



# Sugarloaf Ski Club

# NEWS

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Ski Club Members:  
Approx. 1,500

## President's Message

Ginny Bousum

### Spark Joy

I'm enjoying memories of our outstanding ski season. Sugarloaf was graced with several feet of natural snow from opening-day powder in November to those last runs in May. As we turn our attention to spring cleaning, as we rake, sweep and put away our cold-weather gear, I am thinking of Marie Kondo's tidying-up method and finding what "sparks joy." (For those unfamiliar with Kondo, a quick Google search will explain.)

*This winter, as president of your Ski Club, I found joy in the results of our focus - to get more local kids into ski programs.*

For Ski Club members, skiing and riding sparks joy, especially when taking family runs together. I truly enjoyed a three-generations-run



*May 5, 2019, was closing day for a truly great season. Last chair of the season was occupied by Colin McDonough, Mike Tighe, Chris Prudente and Brett Dyer.*

from the top down Gondola Line during the festive Reggae weekend. Even the chairlift rides up with grandkids spark joy, as does sharing the love of our sport with folks of all ages.

This winter, as president of your Ski Club, I found joy in the results of our focus - to get more local kids into ski

programs. Here at Sugarloaf the new Boomauger Program was very successful. The Sugarloaf Ski Club "family" felt the joy of seeing the smiling faces of happy youngsters who came for lessons and fun all winter. At Spruce and Baker Mountains, Sugarloaf Ski Club

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## 2019 Ski Club Summer Events Calendar

Check our website calendar for other events  
[www.sugarloafskiclub.org](http://www.sugarloafskiclub.org) or email questions  
to [info@sugarloafskiclub.com](mailto:info@sugarloafskiclub.com)

### JUNE

#### June 1

CVA Graduation

June 28

38th Annual Ski Club  
Golf Classic

Bag 50th Bash

#### June 29

Kingfield POPS  
Bangor Symphony  
Orchestra & Stratton  
Family Festival

### JULY

#### July 4

Fireworks in the Valley

#### July 12 & 26

Summer Après party  
on the Beach  
with live music

#### August 2

Swig & Swing  
Golf Tournament

#### August 16

Après party on the  
Beach with live music

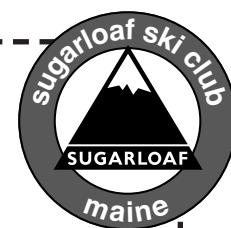
## Iron Men of 2019

This year's Iron Man award is shared by Ski Club members Marc Ayotte and Bob Zinn. The award is presented annually in memory of the original "Iron Man of Skiing" Paul Schipper, who's "streak" lasted 3,903 days.



In the front row are 2019 Iron Men Marc Ayotte and Bob Zinn, with Ski Club President Ginny Bousum. In back are Karl Strand (left) and Rich "Crusher" Wilkinson, who presented the award. ▲

## Yes, I would like to be a member of the Sugarloaf Ski Club!



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## Laurel Lashar to receive prestigious Burckett-Dodge Award



Sugarloaf General Manager Karl Strand, Laurel Lashar and Competition Director Jim McCormack.

Sugarloaf's Competition Administrator Laurel Lashar will be traveling to Park City, Utah, this month to be honored by US Ski & Snowboarding.

She will be receiving the Burckett-Dodge Award, which has been presented annually since 1973. The person receiving this award is chosen by the

U S Ski & Snowboarding Eastern Alpine Officials Committee for their outstanding contribution to alpine officiating. We all know how much Laurel

deserves this award. She has lived and breathed alpine racing and officiating her entire life.

Congratulations Laurel. Well deserved. ▲

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## 2019 Ski Club Volunteer Party & Gleason Rand Award

*On April 7, Sugarloaf Competition Center volunteers gathered to reflect on the season's events and hand out accolades to many volunteers.*

Five standout volunteers earned special recognition: Al and Alice Cole, Kelly Dooling, Steve Kalenda, Gail Ogilvie, Terry Petley, Cheryl Rowland, Gerry Thompson and Patrick Willihan.

The 2019 Gleason Rand award was presented to Rich & Judi Hawkes for their many long hours. Lev said "they were there whenever and wherever I needed them."

The Gleason Rand Award is presented annually to an outstanding competition volunteer. The award is named for Dr. Gleason Rand, a physician from Orono, Maine. Dr. Rand was a tireless volunteer at



*Lev Steeves presented the Gleason Rand Award to Rich and Judy Hawkes at the end-of-season party for volunteers.*

the many competitive skiing events during the early 1970's. He helped register the athletes for the event and when this was done, he would head up the hill to do anything required, such as carry equipment, cheer on the athletes or any other job that had to be done. Unfortunately, he was killed in a tragic highway accident in May of 1973.

