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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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President's Message Joe Tutlis

As the days grow longer and brighter I am pleased to report that your Sugarloaf Ski Club has been very active with events that have been on the back burner since the onset of Covid. We have hosted three "Second Tuesdays of the Month" socials at the Shipyard and the SugarBowl that were very well attended. Thanks to Nancy Makin and Doris Tutlis for facilitating these get-togethers. Our last social of the season was held on April 11 at the Alfond Competition Center.

The Beer Tasting event on January 7 raised over \$3,500 to support our scholarship fund. Thanks to Nancy Holliday for coordinating the food and the army of Ski Club volunteers that transformed the Alfond Center's Phyllis Jalbert Gondola Room from a ski room to a venue fit for a party and then back again. The McKay-Waddle race on President's Day was a big hit and had 238 racers sign up. It was great to see so many families and kids in the ski programs having a ball racing and enjoying hotdogs and whoopie pies. The McKay-Waddle Scholarship funds our Merit Awards that are distributed every April. Thanks to Kim Kearing and Brian Demshar for spearheading this event and to the volunteers and sponsors who helped to make it a success.

Our Cardiac Club continues to grow with a record 37 members. This group of seasoned skiers meets on Friday and their dues have raised over \$7,000 to fund ski club endeavors. Kudos to Cardiac Club Coordinator Colon Durrell for his leadership during challenging weather days.



Membership is strong and stable. As of this publication, we have over 441 memberships with 1400 individual members. Thank you for being a member and supporting our mission!

Our good works continue with the King's Kid's sponsorship of the Boomauger program for local youth. This Sunday afternoon program has 115 local kids in the Alpine component honing their skiing and snowboarding skills and another 24 in the Nordic section.

Unfortunately, we decided not to go forward with the Snowball this year. High costs and the lack of an event organizer caused us to err on the side of caution and cancel the event. Hopefully we will be able to schedule a Snowball in the future.

The Sugarloaf Ski Club Golf Classic presented by The Bag & Kettle will be on Friday, June 23. Put it on your calendar and organize your foursome. This is the same weekend as the Kingfield Pops so come up and make a weekend of it.

See you on the slopes!

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Upcoming Events

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

May 14, 2023

Sugarloaf Marathon And 15 K On rt 27 from Eustis to Kingfield

June 23, 2023

42nd annual Sugarloaf Ski Club Golf Classic Presented by The Bag & Kettle Sugarloaf Golf Course FMI www.sugarloafskiclub.com

June 24, 2023

Kingfield Pops Featuring Bangor Symphony Orchestra Kennedy farm Kingfield

August 5, 2023

Carrabassett Valley Summer Festival

October 1, 2023

Xterra Trail Run World Championships On Sugarloaf and throughout Carrabassett Valley



Ski Club member and US Ski Team Alpine racer Sam Morse takes a break after training run during Austria's famous Hahnenkamm Downhill race. He is pictured her with Bruce & Kathy Miles and Steve & Laura Schaefer who showed up to cheer him on.



Photo of Sugarloaf taken in December of 57 on what would be a record snowfall season. Tbars 1, 2 and 3 are present along with Narrow Gauge, Sluice, Winters Way and Tote Rd.

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End of Season Volunteer Party

On April 6, The Competition Center Slip Crew hosted a social and awards party for all the volunteers who helped with the dozens of on mtn competitions. Starting in early December and ending in early April, there were over 53 days of Alpine Snowboard and Freestyle events held on the mtn. It took over 50 volunteers to accomplish this.

Each year since 1974 the Gleason Award has been given to the outstanding volunteer. Jay Marshall was the recipient this year.





He is pictured here receiving the award from volunteer coordinator Mark Swisher. Not only does Jay work on the hill but he also plays a major role in officials' education here and throughout the state. He has done this for many years.

