



Sugarloaf Ski Club

NEWS

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Ski Club Members:
 Approx. 1,500

President's Message

Ginny Bousum

Spring is my favorite time to ski (once I figured out how to manage those trickier conditions). I'm one of those die-hards who takes several runs on closing day, then pines for more as I put my equipment away. It's hard to believe that I gratefully thank Sugarloaf's management for closing the resort in mid-March as soon as the ski race in progress was finished. The busy competition center, base lodge, Beach and restaurants came to a sudden halt. In retrospect, that important decision no doubt kept us from early virus infections. Since that time we have all experienced an unfamiliar journey - and it continues.

Who could have imagined a Sugarloafers' Homecoming without greeting long-time friends with hugs? Or not having the long-running Mountain Arts show in a busy and bustling base lodge? With the familiar process of ticket photos, locker organizing and many meetings being on hold,



we can take a bit of comfort in the realization that skiers enjoy their sport outside, masked and goggled with acceptable distancing. Even the chairs on the lifts are spread out along their cables, meeting the guidelines.

As we hope for an end to the elbow-bumping, computer-screen-visiting

upended life we now have at hand, let us thank the Sugarloaf and Boyne folks for spending the time and effort to

make sure we get our runs this coming season! We will welcome the new routines and be relieved to find some normalcy on our favorite trails. Hopefully we can resume hugging at Homecoming '21!



Just in case you don't recognize her en mask!

2020 Ski Club Events Calendar

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

Due to Covid -19 restrictions on gatherings, at this time we have no early-season events scheduled.

Homecoming Weekend 2020

October 9 • Swig & Swing • Golf Tournament

October 10 • WSKI • 7:30-9:00 pm

October 11 • Sugarloaf Uphill Climb

2021

March 20, 2021 • Snow Ball with Jim Ciampi & Dueling Pianos

June 25, 2021

Annual Ski Club Golf Tournament

Downhill 24

On March 6-7, 2020, WinterKids hosted a record breaking Downhill24 at Sugarloaf, raising over \$560,000 and gifting \$25,000 to the Sugarloaf Ski Club to support the work they are doing to get kids outside and active all winter long. The sold out event featured 500 skiers and snowboarders from all over the country enjoying the rare experience of hitting the slopes of Sugarloaf at night with the support of lights that were installed exclusively for this event. WinterKids is so grateful to have had such a successful event to ensure our abilities to keep providing support and services to parents, teachers and children in Maine and New Hampshire during the COVID-19 pandemic, a time when our support will be most essential to help with outdoor learning and movement.



Ginny and Bruce accept a check for \$25,000. The ski club is proud to have been part of the event by supplying many volunteers. Photo: Whitney J Fox photography.

Details for the 9th Annual Downhill24 for 2021 are still TBD, please be sure to check back at WinterKids.org for updates.

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Remember your first day on the hill?

If you are reading this newsletter, you have a passion for the sport of skiing and snowboarding. You know and understand how important the sport has been to you and your family. You can probably remember the first time you strapped on a pair of skis or a snowboard and experienced the thrill of gliding down the mountain.

The Sugarloaf Ski Club can help you share your love of skiing by enabling you to donate to our King's Kids Fund and helping local kids from Franklin & Somerset Counties experience the thrill that you have of skiing or snowboarding down the mountain. Your gift will be combined with others to help have a serious impact on the cost of skiing & snowboarding for local kids.


There are many ways you can contribute. The Sugarloaf Ski Club, a 501(c)(3) Maine non-profit organization, can accept tax exempt gifts of cash or stocks.

Perhaps you would like to leave a legacy gift by including Sugarloaf Ski Club in your estate planning. It is very



The thrill was the same then as it is now.

easy to have your financial manager name Sugarloaf Ski Club as a recipient of a small percentage of your estate, including any 401k funds. Please contact the Ski Club if you have any questions on how you can help us share your love of skiing.




