



Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Club

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Approx. 1,300

President's message

Thanks to early snowmaking, the mountain opened Sunday, November 9, 12 days ahead of their scheduled November 21 date. By 8:00 there was already a line forming for the 8:30 opening of Superquad.

The season has gotten off to a great start with much more early season terrain available than in recent years. As I write this, the temperature is close to zero and the snow guns are fired up from top of Skyline all the way down the east side. Homecoming weekend was, as always, a great weekend of getting to see fellow Sugarloafers not seen over the summer. Over 100 people attended our ski club social and Oktoberfest dinner at the Outdoor Center. Special thanks go to club social chair Peter Van Alstine and his volunteer crew for doing an outstanding job. Nothing successful happens on its own and the ski club social events are no exception. Hard work by a few makes for great events enjoyed by many.

Since Homecoming, CVA has welcomed their Winter Term students. A great group of young riders and skiers have committed to a year of rigorous academic and physical training here at CVA. The CVA Weekend Program got under way on



C J Gaunce, Caiden Shea, Charlie Zachau, and Jill Twist on opening day at Sugarloaf, Sunday, November 9. These loyal Sugarloafers set up their grill and had breakfast at the Superquad while waiting for their opportunity to be the first ones up the lift for the season. Lift attendant Bobby Roderick arranged the number 1 chair to be the first one loaded.

November 29 with registration in the King Pine Room. It was a great meeting and greeting with the many new families getting involved in ski and snowboard competition. The first competitive event, the annual Dax Brown ski race, is scheduled for December 13. After that it is just one event after another all the way to April. It was nice to have some noise in the Competition Center after a quiet fall. It may not be too fancy, but the Competition Center is definitely a great lunch gathering place when the programs are in gear or competitions are being held.

The Bud Light Locals racing season kicked off with draft night at the Shipyard on December 10. I am sure it will be an entertaining racing

season as the Bag team defends its closely contested title from last year. The friendly rivalries always make for a fun season. If you missed draft night, it is not too late to join a team; there is always a second draft after the holidays. Contact Laurel Lashar at the Competition Center to sign up.

We have a great season of social events lined up for the year, including beer tastings, skating parties, midweek socials, many BBQs at the Jean Luce building, and our annual Snowball dinner dance featuring North of Nashville on March 14. I hope to see many of you at some of these fun gatherings.

See you on the hill,
Bruce ▲

2014-15 Ski Club Events Calendar

Monthly Midweek Socials
will soon be scheduled.
Check our website in late
December for details.
www.sugarloafskiclub.org

January 10

Ski Club Annual Meeting
Carrabassett Library Begin
Room

January 24

Sugarloaf Charity Summit
www.sugarloaf.com/charity

February 7

Beer Tasting
Outdoor Center

February 17

Spaghetti and Skating Party
Outdoor Center

March 14

Annual Snowball
With North of Nashville
King Pine Room

Sugarloaf Charity Summit

Warm up for the Summit with a Snowshoe Shuffle.



Come and join us for the Summit Snowshoe Shuffle on Monday, December 30. Located at the Outdoor Center, the Shuffle is a snowshoe stroll of 3K lasting about one hour, through the beautiful Maine woods. Bring your friends, your family and get a bit of fresh air and exercise, enjoy the panoramic mountain views, all while taking part in the Sugarloaf Charity Summit kickoff event. We encourage teams of 4 and individuals to join the fight against cancer. Costumes are welcome. The cost is just \$25 per person. Teams of four or more are encouraged. Sign up and get your friends and family to sponsor you for this great event. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes and highest amount raised. Register at www.sugarloaf.com/charity or call 207-235-2495 for more information.

The 15th annual Sugarloaf Charity Summit Ball and auctions will be taking place January 24, 2015 at the King Pine Room. Advance tickets are a must for this sell-out event. Tickets will go on sale at Sugarloaf Guest services after Christmas vacation week. The cost is just \$85 per person. Tables are usually for 10 people, but there are some eights and twelves available if you and your friends reserve early. Our Summit raffle is underway and you could be the winner of a TWO YEAR Sugarloaf No Blackout season pass. Tickets can be purchased at guest services or online now www.sugarloafcharity-summit.org. ▲

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Volunteers and Competition

On Saturday, November 29, a social event for volunteers was held at the Sugarloaf Competition Center. There was an air of excitement amongst the crowd in anticipation of the opportunity to once again volunteer at the U.S. Alpine National Championships. Our energetic and qualified volunteers, coupled with our great race venues, are big reasons that the U.S. Ski Team returns to Sugarloaf over and over again.

