



Newsletter of the Ski Atlantic Seniors' Club

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ski Atlantic Seniors' Club has had another successful year with 1019 skiing members and 41 non-skiing members. Our skiers certainly enjoyed the excellent ski conditions at participating hills, with a total of 15,356 days recorded in our hill registers. Don't believe anyone who tells you seniors are old folk!!! We are a force to be reckoned with!

In an effort to learn more about our membership, the SASC Board of Directors sent out a questionnaire. We were very pleased to have a 30% response. It may interest you to know that 18% of our members are between 55-59, 30% are between 60-65, 32% are between 65-69, while 19% are 70+. Sugarloaf and Sunday River received the greatest show of interest for future SASC ski trips, followed by Stoneham, Mont Sainte Anne and Bretton Woods. Thank you to all who responded. Your comments and information will help shape the Board's actions in the coming year. The names of all respondents will be entered into a draw for a free 2011-2012 SASC ski membership to be drawn at the AGM in June.

This year has seen the introduction of SASC Admin. E-mail. A special thank you to Richard Potter and Webmaster, John Hawkins, for their efforts in setting up this vehicle for delivering information and reminders to members. Connie Uytterlinde, as Director of Communications, will act as liaison between the Board and Webmaster.

Ski Atlantic Seniors' Club is able to exist due to an agreement with the Atlantic Ski Area Association. Our eight participating ski hills: Martock, Wentworth, Ben Eoin, Poley, Crabbe, Mont Farlagne, Sugarloaf, NB, and Brookvale, PEI; belong to this association and under its umbrella, honour our ski membership cards. The ASAA has requested SASC to

increase Club membership fees for 2011-2012. Ski hills, like seniors, are experiencing rising costs, as the minimum wage has increased along with the cost of gas and electricity. The hills pay the HST from moneys received at year-end and have requested an increase to cover this cost. There is a wide discrepancy between season passes at the eight participating ski hills. The SASC Board struggled to find a single fee which would be acceptable for all hills. For some members, the cost of Club membership may now be higher than their ski hill's season's pass. I urge you to consider the many benefits of belonging to SASC. We have made so many valued friends and enjoyed so many wonderful times attending SASC activities and trips. Best of all is the freedom to ski at all ski hills in the Maritimes at no additional cost. The 2011-2012 SASC Ski Membership fees have been set at \$200.00 (\$185.00 for the hill fund and \$15.00 for Club administration).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Officers and Directors who have volunteered their time to help make this very unique club a success. Richard Potter, Brian MacLean, Shelia Connelly, Sheila DeLory, Don Buck and John Murley will be retiring from the Board. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to each for their excellent commitment and dedication. This will be my last message to you as President. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of SASC and look forward to continuing on the Board in my new position as Past-President.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Annual General Meeting/Year End Gathering in June.

Irene Ferguson

2011 SKI TRIPS

STONEHAM, PQ – Jan. 30 – Feb. 4

The end of January SASC ski trip had 57 members head for the ever popular ski resort at Stoneham, Quebec. Mother nature graced us with beautiful weather all week. Even the driving conditions were on clear roads all the way up and back.

Surprisingly the hill didn't have the amount of snow they normally get but the ski conditions were excellent all week. Looking up at this hill during the day is inviting enough but to see it lit up at night is all the more reason to hurry up and get the skis on and get at it. The first of the week was a bit nippy with two digit wind chill temperatures but this didn't deter anyone from getting out to enjoy it all. Mind you, a few looked a bit like the Michelin man. On Tuesday there was an after ski gathering/meet and greet so everyone could pass along their experiences/brags about skiing the 40's/blacks. With the conditions as they were even, a few of the more timid skiers tried their luck on these double blacks for the first time.

