President’s Message
Ginny Bousum

This is the Sugarloaf Ski Club’s 70th year! That in itself is noteworthy, but there is more to the story. We know that the first members actually built an access road and formed a corporation to run a brand new ski area. (I doubt they would have called it a “resort” in those days.)

Over the decades, Ski Club members kept “starting things” — a Ski Educational Foundation and training program for young athletes that evolved into Carrabassett Valley Academy; a collection of historical items which grew into the Ski Museum of Maine; golf tournaments, raffles, a beer tasting, the Snow-Ball, fun ski races and more. All along the way, Ski Club members have always generously supported the latest project.

Ski Club members have also enjoyed social events, skiing and riding in winter, and reunions in the off-season. Yes, Ski Club members like to have fun!

First Chair correction: the kids on the season opener first chair (l.to r.) are Turner Gamache (3rd time first chair), Alex Gamache (2nd time first chair), Kai Glidden (2nd time first chair), and Seamus Flaherty (2nd time first chair). They met up at 3:45AM to get the first chair. Conditions that day were excellent, due to the hard work of the snow makers.

The McKay/Waddle Race is scheduled for February 17th with proceeds going to our McKay/Waddle Scholarship Fund. Racing, a pizza party, prizes and more. That surely is a recipe for fun.

On March 21st the Ski Club will hold its 70th Birthday Celebration, a new twist to our annual Snowball, in the King Pine Room. The Jim Ciampi Dueling Pianos and Dance Showcase will be on stage at this party and reviews of their show include: “this is a fabulous show filled with comedy, top shelf music, singing and lots of audience participation!” This is definitely a recipe...
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February
February 15
John Christie Ski Heritage Classic Shipyard
February 17
McKay/Waddle Ski Race
February 22
CVA Big Raffle & Scholarship Bash Alfond Competition Center

March
March 3
Tuesday Social The Bag 4:30 - 6:00pm
March 6-7
8th Annual WinterKids Downhill 24 9am Fri. to 9am Sat.
March 11
Baxter Outdoors Locals Racing Series Award Finals 4:30 to 7pm Alfond Comp Center

April
April 4
Ski Club 70th Birthday Celebration 6-10pm With “Keys to the City” Dueling Pianos & Dance Showcase King Pine Room
April 11
Volunteer Awards Social Alfond Competition Center

June
June 25
Golf Tournament Party Bag & Kettle
June 26
39th Annual Ski Club Golf Tournament To benefit Dick & Martha Ayotte Scholarship Fund Sugarloaf Golf Club

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for fun! You can purchase your tickets for this special event at www.sugarloafskiclub.org. It is also an important fundraising event for Ski Club scholarships.

The Ski Club recently formed an endowment fund with a goal of one million dollars. Thanks to the generosity of many Ski Club members we have raised $810,000 to date. While fun social events continue to beef up scholarships, the Cummings/Luce Endowment Fund will give long-term sustainability to the Club’s support of local kids. As always, we appreciate the support of you, the members, for this important project and our established events. We hope you have had – and will continue to have - fun along the way!
Come celebrate Sugarloaf Ski Club’s 70th Birthday

Featuring Jim Ciampi and the Dueling Pianos & Dance Showcase

Band Leader Jim Ciampi will be bringing his Dueling Pianos & dance Showcase to Sugarloaf on March 21 for our annual Sugarloaf Ski Club Dinner and Dance evening. This year we will be celebrating our 70th birthday.

A fixture in the Maine music community for over 25 years, Jim Ciampi is best-known for his warm, personal audience rapport and stellar musicianship; he is a veteran performer with a wide variety of experience and skills.

The Ski Club’s annual dinner and dance, held in the King Pine Room, is not only an important fundraiser for our scholarship programs but also one of the most fun evenings of the season.

The evening includes a cocktail hour, silent auction, great dinner and this year a whole new performance that we are sure will rock the house. The cost is just $60 per person. Tickets may be purchased on the ski club website.

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39th Annual Classic Golf Tournament
Friday, June 26

The 39th Annual Sugarloaf Ski Club Classic Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, June 26th, at the Sugarloaf Golf Club. Ski Club board members Ginny Bousum and Patrick Willihan again co-chair this important scholarship fund raising event for the Dick and Martha Ayotte Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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.

The cost will be determined this spring; it will be all inclusive with lunch, golf cart, Mulligan, all contests and raffle.

• Thursday, June 25: Social for players at the Bag
• Friday, June 26: 7:30am registration, 9:00am Shotgun Start
• Awards and luncheon at Golf Club House included: 2:30pm sponsored by the Bag
• Friday night, June 26, Outdoor music entertainment on-mountain
• Saturday, June 27: the 18th year of the Kingfield Pops concerts and fireworks, at the Kennedy Farm in Kingfield. Make a weekend of it and do it all.

Jon & Sharon Hellstedt with Diane & Charlie Copeland at last year’s Sugarloaf Ski Club Classic Golf Tournament.
Remember your first day on the hill?