Although the national event is certainly a big attraction this year, there are many more events packed in for the season, beginning in December. Sugarloaf will be hosting many young freestylers and snowboarders, as well as alpine racers, all competing to earn their spots at various regional, national and international competitions. Lev Steeves, our volunteer coordinator and Competition Committee chair, was very excited about the turnout. He remarked that several new people were showing interest in working on the competitions.

We are always looking for more help, especially in a year like this when we have an event-packed calendar.



If you are interested in meeting and working with some great people and having a front row seat at exciting competitions, please call the Competition Center at 237-6896, or email Laurel Lashar at llashar@sugarloaf.com.▲

Jim McCormack, Competition Center Director, with CVA Alpine Program Director Mike Savage's son Parker.

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Uncle Al Remembered

It was a beautiful day, with snow falling, on December 6 when many Sugarloafers met at the Dick Bell Chapel, and then later at the King Pine Room of the base lodge, to celebrate the life of Alexander "Uncle Al" Scheeren.

Al passed away on Veterans Day, November 11, 2014. He was well-known by many through his bar tending at the Bag, or playing music at many establishments around the state. Al played with many bands over the years, and one of them, The Outer Space Band, a favorite of long time Sugarloafers, came to perform at the gathering. A longtime friend of Al's, and fellow musician, John Winn wrote a song of tribute for Al, and it was played along with a wonderful slideshow. Expatriate Sugarloafers came from as far away as Florida to pay their respects to their friend.

The Bag is selling t-shirts with the iconic picture of Al stepping out of the old Sugarloaf Sauna (now Hugs) with a bottle of Jack Daniels in his hand. The proceeds of the sale will go to a local charity in his name.▲



Andy Gillespie, Greg Powers, and Paul Levesque shared their remembrances of Uncle Al.

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In September, John Winn, a Sugarloafer from the 60's, was in town for a few days, staying at Three Stanley Ave. It was great catching up with John and Al on that day. Pictured left to right: Dan Davis, John Winn, Bruce Miles, Al Sheeren



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Maine Huts & Trails

*What's happening at Maine Huts
& Trails this Winter*

Back by popular demand and expanded to three huts this year, MH&T will celebrate New Year's Eve with a festive four-course meal and a champagne toast at the Stratton Brook, Poplar and Flagstaff huts on December 31.

The overnight event will feature a meal of soup, salad, main course, dessert, and a variety of sides prepared by each hut staff with locally sourced organic ingredients. Beer and wine will be available for purchase. The fun starts at 6 pm after arriving at a hut by cross country skiing or snowshoeing.

Enjoy serene views of Flagstaff Lake and the Bigelow Range

from Flagstaff Hut. Stratton Brook offers stunning alpine views of Sugarloaf Mountain and the Bigelow Range, and is a great spot to catch the Sugarloaf Resort New Year's Eve fireworks.

Package rates of \$108/adult, \$54/youth (17 and under) for MH&T members, and \$120/adult, \$60/youth (17 and under) for non-members include one night of lodging in a heated bunkroom, four-course dinner with a champagne toast, a full hot breakfast and a packed trail lunch. Private accommodations may be available at a different rate. Call 207-265-2400 to reserve.



Ski Club members Kathy Miles, and Maggie and Neal Newton enjoyed a snowy day trip in to...

New Trail, New Trip

Join a Registered Maine Guide for a 4.4-mile snowshoe adventure along the newest MH&T trail, Oak Knoll, to the Stratton Brook Hut. Oak Knoll

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Trip Dates: January 4-5, January 25-26, February 22-23, March 22-23, March 29-30.

Cost: \$171/adult, \$130.50/youth (17 and under) for MH&T members; or \$190/adult, \$145/youth (17 and under) for non-members.

What's Included: One night of lodging in a heated bunkroom, all meals, two gear shuttles and a guide for two days.

