



Sugarloaf Ski Club

NEWS

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Ski Club Mission

The mission of the Sugarloaf Ski Club is to provide the opportunity or all youth to participate and excel in skiing and snowboarding, promote community building events, support competition and preserve the history and heritage of the mountain.

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Ski Club Members:
 Approx. 1,500

President's Message

Stephen Arner

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the members of the Sugarloaf Ski Club at our annual meeting in early December for trusting me with the honor of serving as the Club's next President. This is a position I take with great pride, and I look forward to working with Bruce, the Club's Executive Director, Kim Kearing, the new Vice-President, and the Club's officers, board members, and members and volunteers. The next two years promise to be big ones for the Club, as both the Club and Sugarloaf Mountain will continue to celebrate each of their 75th anniversaries.

As we celebrate those anniversaries, it's a reminder of how far we've come, from humble beginnings to the vibrant community we are today. These milestones are not just celebrations of the past – they are opportunities to look forward and build upon the incredible foundation we've all helped to create. I look forward to working hand-in-hand with Sugarloaf to celebrate these milestones together. We've set off the celebrations in grand style with the recent release of the Club's 75th Anniversary magazine, thanks largely to the hard work of outgoing President Joe Tutlis and our director Bruce Miles. You should have received your copy in the mail by now, but there are additional copies to be found at Sugarloaf and the Club's offices.

I offer my sincere thanks to Kim Kearing for stepping into the role of Vice President. It is expected that in two years she will be asked by the Club to assume the role of

President. We are fortunate to have someone with the vision, dedication, and passion for the Club (and Sugarloaf, skiing and snowboarding) serve in that role. Together, I have no doubt that we'll continue to grow, strengthen, and build on the legacy of this club.



One of our greatest priorities will continue to be supporting youth skiing and snowboarding. Our commitment to supporting and funding programs for kids, including our King's Kids program, for which, with your help, we've raised over a million dollars, Ski and Skate, and others. These programs not only foster the skills of future generations but also instill a love for the mountain that will last a lifetime. We have a responsibility to ensure these opportunities remain accessible and thrive, and that is something we will continue to prioritize as we move forward. Let's continue to celebrate this incredible place, and let's continue to make a difference in the lives of our young skiers and riders.

Thank you again for this opportunity. I'm excited for what we will accomplish together in the years ahead.

Steve Arner
 President
 Sugarloaf Ski Club

Upcoming Events

Check our website calendar for other events sugarloafskiclub.com or email questions to info@sugarloafskiclub.com

February 11

Tuesday Social
SugarBowl

February 17

McKay-Waddle
Scholarship Race

February 27-28

WinterKids DH24

March 8

Apres Ski Social
Alfond Center
Sponsored by High Peaks Alliance

March 11

Tuesday Social
Shipyard

March 22

CVA Scholarship Bash
Alfond Center

April 8

Pot Luck Social
Alfond Center

April 11-12

Reggae Fest

June 20

44th Annual Ski Club Golf Classic
Sugarloaf Golf Club

Canoeski



Canoeski, one of the zany events from 60's and 70's. It was a canoe race on the slope followed by race in Carrabassett River.

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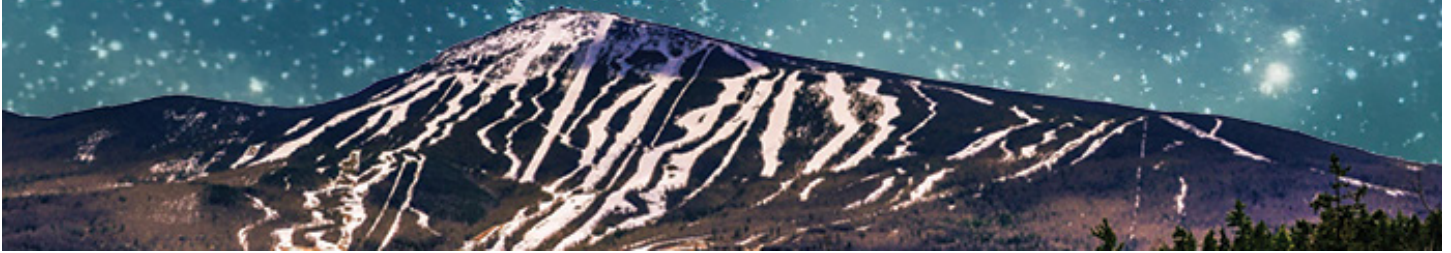
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CARRABASSETT VALLEY ACADEMY'S 2025 SCHOLARSHIP BASH IS
SATURDAY, MARCH 22



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AT THE BILL AND JOAN ALFOND COMPETITION CENTER. MORE DETAILS COMING SOON.



