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THE AVALANCHE

March 2009

NEXT MEETING:

- Thursday, March 5, 2008
- 7:30pm @ The Falmouth Inn
Main Street, Falmouth
- Apres Ski Party
- Combined Trip Recap
- Upcoming trips
- Free food

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President's Letter

Dear Members:

This has been a great skiing year so far, and I hope you're enjoying the great conditions. As I write this, the ski areas are getting hit with lots more snow. That rain in early February should be a distant memory at this point. There's plenty more skiing left and we have a number of trips remaining on the schedule. Please take advantage of those.



As expected, our relationship with Cape Cod Ski Club has been a work-in-progress. Both clubs have seen some advantages and disadvantages to the arrangement and we're working to resolve those as best we can. So what is the future of this collaboration? The truth is, we're not sure. The Board of Directors is working hard to steer this club in the best direction possible. We can't do it without your input and advice. How do like things so far? What do you see as the pros and cons? Should we combine more or less trips? Do you even go on the day trips? Let us know so we can be sure to address everyone's concerns.

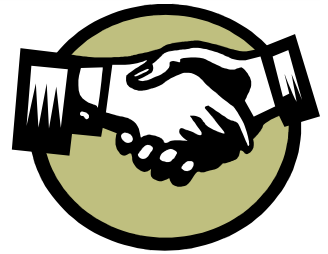
An issue that constantly seems to surface is our membership numbers. We have about 100 members, a number that has stayed constant the last few years. That's a good base, but it needs to be higher if our club is to be successful. Without more members, we don't have much leverage—over mountains, the bus company, or simply subsidizing trips. Our dues contribute a lot toward keeping trip costs reasonable. Without sufficient dues income, you should expect to see costs go up. The easiest way around this is to pick up more members. Everyone needs to talk up the club at every opportunity. Have you given out any of the non-member waivers for day trips?

See you on the slopes,

Steve,
President



TRIP COLLABORATION



We've had all kinds of input about our joint trips with the Cape Cod Ski Club. Some love it, grateful we haven't cancelled trips this year. Others have less favorable feedback. There are definite strengths and weaknesses to the relationship. Some of these can and will be worked out while others are not as easy to negotiate. The point is, the trips are running and we're getting as many members to the mountains as possible.

After some observation, we've determined that members attend trips for different reasons. Some are there to ski, period. Some are there more for the social atmosphere than for the skiing. And, of course, some fall somewhere in between. It's easier to satisfy the first group and we feel we're trying our best with that for now. The social group is a little harder to satisfy. The interaction and camaraderie found on our own day trips can be appreciated; however, we simply can't afford to run trips with 10 people on board. Therefore, we need to get more people on those trips. The more social people on the bus, the better. Right?

You'll need to figure out where you fall along that spectrum of skier vs. social butterfly. If you're there for the skiing, you should be trying the CCSC alternative. If you have tried it, let us know how it went. If you're the social butterfly type, great. We need you. Get more of your friends to join the club. They don't even have to ski; instead, invite them to a meeting or to one of our summer activities. Their dues will help subsidize our day trips, which means we can run them with fewer people.

We're all trying to cut costs in this declining economy. The club provides a great opportunity for inexpensive travel, fun, and fellowship. We need to make this work and we need your help to do it. Blanket your neighborhood, office, whatever. Just don't piss off your boss—you don't want to be unemployed right now.

~ Deposit/Refund policy ~

Deposits help ensure that a space is reserved for our members. These deposits apply to bus trips, weekend trips, week-long trips and more. Late cancellations are not entitled to a refund, nor is the club responsible for finding a replacement for you. You must find your own replacement, although we will endeavor to help you whenever possible. Deposits are further subject to the conditions imposed upon us by our suppliers, agents or other providers. We make every effort to refund as much money as possible but cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Inquire of your trip leader for specific information regarding your particular trip. The club recommends that you consider trip insurance whenever possible.

SKI UTAH!

Tom's Recap...

WOW... For all those that didn't make this trip, damn you missed out! I'm struggling to come up with a negative aspect to this trip. Alright, there was the usual—we paid too much in luggage fees, Dave got somebody else's boarding pass, I lost one of my brand new skis in a bottomless pit of powder (but eventually found it)... Other than that, things went real well and everyone had a great time.

Utah skiing has something for everyone. There are seven resorts in close proximity and each has a sufficient variety of terrain so that even the greenest of rookies will have fun. Our lift tickets only covered Park City and The Canyons, but most of us added a day at Deer Valley to that. Some even added a day at Alta as well. With snow that nice, who wants to take a day off? I came home slightly ashamed because I hadn't returned with any souvenirs, a bit of a tradition in my family. It's not that I didn't think of them, it's just that the skiing was so good I didn't have much time for shopping. Sorry Mom and Dad...