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“Beware the Ides of March”

On March 15, Maine Governor Janet Mills declared a civil state of emergency enabling her use of emergency powers to enhance and expedite the state’s response to the outbreak of COVID-19.

Sunday morning, March 15, 2020, started out not unlike any other winter Sunday here at Sugarloaf. 58 ladies were starting in the Giant Slalom on the last day of a four day series of FIS Alpine races. The men were competing in their series at Gore Mountain, New York.

Volunteers and Competition Center staff were busy on the hill. The mountain was full of guests. The day was partly sunny with 20-35 mile an hour NW winds and temps in the teens and low 20’s. Little did we know, that morning, that March 15 would be



Make use of the many hand sanitizers that will be around the mountain.

the end of the 2020 ski season.

The weekend had been filled with conversations Sunday morning, March 15, 2020, started out not unlike any other winter

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of the Coronavirus in the US. We sensed that a crisis was building. By March 14, Swiss and French ski resorts had closed for the season. It seemed like Europe was in the middle of a health nightmare. Like dominoes, countries were starting to go into lockdown across the continent. On March 14, several Colorado ski areas announced closing for a week and then shortly after were closed for the season.

WSKI had their morning show from 7:30 to 9:00 and there was no discussion of ending our season that day. Then the proverbial shoe dropped. Late that morning the announcement was

made that Sugarloaf would be closing that afternoon for the season. The Governor was preparing to have a briefing on the status of Covid-19 in Maine.

Around 2pm the FIS Alpine race successfully came to an end and one racer, while returning her bib, was heard saying. "I just raced in the last ski race in the world for the 2020 season." She was not far off. Russia was the only country that was still running ski and snowboard competitions and they ended March 20.

At the end of the day a few volunteers gathered in the ski club office for a little socializing and the conversation mainly

centered around the surrealness of the day. We seemed to be on a fast moving train with the outcome of the trip being a real mystery. Little did we know that would be our last social gathering of the kind for quite a while.

As we learned more about Covid-19 it became apparent that our day to day activities were about to face big changes. As the state shut down we were advised to limit our exposure to others who might be carrying the virus. We were glued to the news as we watched the number of cases around the world and in our country grow at an alarming rate.

The week after the mountain closed and people went home, a reversal of the exodus happened. Many of the seasonal homes began to have cars in their driveways. People were fleeing the more congested areas of our state and others to come live in our more rural area. Although we could not ski or ride on the mountain we could still get out and enjoy the many open spaces this area has to offer. Some of the x-country trails and the Narrow Gauge pathway were kept groomed. There was quite a bit of daily activity on the trails. As the snow melted away and the biking and

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Ides of March

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hiking trails became open we noticed a lot more people around than was usual for spring in the Carrabassett area. And the people stayed. Many found out they could work from their homes throughout the summer. As concern for what the fall would bring was building, several families decide to stay and enroll their kids in local schools.

As we look ahead to the 20-21 ski season, one thing we will be sure of is that it will be like no other we have experienced. We have been told that the future is in our hands and that we just have to remember to wear masks, keep

CVA 2020 Graduates



Molly Bruno,
Valedictorian



Mia Hatfield
Salutatorian

The 10 students who attended in-person, left to right: Cooper Anderson, Sam Harrigan, Tallie Pilsbury, Aidan Steffe, Molly Bruno, Teddy Forsley, Mia Hatfield, Caspian Fargo, Megan Haught, and Ellison Boord

our distance and wash our hands to help keep the virus from spreading while we wait for a vaccine.

Sugarloafers are known to have a reputation for

being a generous and caring family. I am convinced that these traits will help us have a safe and successful season as we do what is necessary to keep ourselves and other members of our

Sugarloaf family safe this winter.

Stay well and have a great season.

- Bruce Miles

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News from Maine Huts & Trails



As most of you know, Maine Huts & Trails provides a gateway to the incredible landscape across Route 27 from Sugarloaf and beyond, to a playground welcoming you to create your own adventure, and a chance to get away from a complex world. Nature sets the stage and we provide the inspiration. But it is the people, together in

the huts and on the trails, who bring everything to life.

