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A highly successful 2012-13 ski season for the SASC ended on the first weekend in April. This year our skiing membership stood at 974 members while we had 51 Social Memberships. Thanks to the cooperation of mother nature and the fine staff and snowmaking facilities at each of our participating ski hills over 2000 more skiing visits were made this year than 2011-2012. With the introduction of a new membership form we now have better information on the demographics of our members. We had 162 new skiing members this year with the majority in the 55-65 category but we also had 3 new skiers in the 75-80 range and 1 in the 80-85 category.

The SASC, over the years, has been blessed with a dedicated group of Board members who give unselfishly of their time to ensure that we have an organization that will be sustained well into the future. This year our treasurer, John Llewellyn, is retiring after many years of dedicated service. John's dedication, expertise and commitment to the SASC will be missed. Thanks John for a job well done.

Our 2013/14 Skiing membership fee has been set at \$235.00 with \$215.00 going to the hill fund and \$20.00 for Club administration. The Club administration fee was increased by \$5.00 from 2012/13 because of rising administrative costs.

The Board has been working hard on revising the Constitution and By-Laws of the SASC. In the fall this revised document will be available on our website. Another initiative of the Board has been arranging discounts at local businesses and hotels that cater to skiers. This list will also be available on the website. The annual fall SASC Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at Bell Bay in Baddeck, Cape Breton. Come and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow skiers—golfing is secondary.

Ski trips for 2013/14 have been arranged for Loon and Attitash in New Hampshire for 2014. They are great ski trips and everyone should go at least once.

We are holding our AGM and Dinner at the Debert Hospitality Center on Thursday, June 20, 2013 beginning with a social hour at 4 P.M.love to see you there. Music by the new SASC Band.

Thanks for all your support throughout the year. It truly has been a great experience working with the knowledgeable and dedicated people that we have on the Board of the SASC.

Regards

Paul Black, President

Report on Sunday River Trip

93 people were booked for Sunday River, Jan. 27-February 1, 2013.

76 stayed at the Grant Summit, 9 at Snow Cap and 8 at Jordan Pond. All

Facilities were very comfortable and had a great shuttle service to get us to the Summit for our meals, activities, and amenities of hot tub, pools and storage for our skis.

The first 2 days were good skiing but the 3rd and 4th were a little rainy, windy but not cold. We still managed to ski even though the power was out for an hour and some skiers were caught on the chair for 45 min, all part of a great experience.

A hill tour was provided and also a welcome party on Monday night.

The meals were excellent and in the evening we had entertainment provided by our members and also celebrated Jim Clothier's 87th Birthday. (could we all be so lucky!)

Lillian Sutherland was the winner of a pair of K2 skis donated by Group Sales and her husband, George, will enjoy skiing on them.

Maureen and Jim did a marvelous job organizing such a large number of people and even sent us copies of the menus prior to the trip, as well as a list of all participants in the different lodging locations.

Thank you so much.

Jean Siddall

Stoneham Trip

We arrived at Stoneham on a mild [-2 C] and sunny afternoon. The weather would stay mild all week but the ski conditions were varied. On Monday morning we were given a hill tour which was extremely beneficial for helping us become familiar with the hill. The grooming of the trails was amazing with the exception of Thursday when we woke up to 10 cm. of fresh snow and gusty winds. The winds blew the runs bare in places but piled snow in other areas. It was tricky for many of us transitioning from hard pack to deep snow.

At night, the mountain became magical with white lights reflecting off the snow. It was a festive feel, whether you were skiing or sitting at dinner watching flea-like skiers tackle the trails and giant half-pipe. The night skiing was the best!

All of us wish Vivian a speedy recovery from her injury.

Maureen and Jim organized a great trip. Thank you.

Carol and Charlie Gass

Re: the side trip to Mont Ste. Anne - - -

On the sunniest day of the trip, eight of us were off to Mont Sainte Anne. Conditions were such that **much of the south side** was good spring skiing. **The north side** ahhh! ... it was sunny, and just the right temperature for excellent conditions all day. Carolyn, Don, Mary Kate & Trevor skied the whole mountain; Peter, Bob, Allan and I spent most of the day enjoying the north side. Highlites? ... my explaining in French my “enfant stupide” entanglement at the bottom of the lift, and the glorious view of the St Lawrence. What a great hill!

Sandy Marshall

****UPCOMING TRIPS FOR NEXT SEASON****

Our 2014 trip season will be to the Loon and Attitash ski resorts. In 2011 we had a very popular trip to Loon. Attitash offers an opportunity to visit a resort that SASC has not been to previously. Attitash has a dual hill ski ticket which includes Wildcat.

