



# Snowflurries

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PVSC activities will soon be starting, so be sure to send in registrations for Learn to Ski, Nordic, Racing Development, and the bus trips in advance of the deadlines. Also, forms for the **Quebec trip** are available on the web site; see information in the November *Snowflurries* and in this issue. It's important to get your Quebec plans in order now. The exchange rate is in our favor this year, and the skiing and in-town activities are fabulous! Sainte Anne, La Massif, and Stoneham offer some of the best skiing in the East, and the city is a great place for shopping, dining, and sight-seeing. The trip offers activities for all individuals and all family members, young and old, non-skiers to advanced skiers, both Nordic and Alpine. Plus the Quebec trip is a great

opportunity to meet and ski with other club members. *There will be no general membership meeting in December*, but likely a meeting in January, and our February meeting will be moonlight cross-country ski, as in the past. Details to follow. Enjoy the snow!



## Pizza Night: Kicking Off the 2015-2016 Season

PVSC held its tenth annual Pizza Night at New Hermon Mountain Lodge on November 10. The turnout was excellent with over sixty members attending -- a dramatic increase over last year. The night featured animated conversation, lots of pizza, a sumptuous spread of desserts provided by members, and announcements of upcoming nordic and downhill programs. PVSC extends its thanks to Bill and Marlene Whitcomb for hosting us at the mountain -- and for whetting our appetite for getting out on those slopes. And we thank all those who brought desserts, and especially Any Van Kirk who procured the pizza, chips, and drinks! Just a few more weeks and we'll be back out at the lodge, fitted out in ski and boarding gear. To see who was there, turn to p. 2.



Club members take a break from pizza-eating to listen as PVSC Alpine coach Craig Cyr describes the finer points in ski tuning. Craig, along with Karen McLeod, Ian Gillis, and Richard Judd, will be working with Racing Development Director Gina Schuck to plan this season's Alpine racing circuit.



## Alpine Racing: Preparing for the 2016 Season

This January PVSC Alpine Racing Development will benefit from the combined skills of four coaches, Richard Judd, who has been with the program for over ten years; Ian Gillis, who has worked with the program nearly as long and manages PVSC racing equipment; Craig Cyr, veteran racer and coach from Hermon who joined the team last year; and Karen McLeod, who also joined the team last year and whose brother Mike coached our PVSC team over the previous three years. Karen, like Mike, began racing at a young age and will be sharing her considerable skills with a new generation of pre-high-school racers. Over the next few weeks the coaching staff and Racing Development Director Gina Schuck will be meeting to plan out the season. This year we hope to offer adult racing one night a week, looking toward a circuit of casual races.

*We extend an invitation this year to anyone, especially parents of our racers, to run the courses we set for Saturday practice, after the regular session is over (around 11:30). We will leave the courses up for about an hour. Parents/participants will also be able to run our courses on race days at Hermon and Squaw Mountain, again after the regular competition is over. These will be timed runs, and if the interest develops, we can work toward establishing an adult/parent racing circuit at Hermon and Squaw mountains.*

Racing is for everyone! It's an opportunity to improve freestyle skiing and increase enjoyment of the sport. Racers meet others with similar interests, and get toned up for the Family Fun Race in March. Our coaches will be happy to offer tips on racing to anyone who asks.

### 2016 Bus Trips

As in the past, the day buses to Sugarloaf and Saddleback load at 6:45 AM and leave the Odlin Road Park-and-Ride at 7:00 AM sharp. They leave the mountain at 4:00 PM, double-sharp.

The Sugarloaf Bus trips have not been finalized yet, but we're probably looking at January 17 and January 31 for Sugarloaf and (assuming it opens); Saddleback on March 6. Lift ticket prices for Sugarloaf are \$44 for adult and \$39 for those under 18. Remember: the trips are for Nordic as well as downhill skiers. **Sign-up forms will be available on the PVSC web site.**

Bus price is \$50 for a family, \$20 for an individual, and \$35 for non-member. To reserve a seat send the on-line form and check to Jim Rose, trip coordinator. The check (to PVSC) and form must be in Jim's hands by the Wednesday before the trip. If payment and form are not received 5 days prior to trip, add a \$10 late fee. The bus fee is non-refundable, so if you are not able to make the trip, you must find somebody else to fill your seat(s). For further information or to reserve seats call Jim Rose at 866-3525 or e-mail to [jimrose@rosebike.com](mailto:jimrose@rosebike.com).