In a typical year the Maine Huts & Trails experience is about bringing families, friends, groups and strangers together to share adventures

amidst Maine's western mountains, forests, and waters. While keeping people safe and healthy in the time of COVID meant we could not offer our traditional communal living and dining experience, at MH&T we asked ourselves what our role

could be creating safe places to find exercise and adventure.

Our trails offer ideal opportunities for healthy socially distanced recreation – hiking, mountain

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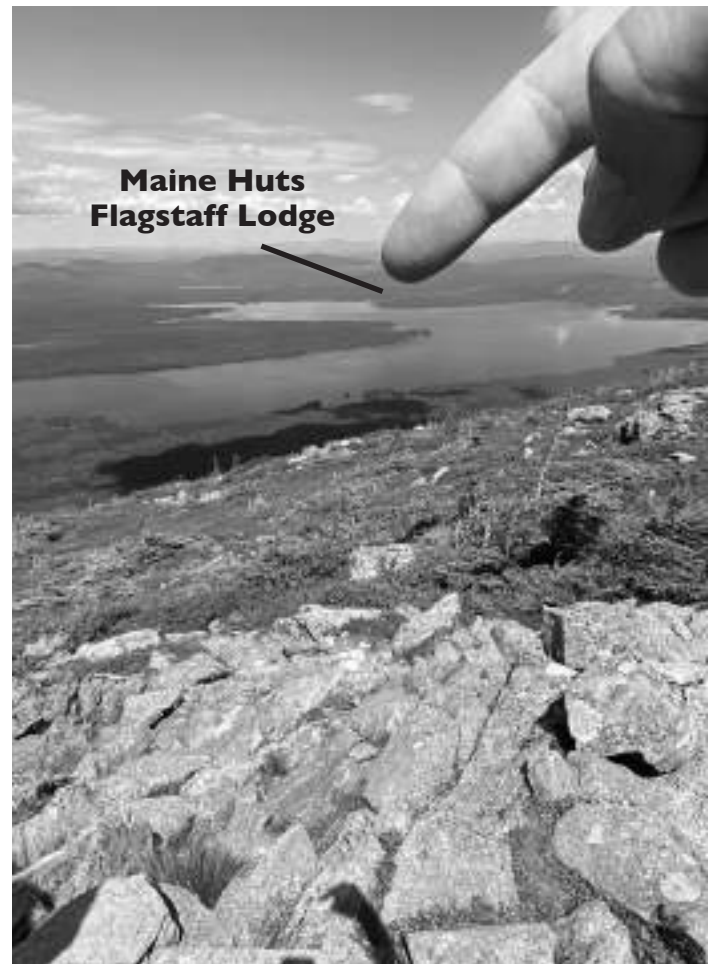
Huts & Trails

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and fat biking, XC skiing, snowshoeing, and winter walking, and we pride ourselves on sharing them with the community. On the trails, we had the incredible benefit of working together with Josh Tauses' team and the Town of Carrabassett Valley, CRNEMBA, and wonderful volunteers to clear trails and open up vistas. We installed new storage sheds at the Airport and Flagstaff Trailheads for trail partners to share. This work was made possible through the combined funding leverage of the Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund and the Town of Carrabassett Valley, for which we say, Thank You. We

shared strong backs and equipment with our Northern Forest Canoe Trail friends rebuilding a bridge and canoe landing on the Dead River. Most rewardingly, we shared many, many summertime handwaves-at-six-feet with hikers, bikers, and saunters out on the trails.

Much of the magic at Maine Huts & Trails happens at the huts, and even under the coronavirus we were able to keep creating that magic by renting Flagstaff Hut to family groups. Reservations were quickly booked from July through mid-October. Flagstaff Hut, inside and out, has been filled with shrieks of laughter, and the most difficult decision anyone has had to make during



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their stay has been about whether to rejuvenate by quiet relaxation or through physical activities. Volunteer caretakers created a welcoming, safe, and truly enjoyable experience at Flagstaff. Stratton and Poplar Huts were also wonderfully attended to by volunteers who cleared vistas, stacked wood, and enjoyed time in the quiet of the woods.

