



The Upper Cape Ski & Sports Club
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January 2007

NEXT MEETING:

- Thursday
- January 4, 2007
- 7:30 p.m.
- The Falmouth Inn
- 824 Main Street
Falmouth, MA 02540

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President's Letter

Happy New Year!

I thought I would start off this month's newsletter by venting a little. I'm proud to be a New Englander and I understand that living in this part of the country means dealing with the cold and the snow. I've grown increasingly frustrated this year not only at Mother Nature's procrastination but also at those among us that actually enjoy the mild days that have plagued us recently. It sickens me when a local approaches and says, "Isn't this weather great! I wish it could be like this every winter." Aaahhh!!!! My response is usually, "Move to Florida" or "Why do you live in New England" or even worse, as my frustration grows.

What these (apparently) cold-blooded types don't realize is that this type of weather is not only unnatural for our region, but harmful as well. We all know about the global warming mumbo jumbo with melting polar caps and all, but the effects of a mild winter can certainly hit closer to home. Other than the most obvious effect—the lack of snow and snow-making temperatures—diseases and pests are a valid concern. The Lyme Disease Association states that warmer temperatures foster higher populations of ticks and tick-bearing pests. The MA Bureau of Forest Fire Control and Forestry are certainly fans of colder winters; warmer temperatures and lighter snowfall translate into significantly higher risk of forest fires. And the National Weather Service says, "More bugs, more black flies, more mosquitoes." Finally, a growing problem comes in the form of an aphid called the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. This parasite sucks the sap from Hemlocks which usually proves fatal to the tree. In the past, northern climates prevented the insect from advancing to our area; however, reduced temperatures leave northern states susceptible. These are just a few of the many reasons to wish for more New England-like temperatures. When it really comes down to it, I just want to ski. And to those hoping for Cancun on Cape Cod, if I have to explain it, you just don't understand...

Think cold, Think snow!

Tom Peterson
President

Source: Ryan, Andrew. The Boston Globe. 5/7/06. <http://www.boston.com>.



Important!

If you see "DUES" on your Newsletter mailing label, you haven't paid your dues yet!

Upcoming Day Trips

We have some great day trips this month. Don't let the mild weather fool you; they have been cranking out snow like crazy up north! Don't forget to give the trip leader a couple of days notice if you plan on attending. Last minute sign-ups are always welcome; however, we can't make any guarantees. The bus departs at 5:00am unless stated otherwise. Contact the appropriate trip leader today to sign up or see them at the January 4th meeting.



January 10, 2007

Trip Leader: Ron Purdy

You never have a bad day at Stratton! That's been our motto for years and we're hoping to continue the tradition on this popular Wednesday trip. Stratton's high-speed six-passenger chairs make this a great week-day destination. Off the street, mid-week lift tickets are \$64 this year, so for virtually the same price, we throw in the bus ride, doughnuts, movie and great camaraderie. Don't pass up this affordable opportunity to ski New England's most expensive resort!

Cost: \$65

Contact: Ron Purdy at (508) 540-4268



January 14, 2007

Trip Leader: Tom Burt

Wake up with the chickens (actually, before the chickens!) and hop on the bus for a great day at the River. For all those who complain about the weekend crowds, this is your chance to ski on a Sunday without worrying about lift lines. The combination of location and size make Sunday River one of the few resorts where you can escape the crowds on a Sunday. When else will you get a chance to ski Sunday River? New snow is falling and snowmaking is in progress. Bring a pillow and a good book; the bus leaves at 4:30am.

Cost: \$70

Contact: Tom Burt at (508) 566-0095



January 31, 2007

Trip Leader: Chuck Wilson

Call in sick and call up Chuck—Mount Snow, here we come! With four faces, this mountain can accommodate various snow and weather conditions. Most of this 590 acre resort is covered by blue groomers, so be prepared to tear it up! Snowguns are running nonstop and their legendary terrain parks will be ready by the time this trip comes around. And, considering Mount Snow is only 127 miles from Boston, you'll be home in time for "Friday Night Lights." What are you waiting for? Sign up today!

Cost: \$65

Contact: Chuck Wilson at (508) 888-3214

Changed your e-mail address lately?

If you haven't notified us, then you won't receive our email updates.

Send e-mail requests to:

mfskier@uppercapeskiclub.com

~ 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.

For up-to-the-minute information on trip updates, visit
www.uppercapeskiclub.com



06 / 07 Trip Schedule!

DATE	DAY	DESTINATION	PRICE	TRIP LEADER
December 8-10	Friday-Sunday	Sunday River, ME	\$130	Michael Finegold
January 10	Wednesday	Stratton, VT	\$65	Ron Purdy
January 14	Sunday	Sunday River, ME	\$70	Tom Burt
January 21-26	Sunday-Friday	Sugarloaf, ME	\$330	Bud Shaw
January 31	Wednesday	Mount Snow, VT	\$65	Chuck Wilson
February 4	Sunday	Wildcat, NH	\$70	Tom Burt
February 14	Wednesday	Okemo, VT	\$65	Camille Morgan
February 17-24	Saturday-Saturday	Breckenridge, CO	\$1260	Bud Shaw
February 23-March 2	Friday-Friday	Steamboat, CO	\$1429	Michael Finegold
February 28	Wednesday	Cannon, NH	\$65	Tom Peterson
March 4	Sunday	Crotched, NH	\$65	Chuck Wilson
March 14	Wednesday	Loon, NH	\$65	Roz Levin
March 21	Wednesday	Wildcat, NH	\$65	Sharon Grace
March 28	Wednesday	Attitash, NH	\$65	Roz Levin

Non-members are subject to a \$15 surcharge. Already have a pass? Ride the bus for only \$40!

All trips leave from the Grand Union parking lot in Monument Beach (off MacArthur's Blvd).

Pickup available in Middleboro on VT day trips and Duxbury on NH and ME day trips.

06/07 Trip Leaders

Bud Shaw
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Mashpee, MA 02649
508-477-3717

Tom Burt
46 Thom Avenue
Bourne, MA 02532
508-759-8364

Roz Levin
PO Box 125
Mashpee MA 02649
508-477-8476

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88 Palmer Avenue
Falmouth, MA 02540
508-548-0071

Sharon Grace
15 Horseshoe Lane
North Falmouth, MA 02556
508-548-3639

Camille Morgan
4 Thorne Road
Bourne, MA 02532
508-759-7616

Chuck Wilson
190 Old Plymouth Road
Sagamore Beach, MA 02562

Ron Purdy
PO Box 3419
Waquoit MA 02536

Tom Peterson
35 McCallum Drive
Falmouth, MA 02540

Trip Application for 2006-2007 Season

Name: _____ Roommate: _____

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 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. 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 2006-2007 Season

Name: _____ Age: _____

MAILING Address: _____

City & State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____

Email address: _____

Annual Dues - \$45

October 1, 2006 thru Sept. 30, 2007

Downhill Snowboard

Cross-Country

I prefer to receive my newsletters via email: YES NO

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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**

Next General Meeting

**Thursday
January 4, 2007**

The Falmouth Inn
824 Main Street
Across from Dairy Queen

Itinerary:

January 4:

- ↑ Free Day Trip Giveaway!
- ↑ Sign up for Trips
- ↑ Pay your dues!
- ↑ Eat some free food!

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There's no news like snow news!