Not to be forgotten was the Feu Fillet with the full breakfasts a la carte and of course the evening three course meal. In the past there were complaints of the meal service being too slow but in our case everything was on time. One complaint on the trip was that an individual jumped on the scales upon returning home and discovered they had gained four pounds after hot dogging all week. To add to this great week, the Quebec Winter Carnival was on. Some members also toured the Ice Hotel and checked out the various venues of the Carnival.

It was a pleasure to look back at this experience of meeting new members seeing old and everyone having a safe and enjoyable week.

Bob Webb

**THE MOUNTAIN CLUB ON LOON
February 27 -March 04, 2011**

On the heels of a major snow storm, fifty-two SASC members arrived safely at Loon Mountain Resort, Lincoln, New Hampshire. The ski hill resort appeared to have everything one would want including spa, pool, exercise room and ski out to the near-by gondola and chair lifts.

We had four days of very different weather conditions. We started the week by having a great guided tour of the hill by two guides provided by the resort. Mother Nature opened the sky with snow and the skiing and snow conditions were not good! This was followed by two perfect days of sun, good temps and very good ski conditions. Overall we had a great week on the hill and some of us stayed to enjoy the excellent skiing Friday morning before leaving for home.

The hotel accommodations were first class and the dining had to be experienced to be appreciated. The first meal was dinner on Sunday night saw most of us looking in "awe" at the four course buffet. The food was delicious and the all you could eat meals continued for the rest of our stay. On top of all this the hotel staff couldn't have been more pleasant and helpful adding to an enjoyable experience.

On Thursday evening we had a pre-dinner/last dinner get together for group photos. After this gathering, Bob Webb, our Ski Trip Director, along with wife Shirley was presented with a token of our appreciation by President Irene Ferguson. Sincere thanks expressed on behalf of all of us. Bob is retiring as Tour Director and many kind words of thanks and appreciation were expressed to Bob. Linda Pierce deserves a special vote of thanks for doing the many behind the scene things to make these trips run smoothly.

Our thoughts and best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Laverne Andrews who had an altercation with a snow boarder and later a fall thus breaking her arm. I think we can be confident that Laverne will be recovered well enough to start the golf season with a flair.

Joan Johnston

2012 SKI TRIPS

**Bretton Woods, Mt. Washington, NH
March 4-9, 2012**

Accommodation, ski passes and full breakfast have been arranged at the Bretton Arms Inn beside the Mt. Washington Hotel. The cost for the five nights:

Single	\$ 1,022.95
Double	\$ 1,121.05
Triple	\$ 1,340.95
Quad	\$ 1,560.85

All resort amenities will be available including: shuttle service, in-room high-speed internet access, and access to all resort fitness centres, hot tubs and pools. Several restaurants on site serve meals. The Bretton Woods area is 30 minutes from shopping, restaurants, etc. in North Conway. Further information on reservations will be available in the Fall issue of Winter Words.

A second trip, early in February, is in the planning stage and the details will be in the Fall Issue of Winter Words.

**SASC SKI AUSTRIA TRIP FOR 2012
January 13-28, Kitzbuhel, Austria**

The deadline for this trip is June 30, 2011 and all arrangements will be made on your behalf except the air portion of the trip. The air portion must be booked by August 30. The estimated cost is \$ 3,600. which takes into consideration the air, accommodations, bus, ski pass and meals (lunch). Another \$200. can be added for refreshments.

Interested parties can contact Bob Webb at bobwebb@eastlink.ca or (902)897-4679.

NOTICE

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE
23, 2011 AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE
SHORE CLUB IN HUBBARDS, NS.**

**THE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14,
2011 AT THE LAKES GOLF IN BEN
EOIN, CAPE BRETON.**

**DETAILS AND APPLICATIONS FOR
BOTH OF THESE EVENTS WILL BE
POSTED ON THE WEB SITE AND
MAILED OUT AT A LATER DATE.**

SASC BULLETINS

The concept of e-mail bulletins was proposed by President Irene several months ago. They are sent to SASC members to remind them of Kell Antoff Days and other Club programs or events. Your contact person is Connie Uyterlinde at cuyterlinde@eastlink.ca. Please send her the information to be posted on the web site, with a description, location, time, place, cost if any, plus the e-mail address and phone number of a contact person who would be able to answer any questions.