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|---|---|
| 1974 Jean Luce                                | 1999 Bob Daley                            |
| 1975 Peter Spaulding                          | 2000 Chris Schipper                       |
| 1976 Robert Waddle                            | 2001 Lev Steeves                          |
| 1977 Larry & Jackie Mahaney                   | 2002 Mary & Phil Hunter                   |
| 1978 Paula & Irving Kagan                     | 2003 Patti & Bob Silvia                   |
| 1979 Peter Smith                              | 2004 Alice & Al Cole                      |
| 1980 Tom Needham                              | 2005 Susan Manter                         |
| 1981 Frank & Jean Woodard                     | 2006 Marco Stivaletta                     |
| 1982 Jim Merritt                              | 2007 Terry Petley                         |
| 1983 Kathy Allen                              | 2008 Tom Hanson                           |
| 1984 Tina Hinkley                             | 2009 Jon Hellstedt                        |
| 1985 Mary Hunter, Jean Luce<br>& Gil O'Connor | 2010 Peter & Delinda Smith                |
| 1986 Carolyn & Regis Lepage                   | 2011 Laurie Steeves                       |
| 1987 Bruce Miles                              | 2012 Charles & Diane<br>Copeland          |
| 1988 Kathy Accord                             | 2013 Mark Swisher                         |
| 1989 Peter & Carol Bass                       | 2014 Dave Stonebraker &<br>Mitzi Guenther |
| 1990 Deb Oberg                                | 2015 Gerry Thompson                       |
| 1991 Carol Freemont Smith                     | 2016 Linda & Donn Gifford                 |
| 1992 Ron & Audrey Leonard                     | 2017 Craig Brigham                        |
| 1993 Jay & Gail Rowe                          | 2018 Jim Stinchfield &<br>Linda Cloutier  |
| 1994 Barbara & Dick Hinman                    |   |
| 1995 Audrey Leonard                           |   |
| 1998 Mary Hunter &<br>Lev Steeves             |   |

Flanked by Jim McCormack and Karl Strand, Lev Steeves was presented an autographed U S Alpine Nationals bib from Competition Center staff, friends and volunteers. Thank you, Lev, for many years of ensuring enough volunteers for so many events, and then for managing those volunteers and the many positions they fill.

Many of the past award recipients are still volunteering at competitions, or associated with Sugarloaf and the Ski Club today. ▲

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# 38th Annual Sugarloaf Ski Club Classic Golf Tournament

Friday, June 28,  
at the Sugarloaf Golf Club

The 38th Annual Sugarloaf Ski Club Classic Golf Tournament will take place this year on Friday, June 28th, at the Sugarloaf Golf Club. Ski Club board members Ginny Bousum and Patrick Willihan will again co-chair this important scholarship fund raising event for the Dick and Martha Ayotte Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Micah Lashar, Kelly Welch, Laurel Lashar and Jay Lashar

The Bag and Kettle, long-time Ski Club supporter, will be the site of a Thursday evening gathering where players can meet and greet, and enjoy socializing before Friday's scramble-format tournament.

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- Thursday, June 27: Social at the Bag for players
- Friday, June 28: 7:30 registration, 9:00 am Shotgun start. 2:30 awards and included luncheon, sponsored by the Bag, at the clubhouse
- Friday night, June 28: The Bag's 50th Birthday Bash
- Saturday, June 29 marks the 17th year of the Kingfield Pops concerts and fireworks at the Kennedy Farm in Kingfield; make a weekend of it and do it all.

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.

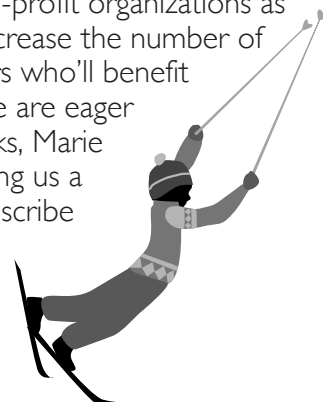
Tournament sponsorship opportunities are available at several levels, and in-kind gifts for the silent auction are most welcomed. For more information contact Bruce Miles at the Sugarloaf Ski Club: email [info@sugarloafskiclub.com](mailto:info@sugarloafskiclub.com).

## President's Message

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Off-season events will bring Sugarloaf Ski Club members together to enjoy hikes, picnics, golf, biking, outdoor concerts on "the Beach" and more - joyful mini-reunions as we wait for Skiers' Homecoming Weekend and next winter's snow.