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

For myself, I consider it one of the luckiest days of my life when in 1959 my dad took me to that little hill in Newry and I rode my first rope tow. I knew then that skiing would be an important part of my life.

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 and Somerset Counties experience the thrill of skiing. Your gift will be combined with others to have a positive impact on the cost of skiing 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 easy to have your financial manager name Sugarloaf Ski Club as a recipient of a small percentage of your estate, including 401k funds. Please contact the Ski Club if you have any questions on how you can help us share your love of skiing.

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 info@sugarloafskiclub.com

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Sugarloaf Locals Racing has a new sponsor this year. Maine’s very own Baxter Outdoors has stepped up to sponsor this season’s series. Locals racing is a lot of fun for the many people who live and work (or are retired) and spend their winters at the Loaf. There are 7 races scheduled for this season. At the date of this writing, three of them have been run.

There are five teams competing this year for the coveted trophy, which has resided at the Bag for several years now. You don’t have to be a great racer to score for your team, but you have to be dependable and show up on race day, which is on Wednesdays.

After each race there is a social held at one of our local restaurants. Baxter Beer is flowing, accompanied by great appetizers put out by the host site. The racers and their support teams show up to find out how their team fared. As always there are little side bets between the competitors that make for interesting chatter at the parties.

As of this writing with 3 races down and 4 to go, The point standings are as follows
• First Place: The Bag 400 - Captain Deb Bowker
• Second Place: D’Ellies 359 - Captain Dan Lycan
• Third Place: Ski Club 353 - Captain Rand Surgi
• Fourth Place: The Rack 327 - Captain Chris Prudente
• Fifth Place: Shipyard 317 - Captain Bill Haefele

The final race of the season will be on March 11; the awards party will be hosted by the Ski Club and held at the Bill & Joan Alfond Competition Center.

Ski Club team member Ralph Nodine readies to launch from the starting gate.
Mah Jongg - Learn or improve your skills

Do you play Mah Jongg or would you like to learn? Come and join our weekly sessions of American Mah Jongg on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Gondola Room at the Comp Center. Linda Allen offers a tutorial for newcomers and opportunities to team up with a more seasoned player. If you are familiar with the card game gin rummy, Mah Jongg is the same general idea of picking and discarding tiles (instead of cards) to arrange them in hands.

The game was first developed in China in the late 1800’s. It was brought to the US in 1920 and was modified from its original form soon thereafter to the present version. It uses small rectangular tiles stamped with symbols and characters. The object is to be the first to assemble specific combinations of tiles to match a hand on a card with multiple hands published yearly by the National Mah Jongg League.

It is a fun, exciting game of luck, strategy and skill that takes only a short amount of time to learn but a long time to master! If you have a set of Mah Jongg tiles, please bring them so we can accommodate many players. Hope to see you there on Thursday!

If you need more info, call Ski Club member Linda Allen at 207-852-2499.
The WinterKids 8th Annual Downhill 24, presented by Agren Appliance, will be happening at Sugarloaf for the 5th year on March 6-7, 2020. The goal is to raise over $350,000.

500 skiers and snowboarders will test their endurance limits on the only night of the season that Sugarloaf lights up the mountain, while raising funds and awareness for WinterKids and getting over 29,000 kids outside and active this winter.

Teams will compete to win the coveted “King of the Mountain” or “Kids Cup” prizes where a combined top score of fundraising, time on mountain, Race Arena standings and the obstacle course tournament will determine the final standings. Prizes will be exclusively provided by founding partner and platinum sponsor Kittery Trading Post.

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King's Kids Ready For Our Second Winter!

Last winter's tremendous 8-week program with generous donors allowed the 14 King and Jean-Carverings to receive much-needed gear for the King's Kids program to help kids aged 6-12 enjoy learning to ski. We are looking forward to another successful winter.

First year accomplishments

- Full photo of the kids, gear, and program participants were presented to the Peace River Power Board, and the school board.

For years, your support has provided ski lessons and opportunities for local kids to participate in winter sports.

- King's Kids rented Tuscumbia Mountain in Pemberton for a Friday night ski session with the local recreation department.

- Gabor Foundation in Winnipeg and the Alpine Foundation gave funds for ski lift passes for kids to ski during winter vacation.

- Many local ski clubs and associations supported the King's Kids program by providing free lift passes and other valuable support.

- The Inter VALP X-Treme Program in Nelson, B.C., sponsored kids for the program.

- The Invermere and Yayalpuu Schools received support.

Help us grow the fund for the future.

Last winter $10,000 from the King's Kids fund donations supported these programs in the community. Help us get $15,000 in grants for kids to ski. With your help we can provide these opportunities to kids in the community. Help us get $15,000 for kids to ski. With your help we can provide opportunities for kids to ski. Help us get $15,000 for kids to ski. With your help we can provide opportunities for kids to ski.