"SASC" E-MAIL MESSAGES

Please preface the subject in your e-mails to Board Members with "SASC" to ensure that your e-mail is opened by the recipient.

KELL ANTOFT FUN DAYS

SKI MARTOCK – JANUARY 26

The first Kell Antoft Day of the year welcomed sunny skies and great skiing conditions. Over 100 SASC members enjoyed a great day of fellowship and a wonderful potluck luncheon. After lunch, Andy MacLean, operations manager at Martock gave a brief summary of his expectations during the Canada Winter Games. I would like to extend thanks to Johanna Redden and Mary Hopkins for the Wednesday morning lessons each week; to Gayle and Lynda for helping with the potluck; to Jim and Heather Boylan and staff for their support for the SASC and extra special thanks to our President Irene Ferguson. For the last four years Irene's leadership and hard work for all SASC members is greatly appreciated. We will miss her as President.

John Pierce

BEN EOIN – FEBRUARY 23

Ben Eoin hosted a very successful Kell Antoft day at Ski Ben Eoin on February 23, 2011. The ski Gods were with us as the conditions were perfect with the sun shining and copious amounts of snow. Visitors from Martock and Wentworth joined us to take part in our skiing and activities. In the morning ski lessons were given by our very capable ski instructors Vern Walsh and Les Elworthy.

Sixty-five of our members and guests attended a noon hour luncheon in the refurbished lounge at Ski Ben Eoin. The meal started off with an original skiers' blessing and grace given by our past Director Rene Samson. The lounge staff headed by Brett LeBlanc served an excellent hot meal. Entertainment was provided by our own SASC members - Joe and Pat Ryba and George Landry. A great time was had by all.

We were very pleased to have a special invited guest share in our Kell Antoft Day. Asta Antoft, daughter of Kell, has lived and taught school in the Cape Breton area for many years and when we realized the connection we invited her to attend. Asta was unaware that we had Kell Antoft Days at all the Maritime Ski Hills and was quite pleased to join us and meet our members.

Paul Black

SKI WENTWORTH – MARCH 10

We were so pleased to have over 100 for the luncheon with 175 signing in for the day. The day began with coffee, tea, hot chocolate and delicious doughnuts – guaranteed to fuel some hot skiing on all those well-groomed trails.

Following lunch Irene Ferguson, SASC president, welcomed everyone and spoke briefly on events of the current season. She presented SASC's two hundred dollar donation to a member of the much appreciated Wentworth volunteer ski patrol. Leslie Wilson, Wentworth's CEO, briefly discussed the Canada Winter Games events and noted a number of future events that this successful venture may bring to Wentworth. Congratulations Leslie & staff – rumor has it that your organization was superb.

Mike Campbell, Operations Manager, spoke about grooming, machinery, etc. and answered several questions on the subject dear to our hearts and skis. A special thanks to Dave Wilson for donating a number of great prizes, much appreciated by the lucky winners.

The afternoon concluded with a wonderful selection of delicious squares provided by Leslie and her kitchen staff. Thanks to all who helped to create such an enjoyable day.

Lorraine Haley

POLEY MOUNTAIN – MARCH 15

Poley was pleased to host SASC for Kell Antoft Day, March 15th. There was an excellent turnout of 123 SASC members. The weather was excellent, both lifts were open and all runs in excellent condition. At one p.m. lunch was served by Poley staff. Irene Ferguson, SASC President brought greetings. Bill Anderson spoke briefly about Poley. After a few prize draws skiers returned to the slopes to enjoy more skiing. Thanks to SASC members for your participation.