The summer months also allow time for program planning and coordination with other non-profit organizations as we strive to increase the number of local youngsters who'll benefit from the joy we are eager to share. Thanks, Marie Kondo, for giving us a new way to describe what we have known all along. ▲




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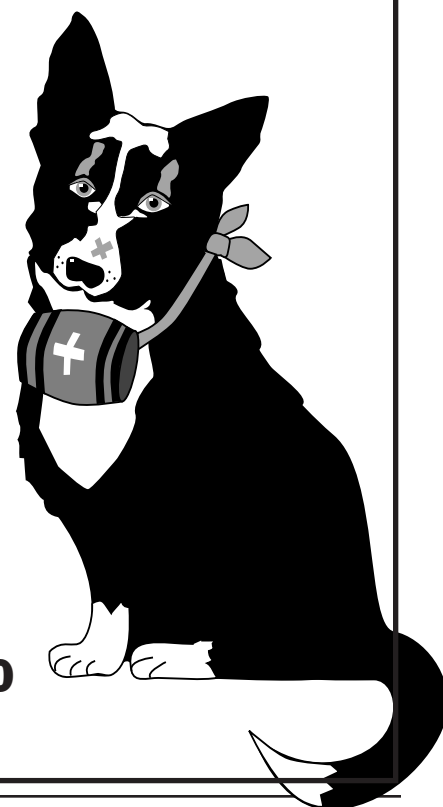
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## Mountain To Mud Race Winnah!

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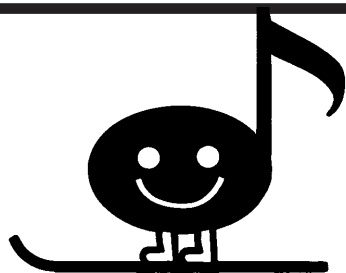
*Andrew Legere was this year's winner of the Mountain to Mud Race.*



## Sugarloaf's Closing Day May 5, 2019



*On May 5, 2019, Sugarloaf's last day of skiing, the usual cast of characters line up at 8 am for the 8:30 loading of the SuperQuad.*



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## Stub Taylor, Sugarloaf's Legendary Ski Patroller

Some of Stub's old ski patrol buddies visited him recently.

Front, Martha Bradley and Stub; Back l. to r. Bill Bradley, Al Sleight, Bob Carlton and Tim Henderson.

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This past winter over 60 local kids participated in the first year of the Boomauger program at Sugarloaf. The ski club's King's Kids underwrites 70 percent of the cost of this wonderful program.

# King's Kids Initiative had a great first 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

This past summer 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.

## First year accomplishments

The fund is with the Maine Community Foundation, and with first years' earnings, King's Kids funded the following:

- 61 kids from RSU 58, Stratton, and Rangeley participated in the 10-Sunday PM Boomauger program through the Sugarloaf Perfect Turn Ski School. King's Kids underwrote 70% of

the cost of this program, including lift ticket, lessons, and rentals,

- King's Kids rented Titcomb Mountain in Farmington for a Friday free ski night, with discounted rentals
- 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.
- 16 local children received \$100 scholarships to Sugarloaf Mini & Bubblecuffer programs (in addition to significant monies from other club funds).
- The after Ski & Skate Programs in Kingfield, Stratton, Strong, and Phillips each received \$500 to defray their expenses.
- The Sugarloaf and Rangeley Middle School Ski Teams received support.

## With your help we can do a lot more.

All told, just under \$20,000 from the King's Kids Fund earnings supported these programs. We expect – and want all these programs to expand, with more kids taking advantage of them. We are well on our way to raising an additional \$250,000, with a goal of \$500,000, to add to the endowment fund for a total of \$1,000,000.

**Your help will enable us to commit up to \$40,000 annually to these King's Kids initiatives.**

*"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  
Boardwalk \$1K - \$4,999  
Whiffletree \$500-\$999.00  
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## Questions?

Email Bruce Miles at [info@sugarloafskiclub.com](mailto:info@sugarloafskiclub.com) or call 207-237-6955

## Thanks to these generous folks, we've raised \$229,000 for the King's Kids Endowment Fund so far.

### Snowfields

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ducts six to eight in-  
dividuals that have  
contributed to the  
sport of skiing. This  
year, eight individu-  
als will be inducted  
at the 17th Annual  
Maine Ski Hall of  
Fame banquet  
scheduled for  
October 19, 2019  
at Sugarloaf.*

The Maine Ski Hall of Fame was established as a division of SMOM to recognize individuals who bring distinction to Maine skiing through competition, either as athletes or coaches. The Hall also honors those who pioneered the sport in Maine: ski makers, ski area builders, instructors, volunteers and others who have made a significant contribution to the sport. This incoming class will bring to 144 the number of those honored. Four members of the Sugarloaf community will be inducted this year.

Billy Chenard began his Nordic career skiing with the Chisholm Ski Club. A member of the Eastern Junior National Team, he won the National Junior Nordic Combined title in 1972, and was named to the U.S. National Team. Billy gave back to his sport by developing the Nordic trails at Sugarloaf and the Balsams, which are considered best in the East.