Competition Director Jim McCormack said " We are so fortunate to have a strong ski club with many generous members that support youth competition on the mountain"

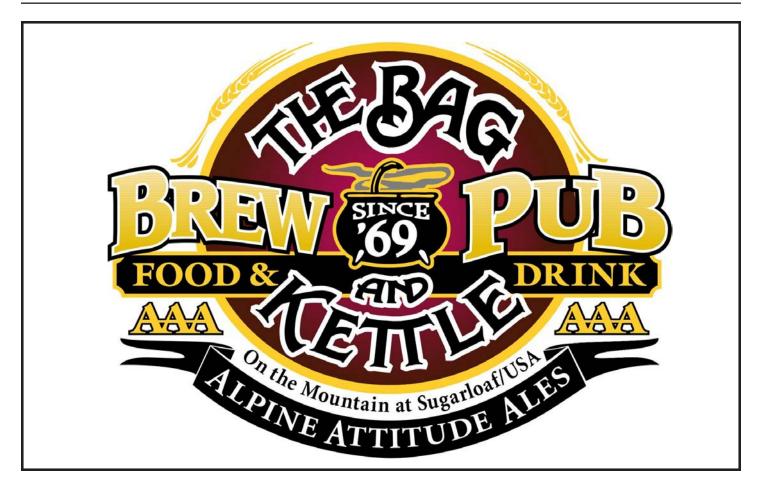
Don & Linda Gifford pose with the new hand timing units purchased for the Competition Dept with a generous donation from them.

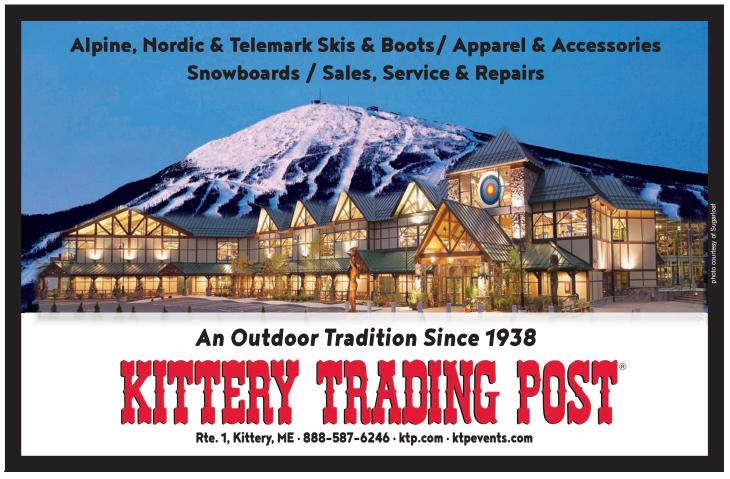


Ski Museum

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





Tbar Dedication

At 10:30 on Sunday March 26, many Sugarloafers showed up in front of the lean Luce Competition Facility to dedicate the new Colby / CVA training lift. As noted in the December newsletter, the lift was a long coming. The expectations were high for the effectiveness of the lift for training, and these expectations were met and exceeded. Instead of getting 4 or 5 training runs per hour, now the athletes could get over 15 per hour. Not only were alpine racers benefitting but also freestyle mogul skiers were able to have much more efficient training. A training session could be spent concentrating on the task at hand instead of spending time standing in a lift line for a long ride.

Kirk Dwyer, Alpine Program/ Special projects director speaks to the audience about the benefits of the new lift and how successful the first year with it has been.



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2023 Sugarloaf Locals Race Series Sponsored by Samuel Adams

Congratulations to the Bag & Kettle for scoring 872 points for their 10th season win in the Sugarloaf Locals Race series sponsored by Sam Adams.

Jordan Kennedy led Tufulio's to second place with 864 points. Josh Fancy and D'Ellies was 3rd with 835 points. The Rack, led by Chris Prudente was 4th with 743 points. The Sugarloaf Ski Club led by Rand Surgi was 5th with 740 points and Bill Haefle and Shipyard were 6th with 694. Pictured are Shipyard racers Mike & Jeannette PArker

The season was comprised of 7 races and 7 post race parties. No matter what place your team was in, a good time was had by all. Special thanks to Competition Center crew and volunteers for putting on another successful race series.

Mike & Jeannette Parker





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The 42nd Annual *Sugarloaf Ski Club Classic* GOLF TOURNAMENT Presented by The Bag & Kettle and the Sugarloaf Golf Club

This year's event will take place on Friday, June 23rd, 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 cost is just \$640. per foursome or \$160 for an individual. The fee is all inclusive with lunch, golf cart, Mulligan, all contests and Raffle. Many prizes will be awarded.

Friday June 23: 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.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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Ski Cross Athletes

Sasha Jansujwicz Snowboard Alpine racer went to Blulgaria to compete in World Championships.