Our two travel days left us only six days to squeeze in as much skiing as possible. Sunday was an early day, having stumbled into the condo sometime in the wee hours on Saturday night. Park City was the mountain of choice and the snow was packed powder on the groomers (no, not the packed



powder we see here in New England—this is real packed powder) and powder in the trees. Monday took us to Alta and the front of a 3-day storm that dumped about three feet in all. Alta is a local's mountain and is known for its deep powder and steep runs. Deep and Steep! Even though it was a holiday, lift lines were minimal and we only waited in line a couple of times. The next stop on our tour was The Canyons—a sprawling resort three times the size of Killington and with three times as much snow. The trees were especially nice that Tuesday, with the snow light and fluffy and the storm in full force. Wednesday

should have been an off day, but who can resist free tickets to Deer Valley, courtesy of a ridiculous time-share presentation the day before. Deer Valley is the number one-rated resort in North America with elaborate lifts and even more elaborate on-mountain mansions. We dined at Stein Erikson's Lodge for lunch (at the time, Stein himself was enjoying his lunch across the room). Words cannot describe the decadent buffet spread before us. It was all done in true Deer Valley fashion, overlooking



(Utah Recap, cont.)

multi-million dollar vacation homes. By afternoon, the storm had passed, leaving us with blue skies and powder aplenty. Oh, my aching quads! On Thursday, we were back to The Canyons to see all we had missed a couple days prior. Last time, visibility was poor. This day, there wasn't a cloud in the sky and we all slathered on the sunscreen. Now that the storm had passed, we were able to see that Deer Valley isn't the only home to the rich. The Canyons is developing at a rapid rate and there were massive homes going up everywhere. Finally, we returned to Park City for day six. Again, we awoke to bright blue skies and a glorious day to enjoy the powder. The main runs were skied off by now, but venture deep into the trees and fresh tracks were awaiting. What a place!



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In summary, Utah is the place for American West skiing. If you're looking for guaranteed excellent conditions, this is as close as you'll come. Want great snow? Utah has it. Western atmosphere? You becha. Nightlife? Yep. Variety and proximity in one? Absolutely. Every time I come back from a trip out west, I stop and reconsider where I've been and which is my favorite. Utah just made that decision a little harder. Does it now top my list? I'll have to think about that. The real question is, does it top yours? If you haven't been there, there's only one way to find out.



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08 / 09 Trip Schedule

DATE	DAY	DESTINATION	COST*	TRIP LEADER	TIME ⁺
Dec 10	Wed	Sunday River, ME	\$65/\$75	Roger Stokey	5:10
Dec 31	Wed	Wachusett, MA	CALL	Donny Estes	DRIVE
Jan 7	Wed	Loon, NH	\$65/\$75	Roger Stokey	5:00
Jan 11	Sun	Loon, NH	\$65/\$75	Tom Burt	5:00
Jan 21	Wed	Mount Snow, VT	\$65/\$75	Scott Northrop	5:00
Jan 25-30	Sun–Fri	Sugarloaf, ME	\$345	Bud Shaw	DRIVE
Feb 1	Sun	Waterville, NH	\$65/\$75	Suzanne Shermer	5:00
Feb 4	Wed	Killington, VT	\$65/\$75	Donny Estes	4:30
Feb 8	Sun	Mount Snow, VT	\$65/\$75	Collette Shaw	5:00
Feb 11	Wed	Mad River Glen, VT	\$65/\$75	Tom Burt	4:30
Feb 14-21	Sat–Sat	Park City, UT	\$1545	Bud Shaw	FLY
Feb 25	Wed	Stratton, VT	\$65/\$75	Bill Ventura	5:00
Mar 1	Sun	Sunday River, ME	\$65/\$75	Steve Carr	5:00
Mar 4	Wed	Stowe, VT	\$65/\$75	Donny Estes	5:00
Mar 8	Sun	Okemo, VT	\$65/\$75	Tom Burt	5:00
Mar 11	Wed	Okemo, VT	\$65/\$75	Camille Morgan	5:00
Mar 18	Wed	Sunday River, ME	\$65/\$75	Tom Burt	5:00
Mar 25	Wed	Wildcat, NH	\$65/\$75	Suzanne Shermer	5:00

* Submit payment at least 10 days in advance, pay only \$65. Within 10 days, pay \$75. All payments subject to our deposit policy, found elsewhere in this newsletter. Non-members are subject to a \$15 surcharge.

⁺ Times are subject to change based upon which club operates the trip.

Check with your Trip Leader for the correct departure time and location.



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Mailing Address: _____

City & State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____

Email address: _____

Trip desired: _____ Date: _____

☐ Downhill ☐ Cross Country ☐ Snowboard

YOU MUST FILL IN ALL BLANKS. I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE LIABILITY POLICY AND I WAIVE ALL LIABILITY.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

LIABILITY POLICY: Participants acknowledge that there are inherent risks in skiing, whitewater rafting, and other sports, and agree to hold harmless the Upper Cape Ski & Sport Club, it's officers, directors, and agents, from any claims whatsoever resulting from participation in any club related activity. The Upper Cape Ski & Sport Club acts solely as agent carrying out services and assumes no responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to persons or property, not for faults or defaults of companies or those carrying out services; nor accident, injuries, delays, cancellations, changes due to weather, baggage, lodging, insufficient participation, or reasons beyond the control of the Upper Cape Ski & Sport Club. Component Properties, Inc. will not be held liable for any damage or theft of property left at Component Properties, Barlows Landing Road, Pocasset, MA.

Make all checks payable to: Upper Cape Ski & Sport Club

Mail directly to the trip leader. Do not send cash !!!! Amount enclosed: \$ _____

All deposits are subject to our deposit policy which is published in our newsletter and on our website.

Membership Application for 2008-2009 Season

Name: _____ Age: _____

MAILING Address: _____

City & State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____

Email address: _____

Annual Dues - \$45

October 1, 2008 thru Sept. 30, 2009

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Annual dues are \$45. Minimum age for membership is 21 years of age. Make all checks payable to Upper Cape Ski & Sport Club and mail to: UCS&SC-Membership, Box 2123, Teaticket, MA 02536

Agenda:

March 5 Meeting:

- Apres Ski—wear your favorite Apres clothes, we'll bring the snacks and games
- Trip updates
- Trip recaps
- Free Food
- It's never too early to think about next year's trips!

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