



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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President's Message

Joe Tutlis

Well, it was a most interesting ski season to say the least. The wonderful early season conditions courtesy of Mother Nature and snowmaking were clobbered by the mega rainstorm (six inches or so) just a week before Christmas. The snowpack melted and roads were heavily damaged throughout this part of Maine. Despite the deluge, Sugarloaf fought back and soon we were skiing again. February's snow drought was another challenge, but again Sugarloaf's snowmakers and groomers got us through. Then, just in time for the February Vacation Week the long awaited Bucksaw Express was brought online. Skiers flocked to the new lift over on West Mountain and delighted in the expanded and open terrain. The Bucksaw Express and the new trails will transform the way our beloved mountain is skied! In late March and early April we were hit with our biggest snows of the season. Immediately after the last large snowstorm was the total eclipse on April 8. It was awe inspiring to witness totality from the summit! Indeed, it was a strange and varied season!

During all of this the Sugarloaf Ski Club was very active. In January we had another successful Beer Tasting event that raised money for our mission. The 42nd Annual McKay/Waddle Race was held in February with about 250 entrants. Also in February our Supersquad team was one of the most successful teams at the Winterkids Downhill 24 raising over \$56,000. Throughout the winter, on the second Tuesday of each month, our Member

Appreciation Socials chaired by Nancy Makin and Doris Tutlis were held. Our Locals team captained by Rand Surgi had another fun year racing on Wednesdays. On Friday mornings the Cardiac Club led by Colon Durrell and Ralph Nodine gathered and enjoyed each other's company while they improved their skiing. In early April the Community and Scholarship Committee granted Merit Awards. These awards recognize the achievements and help defray expenses of our younger members who qualified for upper level competitions across the country and beyond. In all, your Sugarloaf Ski Club awarded over \$89,000 this ski season to athletes and their families.

Join us on Friday, June 21, 2024 at the Sugarloaf Golf Course to participate in the 43rd Annual Sugarloaf Golf Classic presented by the Bag and Kettle and the Sugarloaf Golf Course. The Sugarloaf Golf Classic benefits the Dick and Martha Ayotte Scholarship fund. Many awards will be given out, including low gross, all ladies team, and an all Sugarloaf Ski Club team.

Lastly, keep an eye out for information as we prepare to celebrate our 75th anniversary next ski season.

See you on the slopes,

Joe



Upcoming Events

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

May 12

Sugarloaf Marathon & 15k

May 24

Sugarloaf Golf Club
Opening Day

June 1

CVA Graduation

June 21

43rd Annual Sugarloaf Ski Club
Golf Classic

June 29

Kingfield POPS

August 17-18

Eastern States Cup
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August 31- September 1

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World Championships

October 11

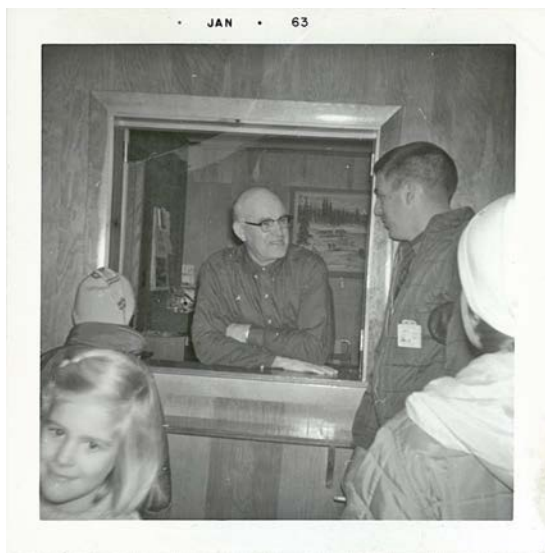
Swig & Swing
Golf Tournament

October 12-13

Sugarloaf Homecoming



The 2024 Paul Schipper Iron Man award went to Deke Andrew, center. Karl Strand, left and Crusher, right are shown presenting the award. The Iron Man award has been presented each year since 1999 to the person or people who through their dedication to getting out on the hill in rain or shine best exemplifies the spirit of the original Iron Man, Paul Schipper.



