



The Upper Cape Ski & Sports Club  
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# THE AVALANCHE

## November 2007

### NEXT MEETING:

- Thursday, November 1, 2007
- 7:30pm
- The Falmouth Inn
- 824 Main Street  
Falmouth, MA 02540
- **Bring a non-perishable item for the food pantry and be entered to win a free day trip!**

### Contact Us?

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Compiled by the Board of Directors

### President's Letter

Welcome to winter everyone! Alright, so it's not quite winter yet but it certainly is starting to feel like it! As I write this, I hear the incredible news that Arapahoe Basin has once again become the first ski area in the U.S. to open, beating early season rival Loveland Ski Area. Of course, they're both on the Continental Divide in the highest parts of Colorado and, at over 13,000 feet, will take your breath away, literally. For just \$259 and \$319, you can get a season pass to A-Basin and Loveland, respectively. Not a bad deal, considering they're usually open through June and sometimes into July as well. Check out some of the photos on our website of A-Basin, taken by a few of our members that visited there last year.



Seeing A-Basin open couldn't help but make me wonder what we should expect this winter. How about all those old-fashioned weather indicators that never seem to work? I put together a short list:

- The Farmer's Almanac—normal to wet early season, dry peak and very wet through March (I think they're a year behind).
- Pinecones—how many are there? Are they shriveled and dry or dense and clustered?
- Seaweed—will swell and become damp if moisture is in the air.
- Cows—are they lying down? Supposedly, they sense moisture and lay down to make sure they have a dry bed.
- That damn groundhog... man, do I hate that thing.
- Squirrels—are they overly fat, their tails bushy, or their cheeks especially full of nuts? We could get a dumping!
- My bad knee—feels worse today, must be a storm on the way. Either that, or Phyllis kicked me in the middle of the night for snoring too loudly.

See you on the slopes, soon!

Tom Peterson, President



# LAKE TAHOE

## February 17—24, 2008



With seven resorts surrounding some of the most spectacular scenery in North America, Lake Tahoe is one of the premier destinations for skiers and snowboarders. Tahoe boasts over 300 days of sun each year yet snowfall can easily top 400 inches annually. Add four more resorts to your "been there" list on this trip!

### **THIS LAKE TAHOE SAMPLER INCLUDES:**

- Round trip air from Boston to Reno via United Airlines.
- Seven (7) nights lodging at the Lakeland Village Condos.
- Two (2) out of three (3) day HEAVENLY ski pass. Shuttle included.
- One (1) day ski pass at KIRKWOOD including round trip transfers.
- One (1) day ski pass at ALPINE MEADOWS including round trip transfers.
- One (1) day ski pass at SQUAW VALLEY including round trip transfers.
- One (1) optional day at a discounted price.
- Round trip airport/hotel transfers, baggage handling, all required taxes & fees.

### **LAKELAND VILLAGE CONDOS**

Lakeland Village Beach and Mountain Resort is the premier condominium resort featuring hotel amenities at Lake Tahoe. Nestled on 19 acres of pristine wooded grounds, Lakeland Village provides the quiet and serenity not found anywhere else around the lake, yet still close to all the action of South Lake Tahoe.

- Located on Lake Tahoe ONLY 1 MILE to Heavenly and Casinos.
- Full kitchens, fireplace, balcony, color cable TV, on shuttle route.
- Welcome wine & cheese reception and continental breakfast daily.
- Price based upon 8 people in a 4 bedroom plus loft, 3 bath Condo (Trip leader will assign condo-mates, as necessary)

**\$1395** per person (\$500 due October 10, 2007, balance due December 10, 2007. There are minimums we must meet to qualify for this price. Don't risk cancellation by delaying your subscription).

**Have questions? Want to sign up? Call Bud Shaw at (508) 477-3717 for more information.**



### **~ 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.



# BANFF/KICKING HORSE

## March 6—13, 2008

Snowboarders and skiers will love our trip to Canada's famous Banff National Park area. We will be based in Banff at the Inns of Banff hotel. Our accommodations were booked with the ability to upgrade your room if you wish to do so. It's a short 12-minute walk into the central business district or, if the weather isn't perfect, then simply jump aboard one of their convenient shuttles. There are 2 restaurants on the premises as well as a heated outdoor pool, indoor pool, hot tub and ski rental shop.

The package includes a 4 out of 5-day lift ticket to any one of the three major ski areas in Banff. Lake Louise, Mt. Norquay and Sunshine Village are a short free bus ride from town. Our package also includes a 1-day lift ticket and transportation to Canada's newest ski area, Kicking Horse Resort. Kicking Horse will hold special appeal to advanced intermediates or experts as it has 70 inbound chutes. No need to traverse the backcountry, just stay inbounds and enjoy the spectacular terrain and scenery. There is also ample beginner terrain as well as the highest restaurant in all of Canada. What a view!

What's included:

- 7 nights lodging at the Caribou Lodge
- Airfare to Calgary
- 1 lift and bus ticket to Kicking Horse Resort
- 4 out 5-day lift ticket to 3 areas
- Taxes
- Transportation from Calgary airport to the resort

**\$1299 per person** (\$400 due by October 15, \$400 by November 15, \$499 by December 15)

**Have questions? Want to sign up? Call Michael Finegold at 774-392-2567 for more information.**

This is a Thursday—Thursday trip. Want to stay longer? It's just \$60 per day additional based upon double occupancy.



For up-to-the-minute information on trip updates, visit  
[www.uppercapeskiclub.com](http://www.uppercapeskiclub.com)

# Sunday River Weekend

December 7-9, 2007

Call for pricing

With almost 700 acres of skiable terrain, Sunday River features some of the most expansive offerings on the east coast. And with their 1,570 snowmaking guns combined with a 9,000 gallon per minute water pumping capacity, this place has the ability to blanket 92% of the slopes in less than a week. The lifts carry 32,000 people to this white, powdery bliss every hour. At least, they can; however, you won't find anywhere near that many people on this early season trip. Take a ride on the River with the Upper Cape Ski & Sports Club!