We are very grateful to everyone who has enjoyed Maine Huts & Trails, in your own way, especially our volunteers.

Recognizing major forces are at work today, and barring unforeseen changes, the Valley and region are going to be a fantastic place to be

this winter. We all know more than ever the value and pleasure of being outside. To that end, MH&T is still evaluating plans for grooming the trails and how we can make the huts safe destinations for people to create adventures and memories. It is a complex question with a lot of dedicated, talented people helping with those plans. Together we are keeping the Maine Huts & Trails vision and experience going.

Thinking about winter not too far away, Maine Huts & Trails wishes everyone a safe, healthy, adventure filled run into fall.

Wolfe Tone,
Executive Director

Tranten Family Retires!

After 65 years Tranten's store has new owners but same commitment to the community.

In June, the Three Rivers family closed on the purchase of Tranten's Family Grocery and Tranten's Too Convenience Store in Kingfield, ME. It is now being re-branded as Mainely Provisions and Mainely Convenience.

We know the Tranten family's dedication to serving this community for the past 65 years cannot be replaced. We have some really big shoes to fill and are excited to start our own journey here in Kingfield.

The Tranten's Family shall be present and assisting with the transition for some time. We look forward to providing the local community and its visitors with the same friendly, personalized service that Tranten's built its reputation on.

We are extremely thankful to Donald Tranten and the entire Tranten's family for this opportunity. We are open to suggestions and are happy to work with members of the Kingfield community and Carrabassett Valley Region to make these stores the best they can be!

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This winter 84 local kids are participating in the second year of the Boomauger program at Sugarloaf. The Ski Club's King's Kids underwrites 75 percent of the cost of this wonderful program.

King's Kids is Ready For Our Third Winter!

For years, your Sugarloaf Ski Club has provided significant scholarships and funding for local kids to participate and excel in skiing and snowboarding.

For local kids 15 and under

Last winter 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 15 and under in Franklin and Somerset counties learn to alpine ski, snowboard, and nordic ski and to support other local initiatives.

Second year accomplishments

The fund is with the Maine Community Foundation, and last winter King's Kids funded the following:

- 84 kids from RSU 58, Stratton, and Rangeley participated in the 8-Sunday PM Boomauger program through the Sugarloaf Perfect Turn Ski School. King's Kids underwrote 75% of the cost of this program, including lift ticket, lessons, and rentals.
- King's Kids assisted the Titcomb Mtn Nana Webber learn to ski and snowboard program for RSU 9 kids

- Baker Mountain in Bingham and Spruce Mountain in Jay were given funds by King's Kids to reduce lift tickets for kids to \$5 during February vacation.
- Many local children received scholarships to Sugarloaf Mini & Bubblecuffer programs (in addition to significant monies from other club funds).
- The after school Ski & Skate Programs in Kingfield, Stratton, Strong, and Phillips each received \$500 to defray their expenses.
- Provided help to Stratton, Rangeley and RSU 58 ski teams.
- Subsidized transportation for kid's bus trips to Titcomb from Skowhegan area.

Help us grow the fund for the future.

Last winter \$20,000 from the King's Kids fund earnings supported these programs. We know participation in these programs will continue to grow, and with your help we can increase the endowment fund to \$1,000,000 (or more) which will provide funding for lots of local kids for many, many years to come.

"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." - Parent

Pledge or donate now

Pledged gifts can be spread out over three years. Our goal is to have all pledges be paid in full by December 31, 2021. Gifts are tax deductible. Gifts can be made by cash, credit card, check, or stock/publicly traded securities.

Our King's Kids fundraising goal is \$1,000,000

Suggested levels of giving:

Snowfields	\$25K +
Winters Way	\$15K-\$24,999
Narrow Gauge	\$10K- \$14,999
Tote Road	\$5K - \$9,999
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Thank you for your support!