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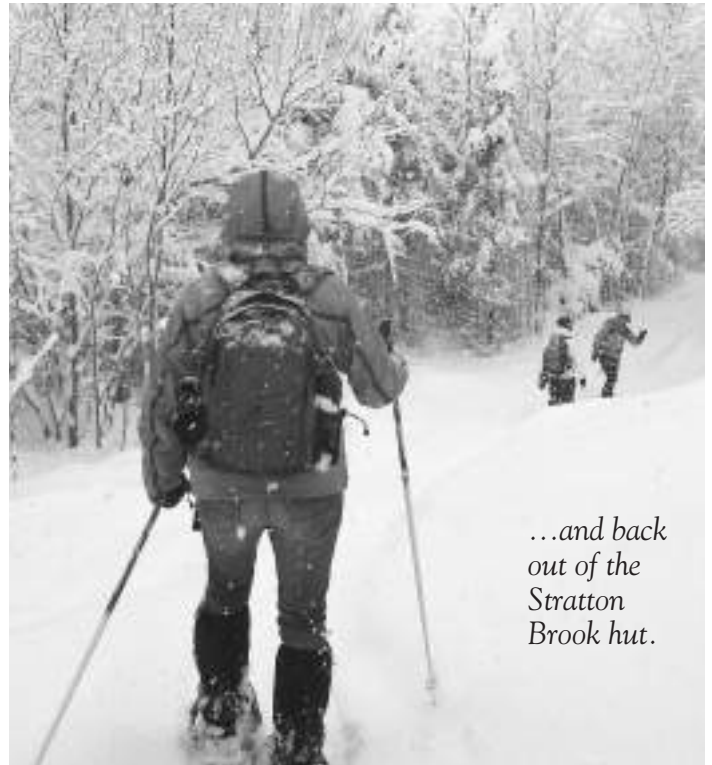
between huts to lighten your load on the trail.

Take in stunning views of Flagstaff Lake, Bigelow and Sugarloaf Mountains, the Dead River or the horseshoe-shaped Grand Falls waterfall. All trips provide breakfast, trail lunches and dinner prepared by hut staff, heated accommodations, hot showers and drinking water.

Two-hut Tour (Poplar and Stratton Brook) Dates: January 8-10 (members only), January 28-30, February 25-27, March 25-27.

Three-hut Tour (Poplar, Stratton Brook and Flagstaff) Dates: January 11-14, February 8-11, March 8-11.

Four-hut Tour (Poplar, Stratton Brook, Flagstaff and Grand Falls) Dates: January 19-23, February 2-6, March 15-19.



...and back out of the Stratton Brook hut.

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News From the Ski Museum of Maine

The fall has been a busy one for the Ski Museum of Maine. Over 200 people attended the 2014 Maine Ski Hall of Fame dinner in Auburn. With this year's induction, over 30 Sugarloafers have been included in the Honor Roll. Their biographies can be viewed on our Museum website.

On November 20, we had our annual Ski Season Launch Party at Morong Falmouth. This event is put on by Ski Maine Association to benefit the Museum and is a great kick off to the ski season. Bill and Peter Sowles, Sugarloafers since 1958 and owners of Morong Falmouth, have

hosted this event for two years. On November 28, the historic Bethel Inn hosted our first vintage fashion show. Ski Museum board members Leigh Breidenbach and Wende Gray organized a very entertaining evening with models young and old wearing ski fashions of yesteryear.

The Ski Museum of Maine has a busy winter planned. On January 1, we will be in the Bethel area for "Carter's Last Stand", a Nordic day of celebration. We will also be doing our drawing that day for our Great Ski Shop Giveaway raffle. On February 5th we will be heading to Camden and the Snow Bowl for the

"Camden Winterfest", sure to be an exciting event. The full event package will include overnight lodging, a day lift ticket, a ride on their famous toboggan run and a great dinner at the Waterfront restaurant; the package will go on sale on our website after January 1. On January 17, the "Ski Spree and Auction" will be held at Sunday River from 4:30 to 6:30 at the White Cap Lodge.

Our annual Maine Ski Heritage Classic will be held, once again, at Sugarloaf on February 14. This daylong celebration of Maine and Sugarloaf's ski heritage is a fun day finishing with a big silent auction,

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cocktail party and live auction at the Shipyard. For more information on any of our upcoming events or to

become a supporting member of the Ski Museum of Maine, go to our website at: www.skimuseumofmaine.org. ▲

Guests at the Ski Season launch party enjoyed this display of racing skis from the 60's. The display rack was built by ski club member Walter Melvin, Jr., and the skis are from his personal collection.

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CVA Student Athletes Poised for Successful Season

Preparations for this season's competitions are under way at Carrabassett Valley Academy. At stake are regional and national races, and podium places at the U.S. Nationals, CanAms, and World Juniors.

Head of School Kate Punderson states, "It takes a special combination of talent, skill, and work ethic to excel in alpine sports. Here at CVA, our teachers, coaches and staff are all committed to seeing that our student athletes are successful on and off the slopes."

Alpine Program

Depth and young talent are words that CVA Alpine Program Manager Mike Savage uses to describe his enthusi-

asm for the 2014-2015 ski racing season. "I am very excited to have the athletes we have, as well as the depth of talent here at CVA. We need to have the process unfold through the season and hopefully the results we are looking for develop. The buy-in from the kids in their efforts thus far has been superb."

