



The Upper Cape Ski & Sports Club
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THE AVALANCHE

March 2007

NEXT MEETING:

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

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President's Letter

Dear Members:

It's amazing that we're welcoming March already—the winter seemed to pass by so quickly. Even though the end of winter is in sight, we still have a lot of great skiing and riding left and March often brings the best of the season. I hope you will join us on some of the great trips coming up.



As you read this, a delegation of our members are in Steamboat enjoying Colorado's finest powder. Another delegation has just returned from Breckenridge and you will find that story in this newsletter. A considerable number of our members traveled out west this year yet even more stayed behind. Skiing the western US and Canada can be a rewarding experience and is one that every winter enthusiast should take on. The Club, as you know, plans week-long trips every year at very reasonable prices; any one of these trips is the perfect opportunity to get out west. Not only do we have a great time, but we all learn a little as well. Western skiing is, naturally, a little different from New England skiing. As a result, we're all forced to adjust and improve. One week could make a significant difference in your skiing or boarding ability. Both trips sold out this year so, if you're interested, sign up early. We usually have to know by late fall/early winter, so plan early. It'll be an experience you won't forget.

Don't miss our next two meetings as they should be fun ones. On March 1, we're holding an "Anecdote Night;" sign up on the website and bring your best ski story along. The winner will receive a free day trip. Also, as a fun close to the winter season, we'll be holding a Pot Luck dinner and Karaoke night on the first Thursday in April. Family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. We'll also have pictures and videos from this season's trips.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting and on upcoming trips,
 Tom Peterson,
 President

Important!

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

Upcoming Day Trips



March 4, 2007

Trip Leader: Ron Purdy

Are you a "Sugarloafer" that took the voucher on the last day instead of skiing? If so, here's your chance to use it. \$40 gets you on the bus and your ASC voucher gets you on the slopes. Don't have a voucher or used it already? Can't beat \$65 for a lift ticket and bus ride! And, if you don't like Sundays, Attitash is being offered again on a Wednesday.

Cost: \$65

Contact: Ron Purdy at (508) 540-4268

<http://www.attitash.com>



March 14, 2007

Trip Leader: Chuck Wilson

Don't worry, this is a Wednesday trip (you gotta be crazy to ski Loon on a weekend!). Seriously, Loon is a spectacular mountain with great terrain and even better snow. New for this season is the South Peak expansion which includes additional trails and lifts. It's just a small part of the work planned, so check it out and get a small taste of what's to come.

Cost: \$65

Contact: Chuck Wilson at (508) 888-3214

<http://www.loonmtn.com>



March 21, 2007

Trip Leader: Sharon Grace

A favorite among many club members, Wildcat has something for everyone. With the most spectacular views this side of Tahoe, the Cat is sure to get the adrenalin flowing. Speaking of getting things flowing, Tuckerman Brewing Co. will be selling their suds at Apres so forget about last chair and buy the trip leader a beer instead. Wildcat is pretty quiet on a weekend, so you can only imagine what it's like on a Wednesday! Don't miss this one!

Cost: \$65

Contact: Sharon Grace at (508) 548-3639

<http://www.skiwildcat.com>



March 28, 2007

Trip Leader: Chuck Wilson

If you didn't catch the Sunday trip to Attitash, try this Wednesday version on for size. The same deal applies here—if you have a “loafer” voucher then the bus is yours for only \$40. This should be spring skiing at its best (alright, early spring), so dress in layers in case the sun gets a little toasty. March should be a great month for skiing; after all, Mother Nature will make up for the miserable early winter at some point! I'm thinking this will be the trip to beat!

Cost: \$65

Contact: Chuck Wilson at (508) 888-3214

<http://www.attitash.com>

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



Do you like to Party?

Yeah, that's what I thought. That's why you can't miss our next two meetings!

March 1 – Anecdote Night

I know, it's a dumb title, but it'll be a great time! Dig deep into that frozen, slushy memory bank of yours and come up with the best ski story you can remember. For some of our "veteran" members, this shouldn't be too hard. We'll be giving away prizes for the best stories, so bring your big guns. Check out the details on the website – <http://www.uppercapeskiclub.com/upcoming.htm>. You can also sign up there to be sure you make it on our list of participants. We'll try to get to everyone, but those that have signed up in advance get priority.

