

The Upper Cape Ski & Sports Club  
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# THE AVALANCHE

## March 2008

### NEXT MEETING:

- Thursday, March 6, 2008
- 7:30pm
- The Falmouth Inn
- 824 Main Street  
Falmouth, MA 02540
- Ski Raffle
- Falmouth Therapeutic Massage

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### Thoughts from the Top



Well, folks—we're nearing the end. Can you believe it? It seems like so recently I was asking all of you how your summers went. Although warmer temps are just around the corner, there is still plenty of winter left for those that wish to enjoy it. Last winter was a testament to what can happen in March and April in New England.

We have four day trips left this season and I hope you'll all hop on board and make the best of those remaining days. It's March Madness, baby! Alright, yes, I'm a little mad too. I'm mad about skiing!

By now, I hope you've all had a chance to check out the skis we're giving away. That raffle will be coming up at our March 6 meeting. If you don't have a ticket yet, get yourself to that meeting for a last-minute chance to win. If you can't make the meeting, check out page 3 to find out how to get a ticket. We'll have some other prizes to give out as well so don't miss this one.

Our Tahoe trip was a success and those that went came back with some great stories and great pictures to share. Be sure to check out the photos on the website. Careful though, they'll make you want to go next year. Our Banff folks are getting ready to head out soon and I wish them good times and deep snow. These week-long trips are always a hit and everyone should take advantage of them at some point. We're already taking suggestions for next year's trips if there is anywhere you have been dying to get to. I heard rumors of Utah and Alyeska, AK! What do you think? The club is here for you. Let us know (and start saving your pennies).

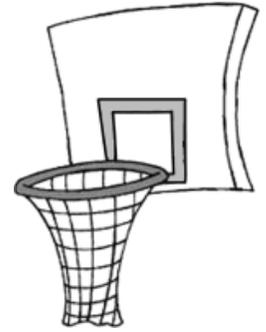
You may have also noticed our new logos up top and on the back page—I'd like to thank Kyle Grace for his assistance in improving upon Doug Baker's original idea. For lack of a better name, I've been calling the creature Cleo, the skiing clam. However, why settle when there are better names to be had? Send us your ideas for a better name. I've already heard some great ones, so start thinking! There's a link on the website for all those creative enough to come up with something.

Wishing spring conditions lasted all year,

Tom Peterson, President



# March Madness!



**Come score with our “Final Four”—day trips that is!**



The date: Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The place: Attitash, Bartlett, NH. This “King of the Valley” mountain has impressive stats: 283 skiable acres, 23 miles in trails, 12 chair lifts, and a vertical drop of 1750’ at Attitash and 1450’ at Bear. Home to New Hampshire’s most powerful snowmaking system; you’ll be dribbling all over the mountain!



Waterville Valley is on the roster for Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. The offense has this bus ride, only 2 hours from Boston! Need to take a break at halftime (morning time)? The Black & Blue Trail Smashers Ski Club will be holding the 16<sup>th</sup> annual MJ’s Race at 9:30am celebrating the life of M.J. La-Foley, as well as a Giant Slalom. Don’t miss the action!



We’ll be playing at Wildcat, New Hampshire on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. A true dominating force of the White Mountains. Be prepared for a mid-week explosion of skiing and riding, as “The Cat” becomes your court.



Our “final four” of day trips leads us to Mount Sunapee, NH on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. This fourth quarter ski trip should have no problem running. With all the snow we’ve had this year the parquet trails should be glistening with skiers shooting down the slope. And don’t forget, this is Mount Sunapee’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, now we’re talking about some strong fundamentals of the game here. Be there or be square!

March 6 Meeting:

**Itinerary:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Ski Raffle!</li> <li>↑ Falmouth Therapeutic Massage!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>↑ Free food!</li> <li>↑ Good times!</li> </ul>
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## You can win a pair of skis!

We're raffling off a pair of brand new Salomon Scream 8 Pilot Skis, size 165

Includes S810TI Bindings

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Winner will be drawn at our March 6 meeting

You need not be present to win

Runner-up receives a gift certificate to Falmouth Therapeutic Massage

Buy tickets at our March 6 meeting or call Tom Peterson at (508) 540-4205

**Skis courtesy of Sportworks, Ltd., Duxbury, MA**

## Officers Needed

According to club by-laws, officers are permitted to serve for three years only. After completion of this season, our current officers will have reached that restriction. As a result, we are in need of a President, Vice President and Treasurer for next season. Below is what each position entails. Please consider running for office.

President: Preside over club meetings and Board of Directors meetings. Don't worry, it's easier than it seems.

Vice President: Hold an important title with little or no responsibility. Assist the Pres if he doesn't show.

Treasurer: Spend someone else's money. Warn us if we're going bankrupt.



### 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 109 on the list and I know for a fact some of you are holding out! Help us top 150 resorts! Submit your list today at <http://www.uppercapeskiclub.com/resorts.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.



## THE “LAKERS” RETURN

By Tom Burt

Ridiculous lift-lines, overcrowded base lodges, screaming kids everywhere—it’s every skier’s nightmare. It is also New England during school vacation week. However, there are some Upper Capers who know better. Some of us avoid this nightmare by simply staying home. The smart ones, however, go to Lake Tahoe. That’s right, Lake Tahoe.