The depth is very strong in the women's U16 age group. Leading the way is Rylee McCormack, daughter of Jim and Jennifer McCormack of Carrabassett Valley. She has been named to the U.S. Skiing U16 NTG group, has participated in multiple U.S. Skiing projects and will be spending time in Europe this winter.

Other top athletes in this group are Sam Conzelman, daughter of Stephanie Conzelman of Boothbay Harbor; Emma Kearing, daughter of Dave and Kim Kearing of Carrabassett Valley; and Shelby Cowin, daughter of Fred and Debra Cowin of Newry. These girls all have aspirations of qualifying for U16 Nationals in April 2015 at Sugarloaf.

New at CVA this winter is Sophie Schroeder, daughter of Tim and Jennifer Schroeder of Winfield, British Columbia, Canada. She will be looking for medals at the U14 Championships.

On the men's side, James

St.Ville, son of James St.Ville of Phoenix, AZ, will be aiming for medals in the U16 Nationals after being a medalist in the U16 CanAms last winter.

Moving up to the U18 age group, CVA has 3 top women hopefuls. All are first year racers in the U18 age category. Both Sophia Morris, daughter of Cuyler and Cindy Morris of Yarmouth, and Erica Jenson, daughter of Mark and Cynthia Jenson of Waterville, qualified for U16 Nationals last winter. Both of these girls, along with Kelsie Grant, daughter of Steve and Connie Grant of Gilford, NH, will be pushing for results to qualify them for the U18 Nationals this upcoming season.



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In the men's U18 age group, Dev Thomas, son of Deborah Wetmore and Josh Cushman of Falmouth, and Sean Sullivan, son of Joe and Karen Sullivan of Centerport, NY, will be looking for results to qualify for the U18 Nationals this season. As a U16, Thomas was a silver medalist in the CanAm series.

These athletes represent the tip of the iceberg of the talent at CVA on the alpine side. Many more not mentioned here could rise to the top of the class in the U16 and U18 age groups.

Boardercross and Skiercross Program

The CVA boardercross and skiercross teams have doubled in size over last year. There are 15 NorAm level athletes with 8 in boardercross and 7 in skiercross. The addition of skiercross coach Alex Wiken

will assist program director and head coach Mike Mallon in race service and coaching responsibilities through the season. Last year, CVA sent three "cross athletes" to FIS World Juniors in Italy. The goal for the 2014-2015 season is to send six to World Juniors.

According to Mallon, "This is a dedicated and focused group that is poised for a great season."

Athletes to watch are: Devryn Valley, son of Tom and Anne Valley of Gardiner: Last season, he was a member of the U.S. FIS World Junior Team; this past summer he participated in U.S. Snowboard Team development camps.

Liam Moffat, son of Garfield and Susan Moffat of Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada: Liam had top-ten finishes in NorAms last season and will represent

Canada in boardercross at the 2015 Canada Games.

Austin Manley O'Brien, son of Howard O'Brien of Carrabassett Valley, and Lisa Marie Manley O'Brien of Worcester, MA: Austin will be looking for top-ten finishes on the NorAm circuit this season.

Katie Wilson, daughter of Brin and Dana Wilson of Mequon, WI: Katie had one top-ten NorAm finish at Sugarloaf last season.

Madeline Chamberlin, daughter of Eric and Doreen Chamberlin of Carrabassett Valley: Placing second in the Rail Jam event at last year's USASA National Championships, Madeline is looking for similar results as she steps up to the open class this year.

Abi Zagnoli, daughter of Rolie and Sally Zagnoli of

Carrabassett Valley: Abi is coming off a strong year with a Nationals podium and will be looking for top-ten NorAm finishes as a rookie.

Bianca Marcello, daughter of Peter and Maureen Marcello of Bedford, MA: Bianca is also coming off a strong year with a Nationals podium and will be looking for top-ten NorAm finishes.

This group will be worth following throughout the 2014-2015 season.

Freestyle Skiing Program

Carrabassett Valley Academy Freestyle Skiing Program Director Nate McKenzie is looking forward to the upcoming 2014-2015 competition season.

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CVA *Continued from page 11*

According to McKenzie, "This season, CVA has surrounded each athlete with the best training opportunities and programming that I've witnessed in 15 seasons. Our preparation has been pushed to new levels, thanks to a large team of people moving in the same direction."

