to be one of the premier training venues in the east.

CVA Snowboard/Ski Cross Program Director Mike Mallon remarked: “We are so fortunate to have Matt join us. He brings an energetic, experienced-based approach to coaching, complemented by a pure passion for the sport. We are looking forward to have him join the athletes this fall and guide them through another successful season.”

## FALL TRAINING TRIPS

Fall training camps are an integral part of the preparation for the ski and snowboard season. Below is an overview of each discipline’s camp location and the training focus.

### Stubai, Austria

This is the fourth year that the Alpine team has traveled to their fall training site in Stubai, Austria. Forty



*Coach Sean Chatellard with USSA president Tiger Shaw in Sölden.*



*Picket fence drill.*





*CVA Mens Alpine in Austria*

student/athletes and eight coaches attended the trip from October 13 - 31. Their focus was be twofold: athletes who skied with CVA during the June camp, focused on GS/SG and those who did not ski in June will started with the fundamentals and then moved into GS/SG as the camp progressed.



*Trampoline jumper*

Science teacher Shelley Koenig joined the group for 5 days to assist students with their homework and help them understand how to manage school work on the road. One of the big highlights was the annual trip to the men's and women's World Cup at Soelden. It's an experience they will never forget.

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*Woodward group*



*Woodward training*

### **Camp Woodward, Pennsylvania**

This is the third year that the Snowboard team has attended Camp Woodward, an action sports camp located in central Pennsylvania. Both the CVA Elite and Development teams and their coaches spent 5 days this October at Woodward's extensive tram-

poline facility. The main focus of the camp was air awareness training. The use of trampolines, park-boards, foam pits, skateboards, as well as gymnastics equipment facilitated a safe environment for the athletes to progress.

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*Going off the water ramps*



*Enjoying World Cup action in Sölden.*

## Water Ramps, Lake Placid

Since 1999 the Freestyle team has held a training-camp at the Mackenzie Jumping Complex, an Olympic training facility in Lake Placid, NY. This facility has a deep pool with ramps and jumps for practicing tricks. From September 10th to 14th this year, two

coaches and eleven athletes spent 4 days working on air awareness and honing their tricks with a lot of success. During those 4 days an athlete can hit between 80 and 130 jumps! They stayed at the Olympic Training Center, an elite athletic environment for video sessions and pre and post-ramp training.



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