Thanks to these generous folks, we've raised \$838,000 for the King's Kids Endowment Fund so far.

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H. King & Jean Cummings Charitable Fund 500K challenge grant

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CVA Reopening Plan

After months of careful planning and in consultation with medical professionals, the Maine Department of Education, the Maine CDC and local public health officials, Carrabassett Valley Academy was pleased to open its campus this fall. On August 30 we welcomed 71 student athletes, about half of whom are boarding students, for full-time in-person academic and athletic programming.

There is no greater priority than the health and safety of our students, staff, and local communi-

ty. All CVA community members have undergone three rounds of testing and to date all results have been negative for Covid-19. Protocols have been developed for mitigating risk, controlling our environment and caring for ill community members. Daily health checks, face coverings, physical distancing, and hand hygiene are emphasized. Indoor spaces have been adjusted to allow for social distancing in classrooms, dining areas and common rooms. Outdoor classrooms and training spaces have been created to encourage outdoor learning, meeting, and training. Food service has shifted to single serve and served items and kitchen areas have been outfitted with

Plexiglas. Steps have been taken to increase ventilation in all indoor spaces and cleaning and disinfecting of high touch areas will be increased. The first day of classes and athletics for our Big Dogs looked a bit different than first days of the past, but everyone quickly adjusted to the new routine.

CVA's Fall Registration Day was held at the Webber Academic Center.



Kristin Littlefield helps Ruby Poland '23 complete her registration forms online



The Krizo family makes their way through the registration stations traditionally set up indoors, this year set outside. Left to right: Sarah, Sam, Max and Brent Krizo.

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New Faces on staff

Kristin Littlefield,
Academic Success
Program Director and
English Teacher



After spending last winter tutoring CVA students, Kristin Littlefield returns full-time as Director of CVA's new Academic Success Program (ASP). As Director, Kristin will bring her educational

expertise and passion for supporting individual students to help all students find success in their classes. Prior to coming to CVA Kristin earned a BA in English Teaching from UNH and worked in the Special Education Department in the Yarmouth School Department as a Level III Ed Tech. She has experience analyzing IEPs and will work directly with classroom teachers to address different learning styles. Kristin will also teach our full credit 8th/9th Grade English and The Fundamentals of Study course. "It is very exciting to be joining the CVA community full time. I am committed to providing our students

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Jessie Scannell, Math & Science Teacher

Jessica grew up in Maine and skiing at Sugarloaf. She received her BS in Mathematics from Simmons College in Boston and went on to receive her Master's Degree from James Cook University in Australia. For 13 years she lived and worked in Australia in the



field of marine research, specifically ichthyology with a specialty in tropical reef fish ecology and shark fisheries. She began working as a teacher 3 years ago. Last year, Jessie and her son Jack returned to Maine, and they recently moved into Murfey Hall on campus. They'll spend the summer getting settled. Jessie enjoys SCUBA diving, fishing and skiing.

Tristan Clegg, Snowboard Cross Coach

Tristan is from Salt Lake City where he grew up



snowboarding. He began competing at age 8 and from 2004-2014 he competed in all disciplines. In 2013 he was Snowboard Cross champion at US-ASA Nationals. He went on to compete in the NorAm tour and multiple Grand Prix events, and earned multiple Gold

Camp invitations. Tristan turned to coaching in 2014 working for Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, Team Utah Snowboarding SBX team, and most recently the Head Coach and Assistant Director of the Jackson Hole Ski and Snowboard Club's Freeride program. Also joining the CVA community will be Tristan's wife Brenna Huckaby Clegg and their two young children. Brenna is currently training with the U.S. Para Snowboard team to defend her double Gold medal Snowboard wins in Pyeong Chang 2018.