Top mogul skiers include:

PG athlete Jesse Lowell, son of Scott Lowell and Carolyn Heiser of Gray. Jesse graduated from CVA in June of 2014 and is a team leader who is looking to see how far in the sport his talents will take him; he has his sights set on the U.S. Selections event in Winter Park, CO, looking to earn NorAm starts.

Noah Fournier, son of Mark

and Venise Fournier of

Carrabassett Valley, has worked very hard to prepare for the upcoming season. He should continue to be a top mogul skier in the East looking to place higher in national level events.

Top freeskiing (park and pipe) athletes aiming for top finishes are:

12th grader Nick Hall, son of Robert and Gwendolyn Hall of Cumberland. Nick has a strong work ethic that should serve him well in Revolution Tour stops at Copper Mountain, CO, and Seven Springs, PA.

9th grader Wyatt McDermott, son of Grady and Jennifer McDermott of Wells, VT, has used his experience at CVA's summer tramp camps to



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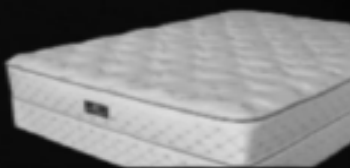
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refine his skills. He is looking for top results at Revolution Tour stops at Copper Mountain, CO, and Seven Springs, PA.

New to the team this year is Thomas Cogswell, son of Cynthia Cogswell of Gray. Thomas brings a strong attitude to the team. He, too, will be competing in the Revolution Tour events.

PG John Priest is the top freeride competitor. He is the son of Joe and Pam Priest of Lewiston, NY. John will compete in the Ski the East Tour this season, looking to compete for the Tour Championships at Jay Peak, VT. McKenzie is excited to have the freeride venue added to the list of disciplines under Freestyle.

ALPS Program
Carrabassett Valley Academy

ALPS Program Director Ian Hubbard is looking forward to the 2014-2015 season with three major trips planned for his eight program athletes.

An early December trip to the Tetons or Salt Lake City area will focus on refining off-piste skiing skills, and introduce ski touring fundamentals and avalanche skills. The group will travel to La Grave, France, in January to introduce athletes to ski mountaineering and further steep skiing skills. The final trip, in March, is to the Gaspé Peninsula in Quebec. This trip aims to integrate all skills learned during the winter. The students also start making terrain and snow stability decisions on their own.

According to Hubbard "The Gaspé trip is really the capstone for the season." ▲

CVA WP Parents & Ski Club Members are Invited

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FLASHBACK

Ski Club members Joyce Tobias, Peggy Bishop, Priscilla Denny and Doris Bonneau on their way home from a ski trip to Austria in 2003. They stopped over in Munich and went to a flea market where they scored these elegant fur coats.



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Kingfield, Me. – Though the Sugarloaf Mountain Ski Area doubled its facilities last year they still aren't half large enough. This was told to the Augusta Rotary Club at a recent meeting by Dr. William E. Keirstad of Waterville.

Dr. Keirstad said that over the New Year's holiday the crowd at Sugarloaf overtaxed the enlarged hut and other facilities.

He added that plans call for opening up several new trails, expanding service and lodging facilities, and extending the lift to the top of the mountain. Second highest in Maine.

[Editor's Note: Dr. Keirstad was one of our early Sugarloafers who climbed to ski the Snowfields in the 50's. Thanks to him, we have some awesome movie footage of Amos Winter and others skiing in the early fifties.]



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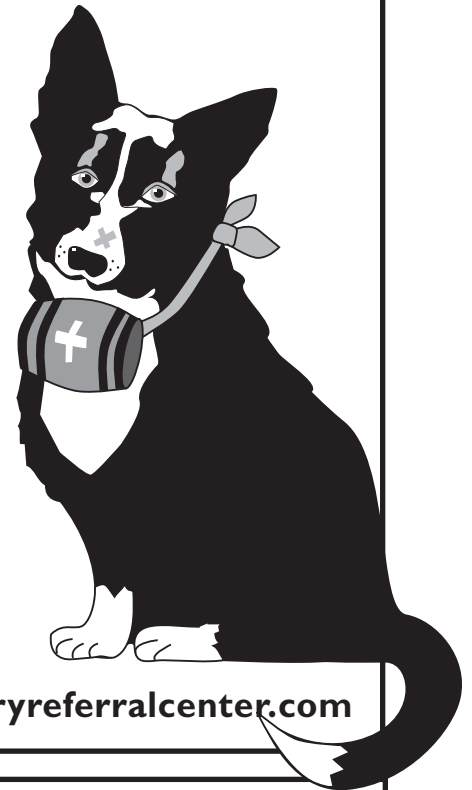


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