Ski Museum

The Maine Ski & Snowboard Museum has moved to the Mountain. The Museum is now located in the former Condo Check-in Center on the access road. The museum is looking for volunteers to act as docents.

If you are interested call 207-265-2023

Lev Steeves 1939-2025

Lev Steeves, former Board member and president of the Sugarloaf Ski Club passed away recently at his home in New Brunswick. Lev was chair of the Competition Committee and for more than 3 decades organized and mentored all the volunteers for the Sugarloaf Competition Center. By doing this important job, Lev ensured that many kids were able to participate in safe and well run competitions.

Lev was also very passionate about Sugarloaf Locals Racing. Not only did he race himself, but he volunteered to help organize the draft and keep the scoring straight.

Lev will be missed by many in the Sugarloaf community, young and old.

Below is his obituary from the Moncton area newspaper.

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Leverett (Lev) Steeves on January 19, 2025. He was born in 1939 and he grew up in Lower Coverdale and spent most of his working years in Moncton.

He retired in 1992 from CN Intermodal after 34 years of service and then spent another 4 years working as a consultant with CN.

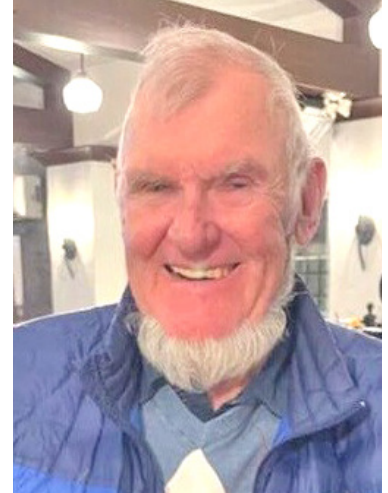
He leaves behind his beloved wife Laurie (Jones) of more than 64 years, his daughter Krista Quinn (Chris) and his son

Brian (Bridget) and his grandchildren Effie, Sally and Rudy, and his sister Pat Tremblay. He was predeceased by his grandson Nickolas and his brother-in-law Frank Tremblay.

Lev was an active member of the Magnetic Hill Golf Club and later moved to the Pine Needles Golf Club where he helped with many tournaments and the Junior Program. Winters were spent downhill skiing at Ski Wentworth and after retirement he spent more than 30 years skiing and volunteering at the Sugarloaf Ski Area in Maine. Summers were spent at the Bluff in Pointe du Chene for over 50 years with many good times spent with friends and family. He was known for always being quick to lend a hand to anyone at any time.

Donations may be made to the Friends of the Moncton Hospital or the charity of your choice. Messages of condolence may be sent to Fair Haven Funeral Home in Moncton.

A Celebration of Life will be held April 5, 5pm at Alford Center



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2025 Sugarloaf Locals Race Series

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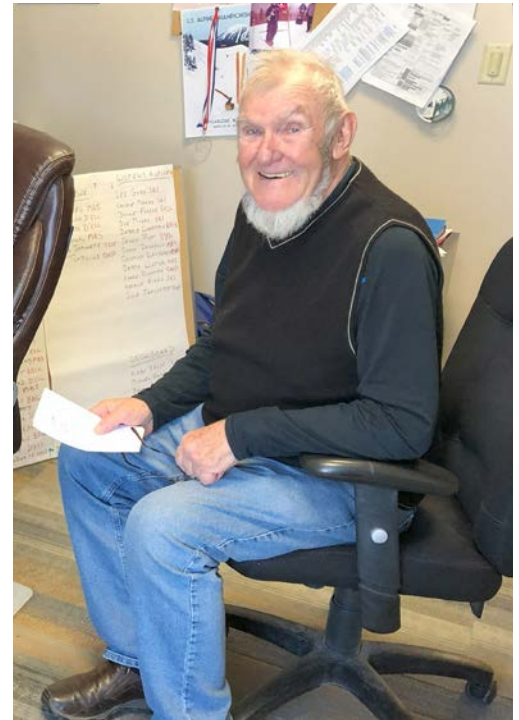
There are currently 7 teams with over 130 locals racing on skis and snowboards.

On Jan 22, after 3 races. The Rack is in first place. Followed by The Red Pony, The Bag,

Shipyard, Tufulios, D'Ellies, and the Ski Club.

With several more races and parties scheduled, it sure to be an exciting season right through the last race as the 2024 champions of The Rack team defend their title.

*Last year's winners,
The Rack*



Lev Steves came down from New Brunswick to help organize and run the Locals Racing draft night. Lev has played an important role in Locals Racing and will be deeply missed by all.