**Sugarloaf/Sunday River Corporate Ticket Vouchers** have arrived for PVSC Members! Each voucher can be redeemed for up to 4 tickets at reduced prices (\$70/adult; \$58/teen; \$48/Junior or Senior). These lift tickets ordinarily cost \$86/adult, \$70/teen (13-18) and \$60/junior (6-12) or senior (65+). A family of 4 earns back the cost of club membership in one outing!

Andrew 'Bud' Titcomb. 1942



### At the November Pizza Night Meeting:

Eric Gallandt	Sally Burke	Elyse Nadeau
Karen Francoeur	Jinger Pepin and Family	Isaac Anderson
Richard Judd	Cynthia and Peter Buzzini	Pam Tremblay
Dave Cassidy	Dan Gagnon	The Hein Family
Ron Logan	Donald. Sandra Rogerson	Barbe, Ken, and Carianne Miller
Meg Logan	The Cyr Family	Stan Blake
Dan Cassidy	Amy Van Kirk	Brian Prince
Jason Pangburn and Family	Larry Drake	Tegan Prince
Bob, Cindy Dunlap	Jonathan Rubin	Jim White
Genevieve and Jeff Sychterz and Family	Joel Deckler	Gail White
Noack / Fincke Family	Cathleen Boyons	kate Locke
Karen McLeod	Ian Gillis	Julian Wiggins
Gina Schuck and Boys	Valery Gillis	Tom Hanson
Bill Whitcomb	John Nadeau	
	Daniel Nadeau	
	J.C. Nadeau	



We are the only club in the state with the opportunity to obtain vouchers; if you haven't joined yet go to <http://www.pvskiclub.org/become-a-member/> and join today! You must bring your membership card to the ticket window to redeem your voucher. Email [skiclub@pvskiclub.org](mailto:skiclub@pvskiclub.org) if you would like any vouchers!

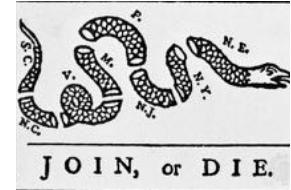
## Renew your Membership for 2015-2016, and encourage a friend to join!

It's time to pay dues for the 2015-2016 season, so you can enjoy the full benefits of membership!

- Alpine Learn-to-Ski/Snowboard at Hermon Mountain
- Racing Development programs with scheduled races around the state
- Nordic Learn-to-Ski and Racing Development programs at several area venues
- Club meetings, socials, group outings and outdoor-related presentations
- Annual 3-night ski trip to Quebec City
- Annual Hut-to-Hut ski trip in western Maine
- Discounts at local shops, ski areas
- corporate lift ticket discount at Sugarloaf and Sunday River
- Weekend day bus trips to Maine ski resorts
- Our monthly newsletter, *Snowflurries*
- Support Nordic grooming efforts in the greater Bangor area



Membership: \$28 for individuals or \$40 for families. Form is available on line at line at <http://www.pvskiclub.org/>.



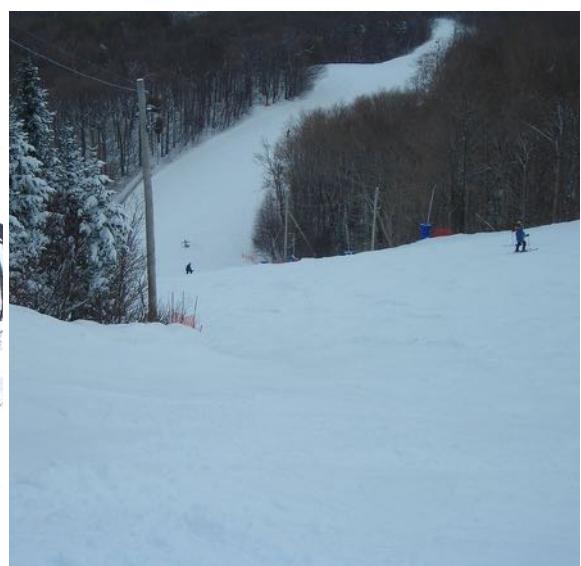
## Learn to Ski / Board: Sign up now for the First Session

