



The Upper Cape Ski & Sports Club  
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# THE AVALANCHE

## October 2007

### NEXT MEETING:

- Thursday, October 4, 2007
- 7:30pm
- The Falmouth Inn
- 824 Main Street  
Falmouth, MA 02540
- **JIMMY BUFFET NIGHT!**

### Contact Us?

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Compiled by the Board of Directors

### President's Letter



The tourists are leaving, the leaves are falling and the Christmas catalogs are piling up in the mail. It can only mean one thing—ski season is approaching! I hope you have all had a great summer and are eager to get back on the sticks and on the slopes. The Upper Cape Ski & Sports Club is here to make that happen.

The deposits are in for two great trips out west. Our school vacation trip will be to Lake Tahoe. On this trip alone, you can add four more mountains to your list of places you've been. It looks to be a great package and one I'm sure you'll enjoy. Don't stay in New England for school vacation—go somewhere where the kids are still in school! We're also headed to the wintry north of Banff, Alberta for a week on the scenic slopes around Lake Louise. You won't be disappointed by this trip or its price. Don't forget—you now need a passport to travel into Canada, so apply for one now and you might have it in time for March. Are both these trips too rich for your blood? The ol' standby Sugarloaf is running again. Same time, same price. Sign up early!

Our first meeting is coming up soon and I hope to see a large crowd show up. It'll be our usual social gathering with some business and even more fun, Jimmy Buffet style. Bring your margarita glasses and your checkbooks. If you pay your dues at the meeting, you get a \$5 discount. We'll also be looking for nominations for officers. We're especially in need of a secretary and a newsletter publisher. Current Board members have been filling these spots temporarily, so please do your part and volunteer.

Be sure to keep an eye on our website this fall to watch for updates and interesting things. The club is compiling a list of all the past and present ski areas our members have been to. It's called "Where in the world have you been?" and is intended to show off just how diverse and prolific skiers we have in the club. Please visit the site and add your list to those already submitted.

See you 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 req'd 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)



## Winter is approaching and so is our first meeting!

Join us on Thursday, October 4, 2007 at 7:30 pm at The Falmouth Inn



### Jimmy Buffet Night!

Wear appropriate clothing!

Margaritas all around!

Enjoy Jimmy Buffet music!



#### ALSO:

- \$5 off membership dues if you join at this meeting
- Sign up for our long trips before they sell out
- Nominate officers for 07-08 Season



**\$330**

## 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*

**\$330**

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



### Club By-Laws

Published on-line at:

<http://www.uppercapeskiclub.com/bylaws.htm>





## BIG SKY, MT



Moonlight Basin

Originally the brain child of NBC news anchor Chet Huntley, Big Sky Resort is a sprawling 3,812 skiable acre ski resort that epitomizes great skiing. Topping out at 11,166 feet, Lone Peak has something for all skiers. The tree-skiing is unmatched, the chutes and couloirs so steep they're monitored by ski patrol at all times, the powder is deep, lines are non-existent and the groomers are epic. Seriously, it has all this and more.

Currently owned by Boyne USA (the same folks that just bought Sugarloaf and Sunday River), Big Sky has teamed up with Moonlight Basin to offer the most skiable acres under one lift ticket in the US (5,512 acres). Moonlight Basin is a big resort with even bigger aspirations. The base lodge is currently a temporary building and bathrooms are limited to portable toilets, but the skiing is unreal. Consuming the back third of Lone Peak, Moonlight has its own character and some features not offered by Big Sky. Their chutes are drop-in and don't require hiking. They're also a little safer and are good for strong intermediates, thereby eliminating the need for avalanche gear and ski patrol-monitored gate access. Tree-skiing abounds on the backside and you're welcome to drop in pretty much anywhere you'd like. Moonlight is a young, growing resort that will see some serious improvements in the future.

Bud Shaw and I traveled to Big Sky late March 2007 to see these two resorts for ourselves. A recent storm had just salvaged their spring season which provided us with some great skiing. Bud, being a Big Sky Veteran and I, a newbie to the area, found the Big Sky base area to be as we suspected—a little sparse. There are a few good restaurants that more than meet one's après needs and there are some good lodging choices as well; however, this is far from the likes of Killington's access road. There is talk of rebuilding the base area to create a more attractive package for skiers of all demographics. You can naturally expect that upgrade to bring more crowds, something Big Sky is completely void of now. While we were there, I didn't see much else offered in the way of attractions. But, with over 5,500 acres of terrain above, what else do you want?

Bud and I both found Moonlight Basin to be the more enjoyable resort. The skiing seemed better thanks to a more favorable northern exposure. Staff and patrollers were more eager to please and they were excited about the inevitable upcoming improvements to their own side of the mountain. One patroller told me they plan on topping Whistler-Blackcomb for skiable acreage someday. This is entirely possible—Chet Huntley selected Lone Peak partially because it is entirely housed on private property, not Federal property. When I mentioned my preference for Moonlight to the Big Sky staff, they stated Big Sky features similar terrain as Moonlight, it just wasn't open at the time. That is probably true, but it shows Moonlight might be able to keep snow on terrain Big Sky can't.

On our last night in Montana, Bud and I wandered into yet another spring storm to get dinner. That night, we joked about getting snowed in—something I think everyone jokes about when traveling out west. This time, it actually happened. The road to the airport was closed, so we had to stay and ski an extra day in waist deep powder. Tragic. Watch for this trip to be offered by the club in coming seasons! See photos of our trip at <http://www.uppercapeskiclub.com>.

Tom Burt

# 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

Bud Shaw  
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Mashpee, MA 02649  
508-477-3717

Michael Finegold  
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508-548-0071

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East Falmouth MA 02536  
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46 Thom Avenue  
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Sharon Grace  
15 Horseshoe Lane  
North Falmouth, MA 02556  
508-548-3639

Tom Peterson  
35 McCallum Drive  
Falmouth, MA 02540  
508-540-4205

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

## 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, 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 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

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE LIABILITY POLICY AND WAIVE ALL LIABILITY.

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# Next General Meeting

**Thursday  
October 4, 2007**

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

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## Itinerary:

### October 4:

- ↑ Jimmy Buffet Night!
- ↑ Save \$5 by paying dues at this meeting!
- ↑ Nominate Officers!
- ↑ Check out this year's schedule!
- ↑ Sign up for Trips!
- ↑ Eat some free food!

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*There's no news like snow news!*