



The Upper Cape Ski & Sports Club
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THE AVALANCHE

February 2007

NEXT MEETING:

- Thursday
- February 1, 2007
- 7:30 p.m.
- The Falmouth Inn
- 824 Main Street
Falmouth, MA 02540

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President's Letter

Happy February Skiers and Boarders:

I'd like to continue on last month's theme of mild winters and tell you a little about my latest world travels. Phyllis and I just returned from a lovely vacation in Hawaii and were pleased to see that the temperature has finally dropped and the snow has started falling. Even though we were over 5,000 miles from home, the thought of skiing just couldn't escape us. Alright, we really didn't think about it too much... But, I have some interesting facts to share about skiing in Hawaii. Yes, that's right, skiing in Hawaii.



With an elevation of 13,792 feet, Mauna Kea soars above all the lift-accessed terrain in North America. Don't expect lifts here though; you'll have to find somebody with a four-wheel drive to drop you off at the top. Don't know anyone? Join the Hawaii Ski Club for just \$25 and hitch a ride to the top. Members take turns driving to the summit then returning to the bottom to pick everyone up for another run. The club's website—<http://www.hawaiisnowskiclub.com>—states February and March is the "peak season," but variable conditions have left snow at the top all the way to July in prior years. Temperatures hover around freezing for most of the winter months, but high winds and resulting wind chill often keep skiers off the slopes. Be sure to bring your own gear; there are no rental shops in the area. And no base lodge or slope-side Four Seasons either. Mauna Kea is an 800,000 year old volcano; however, it's dormant now, having last erupted about 3,500 years ago.

So, next time you're considering a ski vacation, don't leave out the Big Island. Consider trying the scuba diving as well. Go from below sea level to 13,792 above all in one day!

See you on the slopes,

Tom Peterson,
President

Important!

If you see "DUES" on your Newsletter mailing label, you haven't paid your dues yet!

Upcoming Day Trips

The chill in the air and the falling flakes mean winter has finally arrived! Here is the arsenal of day trips being offered for February. As always, be sure to give the trip leader adequate notice. Call today to sign up for the following trips or sign up in person at our February 1 meeting.



February 7, 2007

Trip Leader: Ron Purdy

**NEW
TRIP!**

You never have a bad day at Stratton! That's been our motto for years and we're hoping to continue the tradition on this popular Wednesday trip. Stratton's high-speed six-passenger chairs make this a great week-day destination. Off the street, mid-week lift tickets are \$64 this year, so for virtually the same price, we throw in the bus ride, doughnuts, movie and great camaraderie. Don't pass up this affordable opportunity to ski New England's most expensive resort!

Cost: \$65

Contact: Ron Purdy at (508) 540-4268

<http://www.stratton.com>



February 11, 2007

Trip Leader: Tom Burt

**NEW
DATE!**

Known for its scenery, terrain, challenge and value, Wildcat is one of the best! The 2100 vertical feet and 255 acres will keep you going all day. But, in case it doesn't, head to the pub for live acoustic music from 12-4 with Jim Connors. The flakes are falling and the powder is piling, so hop on the bus Gus! It'll be a great day at the Cat!

Cost: \$70

Contact: Tom Burt at (508) 566-0095

<http://www.skiwildcat.com>



February 14, 2007

Trip Leader: Camille Morgan

Diane and Tim Mueller have turned Okemo Mountain Resort into one of the biggest and best in the east and it continues to grow and improve each year. Legendary snowmaking and grooming make this a great choice for a mild winter like this one. Despite its “squatty” appearance (the summit is 3,344 feet), Okemo has expanded to 117 trails over 624 skiable acres of pure white bliss. It’s worth taking the day off for this one; due to the limited space in the base lodge, weekends are not an option here. Fear not, however, the Upper Cape Ski Club will own the place on the 14th!

Cost: \$65

Contact: Camille Morgan at (508) 759-7616

<http://www.okemo.com>



February 28, 2007

Trip Leader: Tom Peterson

Oh, come on—it’s not that icy... that’s just a rumor. Don’t believe me? Sign up and see for yourself! Cannon is where real skiers go to have a good time. New snow is falling and snowmaking continues, so conditions should be perfect just in time for our arrival. Ski the untracked as you watch (and laugh at) all the “scaredy cats” pass by on 93 on their way to Bretton Woods!