April 5 – Pot Luck & Karaoke

What better way to wrap up the ski season and kick off our summer activities than a Pot Luck? Bring your family and friends and a dish of suitable size. We'll have karaoke to entertain the masses and some pictures and video to recap the season. Have trip suggestions for next year? Bring them with you; this is when we pick the destinations for next year's big trips. We'll also go over our summer schedule. Meet at the Falmouth Inn at 6:30pm.



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.



Breckenridge Recap

February 17—24, 2007

What an amazing week! We were a little nervous prior to the trip; they had some decent snow early in the season but had not gotten any in some time. The snow gods were on our side, though, and the powder started to pile up a couple days before our arrival.

The flight went well and we pulled into the condo parking lot (altitude - 9,600 ft) after getting a quick look at Main Street on our way into town. It's an old Mining town with a lot of history. Main Street is extensive with plenty of restaurants and shops. We frequented several of them throughout the week with our favorites being Breckenridge Brewery (\$2 happy hour pints) and Mi Casa Mexican for margaritas and chips and salsa.

The sun was hot and bright for our first day of skiing with temps in the forties. The altitude proved to be a problem for most as the lower lifts topped off at 11,500 feet! The crowds were out due to the holiday weekend, so some made it a short day and headed back in time for happy hour.

Monday was much quieter and the four inches of fresh powder made for great skiing. The snow continued to fall throughout the day and everyone enjoyed the light, fluffy western powder. More snow overnight made for another powder day on Tuesday; some areas on the mountain had as much as a foot overnight. Again, the snow was light and easy to glide over and through so we tired only from the lack of oxygen. The terrain is very gentle on the lower half of the mountain but the top provides for some steeper, more interesting above tree-line trails. The bumps are plentiful and we're all better free-style skiers now as a result.

Wednesday was another beautiful day with clear skies and visibility afar. Tom Burt and Don Estes hooked up with former club member turned Summit County local Thomas Creighton for some spectacular turns at Arapahoe Basin. "The Basin" or "A-Basin" is a true skier's mountain with wide open bowls at the top and very steep chutes at the bottom. We got the royal treatment, tailgating at lunch while watching the locals enjoy the backcountry above us on Loveland pass. Others enjoyed another terrific day at Breckenridge including some runs from the summit. The Imperial Express chair is America's highest chair, topping out at 12,998 feet. The oxygen is almost non-existent at that level (at least to us flat-landers) and it only took a few turns to become winded.

Thursday is an off day for many. A small contingent heads to the Continental Divide for some snowmobiling while Wade Crews and Bud Shaw cross A-Basin off their list of "must-ski" resorts. In town, it's sunny and sixty degrees with not a cloud in the sky; sunburn is a serious concern and several members have tans to prove it.

On Friday, everyone skied Breckenridge to finish off the five-day pass. The spring-like snow from Thursday had frozen overnight, making for familiar New England-like hardpack in the morning. The warm Colorado sun softened things up though and we quickly became jealous of the conditions once again. After a quick dip in the hot tub, it was time to finish up all the beer, wine and food left from the week. Boy, being on vacation is tough work!

Saturday morning was bittersweet; we were happy to be heading home but sad to be leaving such a beautiful place. Breckenridge had been such a great host and we'll miss this old mining town; however, we resolved to return again soon. It was a perfect week - no injuries, fabulous weather, amazing conditions and great friends to share it with. Thanks Colorado, we'll see you again soon!



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	Ron Purdy
March 14	Wednesday	Loon, NH	\$65	Chuck Wilson
March 21	Wednesday	Wildcat, NH	\$65	Sharon Grace
March 28	Wednesday	Attitash, NH	\$65	Chuck Wilson

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).

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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
March 1, 2007

The Falmouth Inn
824 Main Street
Across from Dairy Queen

Itinerary:

March 1:

- ↑ Anecdote Night!
- ↑ Sign up for Trips
- ↑ Eat some free food!
- ↑ Sign up for Pot Luck

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