Don Fowler has not only demonstrated a love of skiing by being on the mountain every possible day, but also by being an ambassador for the sport. A founder of the Ski Museum of Maine, Don has donated many hours as

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clerk and attorney for the museum. In his devotion to Sugarloaf he has compiled the complete history of the resort.

Paul Schipper started his "Streak" of skiing every day Sugarloaf was opened from 1981 until 2005, regardless of weather, his health or obligations. As a retired airline pilot, he was a keen weather observer and reported to the marketing department after his runs. He certainly earned his rank as a legend at Sugarloaf.

Seth Wescott is one of the most accomplished and decorated athletes in snowboarding history. He was the first Olympic Gold Medalist in snowboardcross (SBX) 2006 at Turin, and successfully defended his title in 2010 at Vancouver. Seth divides his time between designing snowboards for his company, Winterstick and advocating for WinterKids and Take it Outside. He and works with other outdoor athletes at Protect Our Winters.

The four other 2019 inductees include Henry Anderson, a legendary ski maker; Lindsay Ball, U.S. Paralympic team member and VP of the Maine Organization of Blind and Athletic Leadership Education; Leigh Breidenbach, Past Director of the University of Maine's Ski Industry Program and Level III PSIA ski instructor; Robert Zinck, who also got his start with the Chisholm Ski Club, specialized in jumping, gaining crowns at the Junior Nationals and Canadian Junior Nationals, and a former U.S. National team member.



*October 19, 2019*

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### Spring/Summer Hours

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## Trail Report -- Sunday, June 1, 1997

**Trails** -- 5; Sluice, Spillway, Skidder, Hayburner, King's Landing

**Lifts** -- Double Runner East, Spillway West

**Average Base Depth** -- 6-24", bare spots on trails, walking required in spots

**Surface Conditions** -- Loose Granular and Spring Condions

**Forecast** -- 60-66 summit, 64-68 base, Cloudy, chance of a shower.

**Grooming** -- None

**Comments** -- Remember, this is June, and we do have spring conditions on our trails. Please ski and ride accordingly. Strokes is open for lunch down at the golf course, and the Shipyard Brewhaus is open today starting at 4:00. Enjoy the day - It is the latest we have ever skied here at Sugarloaf/USA!

This report reflects snow conditions weather conditions and anticipated trail and lift status at the time the report was prepared. Many factors such as weather and skier and rider use can cause these conditions to change rapidly. Please be aware of changing conditions, and always ski and ride responsibly. This report was prepared at 7:00 am on the above date.

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# CVA Wrap Up



These CVAWP athletes and coaches attended the USASA National Championships: (l. to r.) Coach Patrick O'Rourke, Jamie Hering, Coach Mike Phelan, Lyle Hering, Lily Day, and Maggie Swain.



Congratulations to Senior Ella Spear on her April 2 U19 second place podium at Eastern Cup SG Finals. Also skiing fast were Faith Stanton in 5th, Molly Bruno in 10th and Ava Cayer in 11th. This followed up the prior day's impressive results, with Molly in 4th and Ava in 6th.



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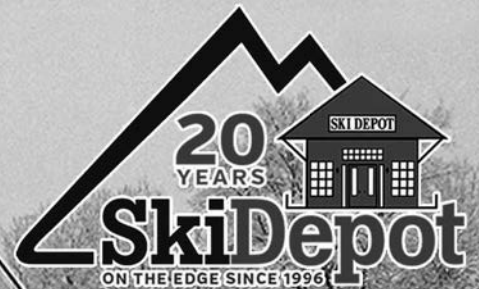


Congratulations to Freeride Team members Ben Malone(left), and Osten Duncan (right)! Out of more than 2000 freeride competitors, Ben and Osten have been invited to compete at this year's North American Freeride championship at Kicking Horse Resort. Every year this competition brings together the top 1% of IFSA competitors from across North America to test their skills on one of North America's most challenging faces. This year is no different: Ben and Osten will be competing on the Ozone face, the same course as this year's Freeride World Tour. The face drops 384 meters at an average pitch of 44 degrees. Cliffs from only a few feet to over a 100 stripe the face. The face is a favorite venue of the riders on the FWT for the variety of terrain, the steepness and the challenge. These two boys are great representatives of the type of skiers that Sugarloaf produces. Wish them well as they head off to face this year's final challenge.

Participating in 'Mountain Work Day' has been a part of CVA's community service tradition for over 35 years! More than 50 students and coaches gathered to help clean up the mountain on Saturday, April 27. The heavy rain did not slow them down.

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*Congratulations, Erica Jenson '16, in bib number 2 on the left, for earning All American honors skiing for Syracuse University, with an 8th place finish in the GS at USCSA Nationals in Jackson Hole on April 2.*

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*It was a bittersweet end-of-season race series for our twin Seniors – Ella and Simon Spear – as they raced their final race series together at the Eastern Cup finals, ending their long lived CVA racing careers together on the same race trail. ▲*



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