Cost: \$65

Contact: Tom Peterson at (508) 540-4205

<http://www.cannonmt.com>

**For up-to-the-minute information on trip updates, visit
www.uppercapeskiclub.com**



January 14, 2007

Sunday River Recap

I've never been one to stretch the truth so I can honestly say that the powder at Sunday River was unbelievable! Alright, so "honestly" is stretching it a little bit and "powder" was more like "packed powder"—New England-style. But, they did have 62 trails and 13 lifts over 8 peaks to greet us. Considering the winter to-date, that's not too shabby. And as is always true in such variable conditions, the best snow was found on the trail edges along the trees. By venturing onto the steeper, less traveled trails, we discovered slightly better conditions. Crowds were minimal, especially after noon when everyone scrambled to catch the Pats game. The bus was able to pick the game up all the way home and what a game it was! A quick stop at Subway and Hannaford's (where, in the great state of Maine, alcohol is sold) satisfied all those après-ski cravings. Thanks to those comfy Tremblay buses, the ride was a breeze and we made it home in record time. Why weren't you there? Weekend crowds too much for you? Not at Sunday River; the word "crowds" isn't even in their vocabulary. Next time, you'll have no excuse.



Breckenridge, Colorado

February 17—24, 2007

The trip includes:

- ▲ 7 nights ski-in/ski-out modernized accommodations
- ▲ Round trip airfare & hotel taxes
- ▲ 5-out-of-8-day lift tickets good for Breckenridge, Vail, Beaver Creek, Arapahoe & Keystone!
- ▲ The highest Gondola in the U.S. — 12,000 ft.
- ▲ School vacation week (but not in CO) — families welcome.

Sold Out!

\$1260 per person.

For more information, call:
Bud Shaw - 508-477-3717
budshaw@uppercapeskiclub.com



Steamboat Springs, Colorado

Feb 23 – Mar 2, 2007

\$1,429 per person

Skiing & Snowboarding: Steamboat is one of the largest and most diverse ski areas in Colorado. Featuring 3,000 skiable acres of terrain, the mountain offers great tree skiing, wide open meadows, long bump runs and groomed cruisers. Gladed areas of Sunshine and Storm Peaks are Steamboat's particular claim to fame, with "champagne powder" in the trees for the most avid powder hounds. Steamboat is actually a complete mountain range consisting of Mount Werner, Sunshine Peak, Storm Peak, Overhead Peak and Christie Peak.

Mountain Stats: Average snowfall: 27 feet of snow each year, Summit elevation: 10,568 ft, Base Elevation: 6,900 ft, Vertical Drop: 3,668 ft, Number of Trails: 142, Longest Trail: "Why Not": over 3 mi., Cross-Country Skiing: 18.7 mi., Total Skiable Area: 939 acres

Trip includes: Round-trip airfare to Steamboat Springs, Colorado from the United States with round-trip airport/hotel transfers. Seven (7) nights accommodations at the Steamboat Lodge at Steamboat and a five (5) out of seven (7) day Steamboat ski pass.

The Lodge at Steamboat: Accommodations are 2-bedroom condominiums at the base of Mt. Werner featuring fully equipped kitchens (grocery nearby), fireplaces, color cable TVs, private balconies. We are only 200 yards from the Gondola, shops and restaurants. Property amenities include a private shuttle, indoor and outdoor hot tubs, heated pool, sauna, and complimentary on-site ski valet service and storage. Free wireless internet access from your room. Complimentary morning coffee and doughnuts. We are a short ten-minute drive on the free shuttle to town. Come and experience an authentic Cowboy Town!

Trip Leader: Contact Michael at 774-392-2567 or mfskier@uppercapeskiclub.com for further information.

Sold Out!

Logo Contest

Calling all artists!

The Upper Cape Ski & Sports Club is in need of a new logo and we're looking for you to help out! Our current logo is old, outdated and doesn't represent the club well anymore. Let's just say it needs a bit of a makeover. Got an idea? Put it down on paper or, if possible, in digital form and get it to any club officer. The winner will get a free day trip as well as all the bragging rights that such an accomplishment deserves!