Barbe Miller will be accepting registration forms for PVSC Learn to Ski/Board at Hermon Mountain. Honoring this deadline is important to Hermon Mountain, as they need sufficient time to hire instructors and schedule lessons. *The registration form and payment must be received two weeks before the start of the session.* Forms received after that are subject to a \$25 late fee. You will receive email confirmation after the registration deadline. Registration allows you to take advantage of huge savings through your membership! Also, please make sure you have paid your PVSC membership for 2015-2016 so you will have your membership number to include on the registration. PVSC members are offered a group discount and club subsidy on the price, which is \$65 for youth and \$95 for Adults 13 & up. Check the website for details, or contact Barbe Miller 478-7733 or back4ty@gmail.com with any questions. (You can also join PVSC on the web site.) Lessons are offered as a package deal with lift tickets and rentals (rentals by Hermon Mountain). Classes are divided by age and ability in both skiing and boarding. For information on levels of ability, see the links on the PVSC website.





## Quebec 2016! Register now



### Kids Nordic Ski Club

Once again, Orono parent Katie Quirk will be coordinating a cross-country ski club for elementary-school-aged kids. Once the snow is here, we will meet one afternoon a week, likely a Wednesday, starting at 3:30pm for an hour winter ski outing. Katie asks that parents or other care providers to plan to ski with their kids so that we can cater to diverse abilities/cold fingers/etc. Participation is free, though you will need to provide your own gear or rent through Orono Parks and Rec. We will explore trails on the U Maine campus, behind Orono High School, and at Caribou Bog.

If you think you might be interested in joining us, email Katie (kquirkster@gmail.com) and we will add you to the mailing list. Now all we need is some good snow!

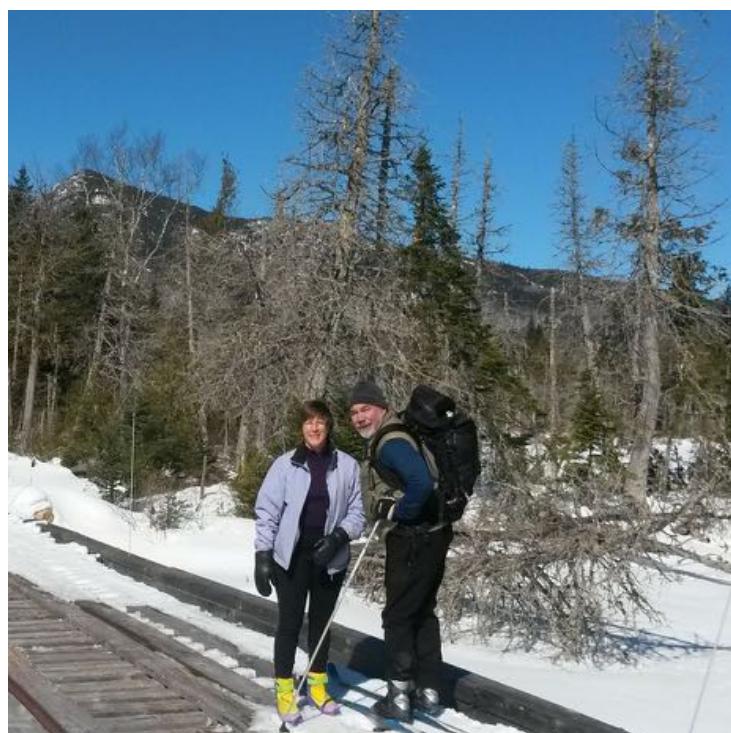


### PVSC Hut-to-Hut Cross Country Ski Trip, February 5-7, 2016

*The deadline for signing up for the February PVSC Hut to Hut trip to the AMC Huts is here.* We have a group already signed up and the AMC is holding spots for only a few more days. If you would like to join us, please register soon by calling the AMC.