Jesse Lowell '18, Assistant Freestyle Coach

Jesse Lowell graduated from CVA in 2014. At school here, he was

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a three time Nor Am finalist with a few top ten finishes in Moguls. Jesse started out skiing with the CVA weekend program and continued to cultivate his talents all the way through high school



under the coaching of Nate Mackenzie and staff. After graduating from CVA, Jesse moved on to St. Lawrence College to graduate with a major in environmental studies in 2019. Jesse has now been a USSA Freestyle judge for the past two seasons,

working at events in both Freeski and Moguls. Jesse will be a great asset to our Freestyle program with experience in all the areas: Moguls, Freeski and Freeride.

Jeni Conover,
Alpine Coach

Jeni Conover has many years of coaching experience in multiple aspects of youth development. As a mother of 3, she is devoted to guiding children to achieve new skills on all levels and she strives to build self-confidence in every athlete she works with. Jeni attended Stratton Mountain School in the 80s, where she earned herself a spot on the US Ski Team's development squad. She earned a BS in

Kinesiology and Exercise Science from Western State College in Gunnison, CO. Her alpine ski coaching experience is extensive. She began



her coaching in Telluride, CO, and upon returning to Maine, she revived and directed the Ragged Mountain Ski Club at the Camden Snow bowl for many years before joining us at CVA to head our U12 program. At the

Snow Bowl, she played a major role in race and event organization. Last year Jeni returned to Colorado for a year to coach U12s with Ski Club Vail and brought back valuable experiences. Jeni's certifications are extensive, including Ed Tech #3, US Coast Guard captain, US Ski & Snowboard Level 200 alpine coach, and CPR/First Aid. She ran a licensed day care in her home town of Camden, and also runs summer maritime based and adventure camps. In her time with us here at CVA, Jeni has been a major positive influence on our young athletes, and has played a key role in many preseason and winter camps here at Sugarloaf, in Colorado,

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The work at the museum continues even throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. In June at the annual Board of Director's meeting, the board voted to re-name the museum the Maine Ski and Snowboard Museum. By changing our name, we are embracing the importance of snowboarding in winter sports and the contributions that snowboarding has made in the ski community. We are looking forward to a "Snowboard" exhibit in the future so if you have

some great snowboard memorabilia/ephemera – we welcome your items to expand our collection and possibly use in this upcoming exhibit.

The Hall of Fame committee of the Maine Ski and Snowboard Museum made the decision to postpone this year's Induction Banquet until fall of 2021. The committee agreed that the general safety of all attending was most important and with the guidelines set forth – the event would fall short if the inductees were not able to share their momentous event with their family and friends. The plan is to host this event October 2021 at Sugarloaf. For more information on this event,



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The Tall Timber Classic, 50th Anniversary of Maine's 1971 World Cup Ski Races exhibit is coming along. Many thanks to Jean Luce and Bruce Miles for their input on this exhibit. Exhibit designer Julia Gray will be installing this exhibit in November. The exhibit will be unveiled and open to the public during Christmas vacation week. The exhibit will be complete with the three "Tall Timbers" poles, but we won't ask Barney Thompson to climb one, and a pair of the skis from the Swiss ski team that burned in the fire that Saturday morning. The

history of how this race came to Sugarloaf, what it took to produce such a world class event, the athletes and volunteers are all part of this exhibit – something for everyone to see and learn about.

The Maine Ski and Snowboard Museum is open Monday through Friday. We have a wonderful group of Sugarloafers that have signed on as Docent/Volunteers in the winter so that the museum can be open on the weekends. Thank you to all that volunteered last winter, and we look forward to having you back this winter! Be sure to let Theresa know when you are available to cover one Saturday or Sunday from 10 to 4pm.

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My husband and I moved full-time to Sugarloaf 20 years ago. We have been Sugarloaf Ski Club Members for many years. The Club was instrumental in our children's success as competitive Alpine Skiers, THANK YOU! Henry skis for St. Lawrence University, Emma skis for University of New Hampshire and Luke will be heading to a D1 college for 2021-22.

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We wish everyone a happy, healthy fall. Let us all hope for lots of snow!

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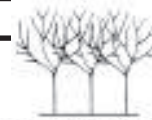


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