For all the details as well as the fine print, please visit <http://www.uppercapeskiclub.com/logocontest.htm>

~ Deposit/Refund policy ~

Deposits help ensure that a space is reserved for our members. These deposits apply to bus trips, weekend trips, week long trips and more. Late cancellations are not entitled to a refund, nor is the club responsible for finding a replacement for you. You must find your own replacement, although we will endeavor to help you whenever possible. Deposits are further subject to the conditions imposed upon us by our suppliers, agents or other providers. We make every effort to refund as much money as possible but cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Inquire of your trip leader for specific information regarding your particular trip. The club recommends that you consider trip insurance whenever possible.



06 / 07

Trip Schedule!

DATE	DAY	DESTINATION	PRICE	TRIP LEADER
December 8-10	Friday-Sunday	Sunday River, ME	\$130	Michael Finegold
January 10	Wednesday	Stratton, VT	\$65	Ron Purdy
January 14	Sunday	Sunday River, ME	\$70	Tom Burt
January 21-26	Sunday-Friday	Sugarloaf, ME	\$330	Bud Shaw
January 31	Wednesday	Mount Snow, VT	\$65	Chuck Wilson
February 7	Wednesday	Stratton, VT	\$65	Ron Purdy
February 11	Sunday	Wildcat, NH	\$70	Tom Burt
February 14	Wednesday	Okemo, VT	\$65	Camille Morgan
February 17-24	Saturday-Saturday	Breckenridge, CO	\$1260	Bud Shaw
February 23-March 2	Friday-Friday	Steamboat, CO	\$1429	Michael Finegold
February 28	Wednesday	Cannon, NH	\$65	Tom Peterson
March 4	Sunday	Attitash, NH	\$65	Chuck Wilson
March 14	Wednesday	Loon, NH	\$65	Roz Levin
March 21	Wednesday	Wildcat, NH	\$65	Sharon Grace
March 28	Wednesday	Attitash, NH	\$65	Roz Levin

Non-members are subject to a \$15 surcharge. Already have a pass? Ride the bus for only \$40!

All trips leave from the Grand Union parking lot in Monument Beach (off MacArthur's Blvd).

Pickup available in Middleboro on VT day trips and Duxbury on NH and ME day trips (upon request).

06/07 Trip Leaders

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508-759-7616

Chuck Wilson
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Ron Purdy
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Waquoit MA 02536
508-540-4268

Tom Peterson
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Falmouth, MA 02540
(508) 540-4205

Trip Application for 2006-2007 Season

Name: _____ Roommate: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City & State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____

Email address: _____

Trip desired: _____ Date: _____

Downhill Cross Country Snowboard

YOU MUST FILL IN ALL BLANKS. I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE LIABILITY POLICY AND WAIVE ALL LIABILITY.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

LIABILITY POLICY: Participants acknowledge that there are inherent risks in skiing, whitewater rafting, and other sports, and agree to hold harmless the Upper Cape Ski & Sport Club, its officers, directors, and agents, from any claims whatsoever resulting from participation in any club related activity. The Upper Cape Ski & Sport Club acts solely as agent carrying out services and assumes no responsibility for injury, loss, or damage to persons or property, not for faults or defaults of companies or those carrying out services; nor accident, injuries, delays, cancellations, changes due to weather, baggage, lodging, insufficient participation, or reasons beyond the control of the Upper Cape Ski & Sport Club. Make all checks payable to: **Upper Cape Ski & Sport Club**

Mail directly to the trip leader. **Do not send cash !!!!** Amount enclosed: \$ _____

All deposits are subject to our deposit policy which is published in our newsletter and on our website.

Membership Application for 2006-2007 Season

Name: _____ Age: _____

MAILING Address: _____

City & State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Work): _____

Email address: _____

Annual Dues - \$45

October 1, 2006 thru Sept. 30, 2007

Downhill Snowboard

Cross-Country

I prefer to receive my newsletters via email: YES NO

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Next General Meeting

Thursday
February 1, 2007

The Falmouth Inn
824 Main Street
Across from Dairy Queen

Itinerary:

February 1:

- ↑ Free Day Trip Giveaway!
- ↑ Sign up for Trips
- ↑ Pay your dues!
- ↑ Eat some free food!

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