Congratulations to these CVA Ski Cross athletes invited to Junior World Championships!



Sully Butler '24

Francois Meloni '23





Morgan Shute '25

Maggie Swain '24





CVA moguls skier Chase Littlefield competing in The Kagan Cup "A Moguls" Competition



Brynn Royall, Sage Bryant, Annah Rothe, sharing the podium in the Greg Francoeur B Mogul meet.





Boomauger Ski and 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 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.

Fifth season accomplishments

Winter 2023 King's Kids funded the following:

 Kids from RSU 58, RSU 74, Stratton, and Rangeley participated in the 8-Sunday PM Boomuager program through the Sugarloaf Perfect Tum 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 scholarships to 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 a second season:

We launched a Nordic Boomauger Program at the Sugarloaf Outdoor Center. For just \$1 per session, kids received lessons, trail access and rental equipment for five Sunday sessions. Over 20 kids participated. 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. Even oper, atingunder a Pandemic, King's Kid's had a very successful third season.

"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 affordable for everyone and opened up skiing 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."

Thanks to these generous folks, we have attained our goal of raising over One Million Dollars for the King's Kids Endowment Fund

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Sugarloaf Ski Club has its first team in the Winterkids Downhill 24

These energetic youngsters raised \$10,000 for the WinterKids program by competing in this year's Downhill24. Because the Sugarloaf Ski Club has been a recipient of WinterKids funds, the club was able to keep half of the amount raised by the team.

The members of the team are Ingrid Schaefer, Ella Brochu, Suzy Hauser, Lily Hauser, Cameron Coyne, Ella St Clair, Mike Daly, Max Dawes, Zoe Bowers, Brady Bowers, Lily Daly, Abbott Coyne. A big thank you to all of you.

For several years the Sugarloaf Ski Club has provided many volunteers to help with this big event. The Ski Club and Winterkids missions are similar in that we both want to expose Maine children to a lifestyle that includes skiing or snowboarding.



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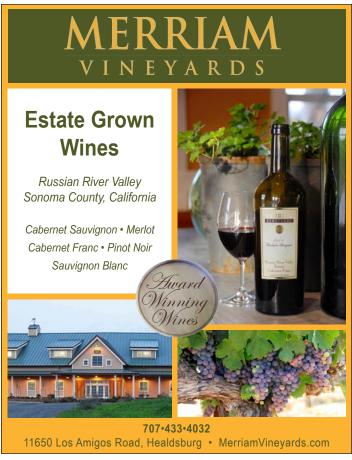
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Congratulations to ski club member Annabel Kimball of Long Island Casco Bay. She passed her level 1 Proffessional Ski Instructors Certification test. Ski Club member Don Oakes has been her coach in the Sugarloaf Jr. Pro Program this season



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50 Year Gang

Left to right Chris Prudente, Candy and Tom Andrle. Organized this year's 50 year gang luncheon. This event started a few years back to celebrate those who have skied Sugarloaf for more than 50 years. As Sugarloaf approaches its 75th birthday in 2025 this list is getting bigger.





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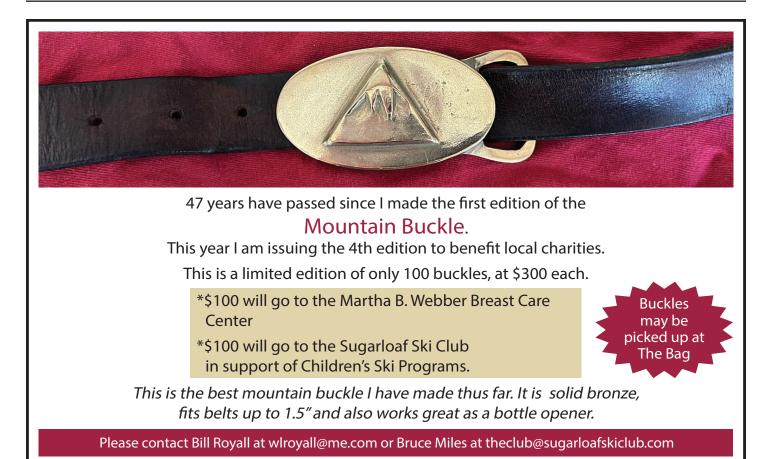
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