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The 44th Annual *Sugarloaf Ski Club Classic* GOLF TOURNAMENT

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This year's event will take place on Friday, June 20th, at the Sugarloaf Golf Club. Ski Club Board members Patrick Willihan and Joe Tutlis will co-chair this important scholarship fund raising event for the Dick and Martha Ayotte Memorial Scholarship Fund.

The fee which will be determined this Winter is all inclusive with lunch, golf cart, Mulligan, all contests and Raffle. Many prizes will be awarded.

Thursday night June 19 will be a pre Classic gathering at The Bag & Kettle

Friday morning June 20, 7:30 registration, 9:00 am Shotgun start Scramble format.

Awards and luncheon at Golf Club House included at 2:30 pm

The purpose of the Dick and Martha Ayotte Scholarship Fund is to assist needful youngsters who live in the Sugarloaf region with the costs associated with their ski and snowboard training programs at Sugarloaf Mountain. Next season the Club will be awarding over \$100,000 to assist local kids in being able to pursue their skiing and riding dreams. The Sugarloaf Ski Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and has been supporting ski training and educational programs for kids since 1950..

Sponsorship opportunities are available at several levels and in-kind gifts for

the silent auction are most welcomed. For more information contact Bruce Miles at the Sugarloaf Ski Club email TheClub@sugarloafskiclub.com or sign up on the Sugarloaf Ski Club website www.sugarloafskiclub.com



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Dan McKay/Mike Waddle Race and Fund

This fund was established to help our program kids with their travel expenses to out of region competitions. The better you get at any sport, the more expensive it becomes. This is very true in Snowsports.

This year on President's day, Feb. 17, 2025 during the Club's 75th Aniv. year, we will have our 43rd annual ski race and BBQ to honor the memories of Sugarloafers Dan McKay and Mike Waddle, two former members of the Sugarloaf Junior Racing Program who passed away at an early age. Mike in a commercial fishing accident and Dan doing what he loved most, back country skiing.

This event is not only a great fund raiser, but also a good time to be had by all. The race course is fun and forgiving and racing is an option, not mandatory for participants to race.

McKay/ Waddle funds will be used for merit scholarships, ski & snowboarding competitors who have excelled in their sport and have qualified for out-of-division competitions or been invited to attend high level invitation only camps run by USSA or USASA. No geographic restrictions on applicants. These awards are given out in the Spring as part of the Sugarloaf Ski Club Merit Award program. We have budgeted \$20,000 to be given out this year and this event is an important annual fundraiser for it. Over the years, we have awarded \$100,000 plus to deserving athletes.

The McKay – Waddle scholarship is just part of our \$96,000 budgeted this year to help local kids learn to and excel at skiing and snowboarding. The club's mission is to

help ensure that local kids are not denied the opportunity to learn to ski or snowboard because of financial considerations.

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Over 140 local kids participating in 2025 Boomauger Ski & Snowboard program.

Thank you King's Kids Supporters!

For local kids ages 5-15

In 2018 we launched a new program with a generous \$500,000 gift from the H. King and Jean Cummings Charitable Fund. This gift is the foundation of an endowment fund (now at \$1.3 million) for the King's Kids initiative to help kids ages 5-15 in Franklin and Somerset counties learn to alpine ski, snowboard, and nordic ski and to support other local initiatives. For a list of donors visit our website.

Sixth season accomplishments

Winter 2024 King's Kids funded the following:

- Kids from RSU 58, RSU 74, Stratton, and Rangeley participated in the 8-Sunday PM Boomauger program through the Sugarloaf Perfect Turn Ski School. King's Kids underwrote over 75% of the cost of this program,

including lift ticket, lessons, and rentals. Each child only paid \$40 for the entire 8 session program.

- King's Kids assisted the Titcomb Mtn. Ski & Snowboard programs
- All volunteer run Baker Mountain in Moscow and Spruce Mountain in Jay were given funds by King's Kids..
- Many local children received scholarshipsto Sugarloaf Mini & Bubblecuffer programs (in addition to significant monies from other club funds).
- We awarded several thousand dollars to Stratton and Mt Abram Schools to help with middle and high school ski teams.

For 2025 season:

We have the Boomauger Jr;pro program. This program is designed to train 14-15 year olds to become instructors of skiing or snowboarding.

The Boomauger program pro, vides local kids with 8 days of skiing or snowboarding lifts , lessons and rentals at the low cost of just \$40 for all 8 sessions. Nordic Boomaugers is only \$8King's Kid's had a verysuccessful fifthseason

"My first,grade son is enrolled in the Boomauger program and I'm writing to thank you for the incredible opportunity you've given him and other local kids this year. Many thanks to the generous donor(s) who have made this program possible. We can't thank you enough.,"

– Parent

"We wanted to thank the Sugarloaf Ski & Snowboard School and the Sugarloaf Ski Club for offering the Boomauger program for local kids. The extremely generous donation from the King's Kids Fund made the program a ffordable for ev, eryone and opened upskiing for a lot of kids."