Andre' Chartrand

CRABBE MOUNTAIN – MARCH 16

Seventy SASC members celebrated Kell Antoft Day at Crabbe Mountain on March 16. Skiing conditions were good with the forecasted rain holding off until late afternoon. Coffee break goodies were available in the morning courtesy of Crabbe Mountain & SASC. Members gathered for lunch welcomed by Stefan Billings, Marketing & Promotions Director. President Irene Ferguson, addressed the gathering & presented a cheque from SASC to Larry Harley, the local Ski Patrol representative. Crabbe Mountain General Manager, Jason Crawford, also welcomed the group & described recent improvements at the hill. A very enjoyable day.

Don Buck

MOUNT FARLAGNE – March 17

The Kell days for New Brunswick were a great way to finish off a great ski season. The skiing and socializing at Poley and Crabbe were great and well attended. A smaller group carried on to Mount Farlagne to check out the surroundings there. This season turned out to be a rarity for the Edmundston area as they received very little snow in comparison to other years. Compliments have to go out to the staff for the excellent conditions we experienced. There was not only great skiing but we arrived in time to celebrate St Paddy's day with the locals. Green beer, lots of noise and a rousing card social later at the hotel, what a wrap up a great week.

Bob Webb

New Member: Yes _____ No _____ (New members will receive a nametag)

**Ski Atlantic Seniors' Club
2011 – 2012 Membership Application**

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

_____ PROV. _____ POSTAL CODE _____

E-Mail Address _____

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I hereby apply for a Membership Card, which entitles me to attend Club events such as Kell Antoft Days, Golf Days, Annual General Meeting and Ski Trips. Enclosed is the annual membership fee (Canadian Funds) of \$15.00.

OR

I hereby apply for a Membership Card (Skiing) which gives me membership in SASC and entitles me to ski at participating ski hills in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island during the 2011-2012 season. Enclosed is the annual fee (Canadian Funds) of \$200.00. (Note: This fee consists of \$15.00 for club membership and \$185.00 for a ski membership.)

I enclose a recent photo (about 30 x 45 mm/1 x 1.5 in.) (i.e. Driver's License / Passport size)

For the skiing membership; I certify that I am 65 years of age or over;

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That I am retired from full-time employment and that I am 55 years of age or over.

I hereby agree to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of Ski Atlantic Seniors' Club and by signing below I have indicated that I have read and agree to Section 10 relating to the exclusion of liability (see the reverse side or below).

Date..... Signed:.....

Mail application, payment and photo to:

**SKI ATLANTIC SENIORS' CLUB
P.O. BOX 3076
TANTALLON, NS B3Z 4G9**

For registration questions:
Mary Drake (902) 826-9199
For information on Club activities:
Connie Uyterlinde (902) 454-6874
Bob Webb (902) 897-4679

Exclusion of Liability:

10(1) - Skiing is a challenging, dangerous sport. Members are responsible and assume all risk for their own personal preparedness and safety when participating in Club programs and events. Members agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Club for any personal injury, death and economic or non-economic losses resulting from: (a)-the inherent risks, dangers and hazards of Alpine skiing, cross country skiing or snowboarding; (b)-the use of ski lifts; (c)- the collision with natural or man made objects, with skiers, snowboarders or other persons; and (d)-skiing and travel within or beyond the ski area boundaries

10(2) - Members waive all claims against the Officers, Directors or other Members their successors or assigns with respect the risks, economic and non-economic losses outlined in 10(1).

10(3) - Members are responsible for their own travel, health and accident insurance.

10(4) - Members shall abide by the Alpine Responsibility Code (Appendix 13) and the Cross Country Responsibility Code (Appendix 15) as well as the rules and conditions established at Participating Hills and other hills.

10(5) – No Member in his or her individual capacity is responsible for any debt or financial liability beyond the amount of any subscription, annual dues or special even fees payable to the Club

10(6) - Members may make comments, suggestions or other representations related to safety and liability through any Director or Officer.