Sugarloaf founder Amos Winter at the ticket window chatting with a season pass holder, circa 1961

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Receiving Gleason Rand Award

At the annual Volunteer Appreciation party held on April 6 at the Alford Center, Don & Barbara Hathorn received the Gleason Rand Award for outstanding volunteer of the season. Volunteer coordinator Mark Swisher said, "whenever I called they were always there to help"



Left to right: Don Hathorn, Mark Swisher, Barbara Hathorn, Jim McCormack.



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.

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A new team this year Mas Amigos came in a close second.

The Bag: Third, Shipyard: Fourth, Sugarloaf Ski Club: Fifth, Tufulios ; Sixth, D'Ellies: Seventh.

No matter what place the teams came in, they all scored big in the camaraderie category.

*Bag Team Captain
Jay Reynolds hands trophy
to The Rack's Captain
Chris Prudente*



The Rack Locals Team



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The 43rd 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 21st, 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 per team is \$680 is all inclusive with lunch, golf cart, Mulligan, all contests and Raffle. Many prizes will be awarded.

Thursday night June 20 will be a pre Classic gathering at The Bag & Kettle

Friday June 21, 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..

Hole sponsorships for individuals, companies or families are available for \$200 each. 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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FIS Junior World Championships

Congratulations to the CVA student-athletes who competed in the Junior World Championships with impressive results.

Morgan Shute '25 took 5th place in the individual competition, followed up with a remarkable 3rd place podium spot in the team event with Jack Mitchell.

Maggie Swain '24, was the second-highest performer from Team USA in the Ski Cross event, finishing with an impressive 16th place in the individual event and 18th in the team event. Sully Butler '24 took 37th place, 22nd in the team event.

For Snowboard Cross, Boden Gerry '24 earned an impressive 19th place in the individual and 11th in the team event.



CVA Athlete Nathan Pare Wins Snowboard Cross Rookie of the Year

CVA Athlete Nathan Pare was awarded Snowboard Cross Men Rookie of the Year at a World Cup event in Québec, Canada.

Nathan Pare, has received the prestigious “Rookie of the Year” award.

The International Ski and Snowboard Federation, also known as FIS (French: Fédération Internationale de Ski et de Snowboard), the highest international governing body for skiing and snowboarding, bestowed this honor upon Pare directly following the final World Cup event of the season at Mont Sainte Anne in Quebec, Canada.

FIS presents this award annually to one male and one female, from the sport of Snowboard Cross who have completed a first full-season of competitions.

The criteria for the “Rookie of the Year” award is based on the following:

- 50% results in the current season
- 50% personality and attitude

The recipients of the award are selected through a voting process conducted by the Team Captains during the final World Cup competition of the year. Each Team Captain holds one vote, and in order to secure the award, the winner must obtain an absolute majority of votes. This process underscores the esteemed nature of the “Rookie of the Year” award.

CVA Coach Freddy McCarthy had the following to say about Pare’s award, “Nate, your skills, dedication, and positive outlook truly make you stand out. I’m incredibly proud of you and excited to see where the future takes you. Congratulations on being named Rookie of the Year. You absolutely deserve it!”



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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.

Sixth season accomplishments

- 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.
- NEW: We started a Jr Pro program for kids who wanted to learn to be coaches. We expect this to grow.**

- 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.
- We helped fund the RSU58 & Stratton Ski/Skate program.

For a third 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 provides 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 over, and under a Pandemic, King's Kids 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."

– Parent

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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WinterKids Downhill 24

For the second year, the Sugarloaf Ski Club had a team in the WinterKids DH24. "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.

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.

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. This 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.

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Under the organizational leadership of the CVA National Honor Society, CVA volunteers set up racecourses, provided timing, served up hot cocoa and cookies, ran the ceremony, and gave lots of encouragement to the Special Olympians. The CVA chapter of the National Honor Society took a leadership role in organizing this special day.

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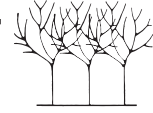
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Ginny Bousum, center presents the 1991 Bill Bousum award to Kirsten Clark, left and Forest Carey, right. Both later skied with the US Alpine Ski Team.

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