Itinerary: Friday, February 5 - Sunday, February 7, Little Lyford Pond to Gorman Chairback. This trip is of moderate difficulty with a distance equivalent to about two loops around the Bangor City Forest, or about 10 km/day. Call the AMC Reservation Line at 603-466-2727; Tell the Customer Service Representative that you want to reserve into Penobscot Valley Ski Club reservation, and that you are registering under Club Reservation #307023. Payment by MasterCard, Visa, and American Express is accepted.

*Guarantee yourself a spot and sign up now.* For information, contact Dan Cassidy at d.cassidy@myfairpoint.net.



## QUEBEC: FEBRUARY 17-20



It may not feel like winter is really beginning to return to the Northeast, but rest assured it is coming, and of course, that means it's time to dig out your skis and start planning for the upcoming PVSC Quebec Trip!

Whether you're a ski trip annual, biennial or have never been before, you should consider making the PVSC Quebec Trip a vacation destination this season. As in past years, we will ski three fantastic mountains, Mont Sainte Anne, Le Massif and Stoneham, all equally beautiful and well worth the trip. Again this year we're stepping up our ski opportunities by offering our members Night Skiing on Thursday and an extra day of downhill and cross country skiing at Mt. Sainte Anne! Which means you will now have the option to ski Stoneham or Mt. Sainte Anne on Saturday.

As Quebec trip alumni know, these mountains offer outstanding snow conditions and impeccably groomed trails, where pure skiing pleasure is an everyday reality. There's something for skiers at every level, from beginner to expert. Whether you're looking for the safety and leisure of the Green Trails, or the challenge of the Double Black Diamond, these mountains have it all. And for cross country enthusiasts, there's 150 miles of Canada's longest network of classic and skating style trails at beautiful Mont Sainte Anne.

This year we will be staying at the Hilton Quebec in downtown Quebec City. This magnificent hotel is located next to old Quebec and overlooks the St. Lawrence Seaway where ships pass daily going to and from the Great Lakes, the Parliament Building and Old Quebec City. The Hilton provides a multitude of amenities. Aside from the many local attractions, guests at this perfectly situated Quebec City hotel can work out in the fitness center, swim laps in the heated outdoor pool or simply relax with a drink in the Allegro Bar. Enjoy a delicious meal at the Allegro Restaurant and choose from a mouthwatering menu of international cuisine which showcases the best fresh, local produce. Or maybe you would rather take advantage of the hotel's knowledgeable Concierge and make a reservation for dinner out in one of the many fine restaurants in Quebec.

For a really exciting and unique experience, the ice toboggan run is a short walk from our hotel, as well as the public ice skating rink. You will not want to miss exploring the oldest part of the city with cobblestone streets, historic buildings, interesting museums, quaint shops and endless possibilities for French cuisine; experiencing Old Quebec is a must.

So take a moment, read the material on the PVSC web site, and consider putting "The Quebec Trip" on your family calendar this year. It is always a great time, an excellent opportunity to ski with family and friends, explore a beautiful city and have a unique experience with the PVSC family. Just fill out the registration form, return with deposit, and start dreaming of fresh powder on the slopes!

**Remember: deposits must be received by December 15th, 2015**

Sincerely Yours, Doug Bears





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**Stay Connected!**

## A Gift to PVSC

*Penobscot Valley Ski club once again thanks Walter Melvin, Jr. for his generous donation to the PVSC Racing Development Program in memory of his father, Walter "Slim" Melvin, an early club member and a key player in the development of the Club's Bald Mountain Ski Area, not to mention the development of Sugarloaf Mountain in the 1950s. Previous gifts from Walter Melvin Jr. were used to purchase the public address system for our races and the materials Doug Bears used to build our beautiful new "Slim Melvin" timing hut on Cloud Nine at Hermon Mountain. Three years ago we purchased a Brower XS System, which for the first time allowed us to clock all practice runs, and we have since upgraded the system to time dual slalom races. This year we hope to put this generous gift toward purchasing new slalom gates and closing in the start ramp at the top of Cloud Nine, in order to keep our young racers (and their coaches!) warmer. The photo above is Slim Melvin skiing at the Bald Mountain Ski Area probably in the 1970s.*



*Thanks, Slim, for getting the club off to a good start, and thanks, Walter, for your continuing support of our young racers!*

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