Interested? Call Michael Finegold at (774) 392-2567.



## Sugarloaf USA

January 20-25, 2008

*This perennial drive-yourself sellout includes:*

- Five and one-half day ski pass
- Daily "Perfect Turn" ski clinic
- Five nights slope-side condos
- Monday evening "Welcome Social"
- Daily use of the Health and Fitness Club
- Free local shuttle bus service
- Many other amenities

Interested? Contact Bud Shaw at (508) 477-3717.



### Where in the World?

We're compiling a list of all the ski resorts our members have been to over the years. It does not have to be a club-sponsored trip nor does the resort still have to be open. We already have 62 on the list and I know for a fact some of you are holding out!

Go to <http://www.uppercapeclub.com/resorts.htm> to participate.



# BOYNE WHO?

With all the talk over the recent changes in ownership around the New England ski scene, it seemed appropriate to discuss one of the prominent players in this real-world Monopoly game. The American Ski Company taught us it takes a more diverse, nation-wide portfolio of resorts to survive in today's dynamic and unpredictable winter-sports industry. Ownership of the Canyons in Utah just wasn't enough to make up for their losses in New England's unforgiving climate. Enter stage-right, Boyne USA. Never heard of them until they moved to New England? That's what I thought; however, Boyne has been around for some time. Here's some information on this four-season resort giant.

Founded in 1947, Boyne USA claims status as the longest running management within the mountain resort industry. One of the apparent keys to their success is the diversity and flexibility in the resorts they purchase. Boyne owns resorts coast-to-coast throughout North America but doesn't limit themselves to winter resorts; their properties include golf and spa destinations as well. Should one region suffer a dry winter, chances are another will have a great season. Furthermore, by creating year-round destinations, Boyne is able to bring visitors to their resorts regardless of the month or weather conditions.

Although the company has been around for 60 years, notoriety was not earned until the acquisition of Big Sky Resort in 1976. Until then, Boyne was mostly known for its Michigan resorts as well as a summer skylift in Tennessee. Their success in Montana resulted in further purchases, namely Brighton in 1986 and Crystal in 1997 along with some summer golf destinations. In 2001, they moved into Canada with the acquisition of Cypress Mountain in BC; unfortunately, the company founder died shortly after. Boyne USA quietly remained in the family until their most recent set of exchanges in 2007: Cypress and Brighton were sold, but leased back and Loon's lease was purchased. Sunday River and Sugarloaf/USA were also added to the list in 2007. Boyne's website, <http://www.boyneusaresorts.com>, cites a goal of becoming the best four-season resort company in the world by 2015. Clearly, they're headed in that direction; however, that's a very ambitious goal considering they're still only the third largest resort network in North America. What does that mean? They must have their eyes on more properties, of both the winter and summer variety. For our own sake, let's hope their recent New England additions get the attention they deserve.

Tom Burt

## Boyne's Current Ski Resorts

Big Sky Resort, Montana

Boyne Mountain Resort, Michigan

Crystal Mountain, Washington

Loon Mountain, New Hampshire

Sunday River Resort, Maine

Boyne Highlands Resort, Michigan

Brighton, Utah

Cypress Mountain, British Columbia

Sugarloaf/USA, Maine

The Summit at Snoqualmie, Washington



# 07 / 08 Trip Schedule

DATE	DAY	DESTINATION	PRICE	TIME	TRIP LEADER
December 7-9	Friday–Sunday	Sunday River	TBA	DY*	Michael Finegold
January 9	Wednesday	Stratton	\$65	5:00	Dave Dimestico
January 13	Sunday	Sunday River	\$70	4:30	Tom Burt
January 20-25	Sunday–Friday	Sugarloaf	\$330	DY*	Bud Shaw
January 29	Tuesday	Mad River Glen	\$50	4:30	Sharon Grace
February 6	Wednesday	Okemo	\$65	5:00	Ron Purdy
February 10	Sunday	Wildcat	\$70	5:00	Tom Burt
February 13	Wednesday	Stratton	\$65	5:00	
February 17-24	Sunday–Sunday	Lake Tahoe	\$1395	FLY	Bud Shaw
February 27	Wednesday	Cannon	\$65	5:00	Tom Peterson
March 2	Sunday	Attitash/Bear Peak	\$70	5:00	Ron Purdy
March 6-13	Thursday–Thursday	Banff	\$1299	FLY	Michael Finegold
March 14	Friday	Waterville Valley	\$65	5:00	
March 19	Wednesday	Wildcat	\$65	5:00	Sharon Grace
March 26	Wednesday	Mount Sunapee	\$65	5:00	

\*Drive Yourself. 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).

## 07/08 Trip Leaders

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Ron Purdy  
PO Box 3419  
Waquoit MA 02536  
508-540-4268

Dave Dimestico  
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East Falmouth MA 02536  
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## Trip Application for 2007-2008 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, it's 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 2007-2008 Season

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ (Work): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Dues - \$45**

**October 1, 2007 thru Sept. 30, 2008**

Downhill  Snowboard

Cross-Country

I prefer to receive my newsletters via  
email: YES  NO

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# Next General Meeting

**Thursday  
November 1, 2007**

**The Falmouth Inn**  
824 Main Street  
Across from Dairy Queen

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## Itinerary:

### November 1:

- ↑ Bring a non-perishable item for the food pantry and be entered to win a free day trip!
- ↑ Elect Officers!
- ↑ Sign up for Trips!
- ↑ Eat some free food!

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