A contingent of your club-mates ventured west during school vacation week to seek tranquility and freedom from the crowds. Even though it was “Ski Week” for those students in the Tahoe area, we found the solitude we sought. For those that haven’t been, this is one of the magical ski destinations every skier should visit at some point in their lifetime. Straddling the California/Nevada border, Tahoe is the second deepest lake in the US, bottoming out at 1,645 feet deep and falling just 304 feet short of Crater Lake in Oregon. It also happens to be 22 miles long and 12 miles wide. I tell you this not because I’m a geology nerd like some on our trip, but rather because it is the reason for the lake never freezing. No matter how cold it gets, Tahoe retains its deep-blue, liquid form 365 days a year. That makes for some spectacular pictures on clear, sunny days (which is the norm).

With well over a dozen ski resorts within driving distance, Lake Tahoe has plenty to offer to skiers and boarders. Having only five or six days to ski, we opted for the best on the south and west shores, namely Kirkwood, Alpine Meadows, Squaw Valley and Heavenly. Each maintains a slightly different character but they all have one thing in common—lots of acreage and lots of snow. Kirkwood, for example, is the smallest of the four with 2300 acres (that’s twice the size of Killington); however, what it lacks in relative size, it gains in snowfall with an annual average of 638 inches! Heavenly holds bragging rights as it falls in two different states, California and Nevada. It’s California base lodge sits quietly on a back road while the Gondola (on the state-line) is surrounded by tall casinos and all the typical Nevada bustle one would expect. Squaw is as big as its reputation with terrain spreading far and wide and enough lift capacity to laugh at even the most crowded of Loon mountain days. Just off the backside is smaller Alpine Meadows (2400 acres). Like all these resorts, it features something for everyone. Take your pick of the four—you can’t go wrong.

Despite the considerable coastline, lodging options are somewhat limited. We opted for South Lake Tahoe, a small town on the south shore just minutes from Heavenly. Resorts are spread out around the lake, so you’ll have to drive no matter where you stay. However, camping out at one of the larger resorts (Heavenly or Squaw) will provide the best skiing opportunities. The north side has more resorts and gets more snow than the south side, making that my choice should I ever visit again. Also, because Tahoe lacks a significant central retail area (like Whistler or Breckenridge), staying in condos was a wise choice. There are restaurants around, but having a kitchen provided the flexibility we needed; going out for breakfast was not an option when we had to catch a 7:30 shuttle to the mountain. And as nice as it is to buy lunch at the mountain,

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we gave up on that option after the first couple of days. One can easily spend \$30 at Heavenly for a couple pieces of pizza and a drink. Packing a lunch and dropping it in a locker is the best bet, although still not cheap—our locker at Heavenly cost \$8. The other resorts are more reasonable but prices were always equal to or greater than those at New England resorts.

If you weren't one of the lucky twelve, you missed out on another great trip. Tahoe is a "must-see," so be sure to put it on your short list. If you make it out there and are going for the skiing, stay on the north shore but venture out and see as many resorts as possible. If you're going out to live life to the fullest and have some cash to spare, stay at one of the casinos on the south shore. Rent a car or catch a shuttle—most resorts offer one for a minimal charge—but be sure to see as much of the lake as you can. It is what differentiates this trip from all the others.

## Care for an e-*Avalanche*?

*The Avalanche* has gone electronic! This month, copies of *The Avalanche* were sent via e-mail to all those who indicated they would prefer an electronic copy instead of a printed, hard copy. Sending the newsletter via e-mail will cut costs and help reduce paper waste. If you received an e-*Avalanche* and would prefer a paper copy, let us know. And if you received a paper copy and would prefer an electronic version, we can do that too! Send your request to:

[avalanche@uppercapeskiclub.com](mailto:avalanche@uppercapeskiclub.com)

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Announcing the  
2nd Annual POT LUCK & KARAOKE Night



April 3, 2008

6:30pm

The Falmouth Inn

Contact Sharon Grace at (508) 548-3639 for dish suggestions.

# 07 / 08 Trip Schedule

DATE	DAY	DESTINATION	PICKUP <sup>2</sup>	PRICE	TIME	TRIP LEADER
December 7-9	Fri–Sun	Sunday River	N/A	TBA	DY <sup>1</sup>	Michael Finegold
January 9	Wed	Stratton		\$65	5:00	Ron Purdy
January 13	Sun	Sunday River		\$70	4:30	Tom Burt
January 20-25	Sun–Fri	Sugarloaf	N/A	\$330	DY <sup>1</sup>	Bud Shaw
January 29	Tues	Mad River Glen		\$50	4:30	Sharon Grace
February 6	Wed	Okemo		\$65	5:00	Ron Purdy
February 10	Sun	Wildcat		\$70	5:00	Tom Burt
February 13	Wed	Stratton		\$65	5:00	Ron Purdy
February 17-24	Sun–Sun	Lake Tahoe	N/A	\$1395	FLY	Bud Shaw
February 27	Wed	Cannon		\$65	5:00	Tom Peterson
March 2	Sun	Attitash/Bear Peak		\$70	5:00	Ron Purdy
March 6-13	Thurs–Thurs	Banff	N/A	\$1369	FLY	Michael Finegold
March 14	Fri	Waterville Valley		\$65	5:00	Ron Purdy
March 19	Wed	Wildcat		\$65	5:00	Sharon Grace
March 26	Wed	Mount Sunapee		\$65	5:00	Ron Purdy

<sup>1</sup>Drive Yourself.

<sup>2</sup>Pickup Locations:  Exit 10—meet in the small commuter lot at the corner of Routes 3A and 53.

 Exit 4—meet in the dirt parking lot across from the McDonald’s driveway.

**Those seeking pick-up at a designated alternate location MUST notify the Trip Leader in advance.**

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

All trips depart first from the Grand Union parking lot in Monument Beach (off MacArthur’s Blvd).

## 07/08 Trip Leaders

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Michael Finegold  
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Falmouth MA 02540  
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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, 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

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Cross-Country

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NO

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