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Finally, first grade son is enrolled in the Peace River Power Board, and I'm asking you for the incredible opportunity you've given him and other local kids for another year. Many thanks to the generous donors who have made this program possible. We can't thank you enough.

-Furness

"We wanted to thank the King's Kids program for the amazing support from the local community. The amazing support from the local community made the program possible for everyone and we look forward to seeing you again.

-Furness"
Thanks to these generous folks, we’ve raised $11,000 for the King’s Gate Enhancement Fund so far.

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Thank you for your support!
The Ski Museum of Maine will celebrate the 2nd Annual John Christie Heritage Classic Event on Saturday, February 15th at the Sugarloaf Inn. Formerly known as the Heritage Classic Auction, this re-branded fundraiser includes a silent auction being held all afternoon until 5pm. This year’s entertainment program “Tales from the 1971 World Cup Races” at Sugarloaf followed by a live auction at 5:30pm. This program will serve as a kick-off for our next exhibit on the 1971 World Cup Races which will be unveiled in December of 2020.

Items this year include: First Tracks skiing with Sugarloaf Ski Patrol followed by breakfast at 45 North, vintage framed ski posters, Bomber Skis, Stockli Skis, Burton Snowboard, Handmade live-edge coffee table, Gift Cards from many local eating establishments, Ski Tune Gift Certificates, Sugarloaf logo folding chairs, Hand-crafted jewelry and many more items – at a great value! You don’t want to miss this event.

On March 12th at Mt. Abram, we will have our 3rd Annual “Legends” GS race. If you think you still have the need of speed and are 50+ years old be sure to sign up for this event. New this year to the “Legends” event is the 1st Annual Tom Kendall Nordic Race being held at Black Mountain on March 14th. The course will be set up for either skate skiing or classic skiing. Registration for these events can be found on our website: www.skimuseumofmaine.org. We hope to see you there!
Left: CVA student Eli Derrick (in helmet) represented the United States at the Winter Youth Olympic Games in Lausanne, Switzerland in January.

Right: Members of CVA’s alpine ladies squad l. to r.: Molly Bruno, Faith Stanton, Megan Haught, Angelique Labelle, Hoku Caroselli.

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Get to Know Sean Chatellard, CVA Alpine Program Director and Head U19 Men’s Coach.

Sean grew up in the heart of the French Alpine Ski Racing Industry, racing in leagues from youth/juniors all the way through FIS, in Europe (FRA, SUI, ITA). His father, Jean-Pierre Chatellard, traveled around the world with his elite coaching career, and Sean tagged along, being mentored by his father. Sean was immersed in a community of World Cup and Olympic athletes including Adrien Duvillard, Ingemar Stenmark, Frédéric Covili, Carole Montillet, Cedric Morand, Gaku Hirazawa, Maui Gayme, Antoine Dénériaiz, Tessa Worley, Anja Pärson, Jean-Pierre Vidal, Joël Chenal, and many more.

In conjunction with skiing, Sean is also an elite level tennis player. Sean’s wife, Morgan (Wiemer) Chatellard, is a CVA Alum from the Class of ’06. She’s a Doctor of Physical Therapy at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington, Maine. They own a home in Kingfield and have a golden retriever named Neige.
Left: Bill Bousum Race: The 48th annual Bill Bousum alpine race was held on Dec 31. The racers ranged in age from 7 through 13. The winners, whose names are now inscribed on the trophy were Charlie Koenig and Tyler Bland. The Bill Bousum race began in 1986 in memory of long time ski club member and volunteer Bill Bousum. The trophy was presented by his wife Ginny Bousum, who is the current president of the Sugarloaf Ski Club.

Right: Steve Pierce, Special Olympics Volunteer Organizer for 50 years; Paul Cormier of Waterville, snowshoe competitor for 40 years; Stewart Kreuer, volunteer from Pittston.

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Left: Sugarloaf will host a USASA Boarder Cross & Ski Cross race on Sidewinder on March 6-8. Thanks to Sugarloaf Ski Club, Sugarloaf Parks, Mountain Operations and CVA for coming together to create this world class course. It’s a great feature for public use as well as high level snowboard and ski cross racers to train for the next level of competition. (Photo credit Chuck Gerry)

Right: Volunteering with Special Olympics Maine is one of Carrabassett Valley Academy’s longest and most meaningful traditions. Students spoke at the opening ceremony, served as one-on-one coaches, and cheered from the sidelines.

The event is a wonderful growth opportunity, a big part of our community curriculum, and a lot of fun too.
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Right: Ski Club members Pam and Earle Morse get some quality time with their son Sam Morse at Kitzbuhel, Austria. Sam is racing on the U S Ski Team; his main event is Downhill. Sam clocked over 85 mph on the famed Hahnenkamm downhill track.

Left: Volunteers from the Maine Warden Service helping out with the Special Olympics during the parade of athletes.
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