– Parent

"It was fantastic. An opportunity he would not have had without this program. He definitely will do it again."

– Parent



Boomauger Snowboarders



3 of the Boomauger jr pro members meet with Dave Corrow their Pro



Ski Club awards \$1,500 to Mt Abram Ski Team. Accepting check is coach Leah Denala.



Bruce Miles, left, of Ski Club Ski club presents check to Ron Jaques of Spruce Mtn. Anon profit community slope in Jay Maine.



Young Boomaugers get a ride on Moose Caboose

13th Annual WinterKids Downhill 24

This year's WinterKids Downhill 24 will take place Feb 27-28. Teams will ski or snowboard 24 hours straight and raise money for WinterKids. The Sugarloaf Ski Club "Supersquad" team will be participating for the fourth year.

Last year "SuperSquad" was a group of 12 amazing young Sugarloafers led by Captain JJ Sevigny. Collectively they raised over \$59,000 for WinterKids. This put them in first place for "Kid's teams" and second place overall in funds raised. The team members were Robinson Jones, Suzy Hauser, Niven Wilder-Labrum, Lily Hauser, JJ Sevigny, Flynn Marden, Avery Lajoie, Thomas Ricker, James Ricker, Peter Cote, Nolan Browne and Gavin Johnson. When the "Kids Cup" winner was determined, SuperSquad came out on top.

The Sugarloaf Ski Club is so grateful to these young Sugarloafers for putting in the hours to participate in a very important event. While it is a lot of fun, the event is so important to the Ski Club's mission of helping local youth be able to afford to ski or snowboard. The club got to keep half of the \$59k that was raised by the team and WinterKids also awarded us \$10k to help us with our programs. The club was involved heavily in the DH24 supplying many volunteers to help with running the event. Last year's DH24 raised more than \$970,000.

Special thanks go to our 3 moms, Jamie, Megan, Lindsay and grandmom Suzanne for all the work they put into this adventure.

Four of our team members, James, Gavin, Peter and Thomas skied all 24 hours. Our Captain, JJ, earned the Silver Boot for being the second highest individual fundraiser, raising over \$39k. Those accomplishments greatly helped the point tallies. When the "Kids Cup" winner was determined, SuperSquad came out on top.

You can donate to our team by going to the Winter Kids website <https://winterkids.org/downhill-24>



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My husband Dave and I moved full time to Sugarloaf 23+ years ago. We have met many great people being members of the ski club. The Club supports local kids who participate in winter sports and they have been instrumental in our children's success as competitive alpine racers, THANK YOU!

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Front left to right” Bob Scott, Amos Winter, George Mendall. Back: Richard Luce, Dick Bell, Robert “Bunny” Bass, George Carey

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**Who are those two guys who put on the morning report show?
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Andy Gillespie, the man behind the scenes, grew up in Standish, Maine. Went to Cheverus High School then on to Castleton University in Vermont. After graduation came to Sugarloaf to work at WSKI TV in the fall of 2003.

Bought a home in Kingfield in 2005. Spent summers working for Norpine Landscape and Winters at WSKI until year round WSKI employment was made available thanks to Nadene McLeod, long time owner.

Enjoys being outside enjoying all the area has to offer. Wife Sacha is the Town Treasurer/ deputy clerk for the town of Carrabassett Valley, teenage daughter Lily grew up in the kids ski programs at Sugarloaf and attends local schools. Favorite activities include skiing with his Corgi dog Lexi, to spending many hours in the saddle taking advantage of the area Mountain Bike Trails...

Greg Powers, the morning anchor; born 1960 raised in Auburn ,played music in local bands as drummer ,bass player, singer;". Fell in love with Sugarloaf from first visit in 1977, headed up a band called "the Entertainers" in the 1980's playing at the legendary "Red Stallion" even proposed to his wife in front of the Red Stallion fireplace.



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Greg and his wife Deb, have started and operated many successful businesses in Saco, and still do. Greg is a nationally recognized wedding Disc Jockey featured speaker at The National DJ Expo, and has been leader in the beginnings of karaoke, consulting for Pioneer Laser Karaoke and built ,one of the nation's top karaoke stores. Greg also built a sound and production company and an audio video company and recording studio. Greg sold two of his company's before pursuing a career at WSKI-TV "Living The Dream". Greg splits time between Saco and his home in Kingfield currently..

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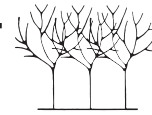


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