

The Avalanche

OCTOBER 2009

From the Summit



Dear Members:

It was a busy summer for the Upper Cape Ski & Sports Club and I hope you were able to take part. We had a lot of fun, but made a couple important decisions too.

One of the big changes for members this year will be our new website. The club has switched to a more automated site, giving us the ability to collect dues and trip payments on-line. For members, it means the added convenience of using a credit card and not having to mail or hand-deliver checks to trip leaders the night before a trip. You'll find more details later in this newsletter, but you can see the new site at www.uppercapecskiclub.com.

Another change is to our trip schedule. We continue to experiment with the Cape Cod Ski Club, but have decided to lessen the role they play in our organization. Sunday trips will likely be deferred to their club but we will run our own weekday trips this year. And, to mix things up a bit, many of our trips will fall on various weekdays. We felt it was time to break the routine, hoping to get more interest and more attendees. See the trip schedule for exact details. And, as always, we value your feedback; let us know what you think.

Speaking of trips, the details on our week-long trips can be found in the following pages. Last year's Sugarloaf trip saw record attendance, so let's be sure to keep that streak going. This year's trip out west will venture to Banff and Lake Louise. It's filling up fast, so be sure to get on board now if you're interested. The area has been deemed one of the most (if not the most) beautiful regions for North American skiing.

I hope to see you all at the upcoming meeting on October 1. Don't forget, the meeting begins at 7:00 not 7:30. If you haven't paid your dues yet, the meeting will be your last opportunity to get in at the discount rate of \$40. After October 1, the rate goes up to \$45. Please take advantage of the offer while it lasts!



See you all soon,

**Steve Carr,
President**

Trip Application for 2009-2010 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, its 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.

~ 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.

NEXT MEETING:

- Thursday, October 1, 2009
- 7:00pm @ The Falmouth Inn
Main Street, Falmouth
- Trip Schedule overview
- Website overview
- Nominations for Officers
- Summer Recap
- Free food!



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Summer Activity Recap

What did you do this summer? Did it include sailing, cycling, kayaking, and taking in fireworks with friends? For some Upper Cape Ski Club members, that's exactly what happened. The summer kicked off with the popular July 4 fireworks cruise. Once again, we had the best seat in the house for Falmouth's spectacular show. A couple weeks later, another group gathered aboard the schooner Liberte for a sunset cruise. Like the past couple of years, we're the rowdy crowd that gets sent to the back of the boat. All the better though, it gave us a place to spread out all our food and enjoy each other's company. Even a tropical storm couldn't bring down our kayak trip, although it did force us off the ocean and onto a lake. Bud and Collette hosted a small contingent at their Mashpee/Wakeby home. The surf, although still choppy, was considerable less than that off Bassett's Island, the original destination. Food and drinks were enjoyed by all; another successful kayak outing by the club.

Perhaps the highlight of the summer was our first annual Bicycle Poker Run. 25 rides saddled up at The Landfall and rode the length of the new bike path and back. Along the way, the riders stopped at several pre-determined locations to have refreshments and pull a playing card, making note of the card for later. At our fifth and final destination, a final card was pulled, completing a five-card poker hand. Donny Estes, our gracious host, had the best hand with two pair, Aces and Fives. The \$250 in winnings was presented to Donny, who donated the money back to the club. Thanks Donny! As our host for the afternoon, he also put on a great spread of food, capping off a great day. The weather was perfect, we all got a bit of exercise, and we had fun doing it too! Don't miss this event next year!



Tom Burt presents winner Donny Estes with his \$250 prize for the best hand.



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February 14—21, 2010

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Trip Includes:

- 7 nights at the Banff Caribou Lodge
- 4 of 6 day ski pass good at 3 mountains
- Optional extra pass for Kicking Horse
- Roundtrip airfare via Air Canada
- Luggage fees and taxes included

Price:

- \$1495 per person, double occupancy

Contact:

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 - budco1@comcast.net

SUGARLOAF, MAINE

January 24—29, 2010

\$349

- White, White, World Week
- 5 nights accommodations
- 5 day ski pass
- Free group lesson each day
- Singles can be accommodated

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09 / 10 Trip Schedule

DATE	DAY	DESTINATION	COST*	TRIP LEADER	TIME
Dec 15	Tuesday	Killington/Sunday River	\$70		4:30
Jan 5	Tuesday	Killington/Sunday River	\$70	Roger Stokey	4:30
Jan 12	Tuesday	Cannon Mt., NH	\$70		5:00
Jan 22	Friday	Wildcat, NH	\$70	Steve Carr	5:00
Jan 24–29	Sun–Fri	Sugarloaf, ME	\$349	Bud Shaw	DY
Feb 9	Tuesday	Stratton, VT	\$70	Leonard Hills	5:00
Feb 14–21	Sun–Sun	Banff, Alberta	\$1495	Bud Shaw	FLY
Mar 2	Tuesday	Attitash, NH	\$70	Steve Carr	5:00
Mar 11	Thursday	Mad River Glen, VT	\$70	Roger Stokey	4:30
Mar 17	Wednesday	Wildcat, NH	\$70	Steve Carr	5:00
Mar 24-25	Wed–Thurs	Stowe, VT	TBA		DY

* All payments subject to our deposit policy, found elsewhere in this newsletter. Non-members are subject to a \$15 surcharge.

09/10 Trip Leaders

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Announcing the new club website!

The club is proud to announce a new, improved website! The address is the same, but the content and functionality is quite different. The biggest change is our ability to collect dues and trip payments right through the site. Another change is our use of the site as our membership database. What does that mean? The site has integrated membership management features, meaning it tells us who has paid and who hasn't paid, gives us their current contact information (which you will maintain yourself), and allows us to send e-mails to the group right through the site. Having these features gives us greater flexibility but it also means you must join the club through the website. If this intimidates you, don't worry; we'll have computers available at the first couple of meetings and someone will be able to assist you.

Another great feature of the site is the help it provides us with trips. While we will still (reluctantly) accept paper applications and checks, we highly encourage you to register and pay for a trip through the site. Trip leaders will be able to see who has signed up, paid, and how many spots are left. Your attendance at that trip will get recorded and tracked, so we can see who is going on what trips and how often.

What is required of you? First of all, the willingness to try something new. We'll try to make it as easy as possible. At the home page of the site, you'll find instructions on how to renew your membership. One requirement is that each member must have their own e-mail address. The e-mail address is the site's primary way of tracking members, so you each need to have a unique address. If you don't have an e-mail address, we have a few free sites we can recommend that can provide you with one.

If you haven't checked out the new site, do so today! We're adding more content daily, so bear with us as we get everything situated perfectly. All the functionality is there though, so feel free to play around. If you run into trouble, contact Michael Finegold (774-392-2567) or Tom Burt (508-566-0095).

Agenda:

October 1 Meeting:

- Trip Schedule overview
- Website overview
- Nominations for Officers
- Summer Recap
- Free food!
- Starts 7:00pm

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There's no news like snow news!