Attitash is scheduled for the 5 days from February 2nd to the 7th and Loon from March 2nd to March 7th.

Both resorts offer ski-in ski-out, complimentary skiing on Sunday afternoon, welcome party, hill tours on Monday, breakfast and dinner.

For more information you can contact Jim and Maureen Betts at 902-443-4918 or betts@eastink.ca.

Kell Antoft Day at Ski Martock

Our season opened a week earlier than last year, to the delight of our Senior Skiers. Conditions and weather co-operated for most of the winter. The highlight, of course, was the celebration of Kell Antoft Day. It brought over 70 seniors to the hill and 70 gastronomic culinary delights to our table in the form of pot luck.

We were pleased to have our President, Paul Black, in attendance. Prizes were distributed and a special thanks to Harold Wainwright (#40001) for his generous gifts. The season ended with our usual "sweet" social on March 23rd. A great season enjoyed by all.

Lee Brannen, Hill Director

Kell Antoft Day at Ski Wentworth

A frigid cold day with high winds and a temperature of -18C at the top of the hill didn't stop 118 seniors from visiting the hill for their skiing enjoyment. The hill provided meals of chowder or chili for 86 members for only \$8.00. Lunch was pushed back to 1:30 pm because of a conflict with the Master program that was on that day.

Nancy Moore accepted the cheque on behalf of the Ski Patrol and gave a short talk to the members.

Robert Atkinson, Hill Director.

Kell Antoft Day at Poley Mtn.

By all accounts, Kell Antoft Day at Poley Mountain was a success. The weather was good, the snow was excellent, the guests were plentiful, hill staff were welcoming and enthusiastic, the complimentary snack was inviting, the lunch was hot and tasty, the prizes were many, and the speeches were short.

There were 118 SASC members who signed in that day, topping previous yearsq participation, and Gary Crossman did a superb job as greeter and M.C.

Murray Goodman, Hill Director

Kell Antoft Day at Crabbe Mtn.

Even though, once again, the weather gods did not smile upon us, Kell Antoft Day at Crabbe Mt. was enjoyed by all who braved the elements to attend. There were over one hundred participants, including a good representation from Nova Scotia, which was pleasantly surprising, considering the predicted road conditions. The actual ski conditions were good.

Participants enjoyed a good lunch and were awarded prizes (some very nice ones), based on their Valentine spirit reflected in their decorated apparel; also based on their responses to quiz questions re SASC history and current facts. Hopefully, those who didn't know the answers increased their knowledge about the Club. And a number of members won door prizes based on nothing but luck.

The highlight of the celebration, though, was a performance of our very own SASC band, which greatly added to the liveliness and camaraderie of the event. Five out of the original six member musicians from Sunday River performed, three from N.S. and two from N.B.: John Llewellyn, and Jeanne Coppillie of Wentworth: Pat Connors of Martock; Ken Nichols, and Curry Alders of Crabbe. Only Jane Ogilvie of Nfld. was absent. Those attending the AGM in Debert, N.S. on June 20th will have a chance to hear them again, or for the first time, as they will be performing.

Linda Hubbard, Hill Director

Kell Antoft Day at Mont Farlagne

(No report available)

Kell Antoft Day at Ben Eoin

On Wednesday, February 20th, 60 seniors celebrated Kell Antoft Day with a great day of skiing and a delicious roast chicken dinner in our Broken Buckle Lounge at Ski Ben Eoin.

We were delightfully entertained throughout our meal by one of our members, Joe Ryba. It was so nice to have visitors from other hills join us for the day. We had some draws for prizes and presented the ski patrol with a donation from the SASC. All in all a great time was had by all.

Kathy Gouthro, Hill Director

NOTICE OF SASC AGM/END OF SEASON GATHERING

The Annual General Meeting/ End of Season Gathering of the Ski Atlantic Seniors' Club will be held on

Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 4:00 pm. at:

Debert Hospitality Centre
180 Ventura Drive, Debert, NS

4:00 pm Social Hour (with complimentary wine, beer and snacks)

5:00 pm Annual Reports

6:00 pm Buffet Supper - The cost of the supper will be \$20.00 per person

A nominating Committee has been formed. However, nominations can also be made from the floor or you could contact Irene Ferguson, 902- 864-1418 if you are interested in serving on the SASC board.

To facilitate the catering and the registrations your cheque must be received no later than June 13. **To be made payable to the Ski Atlantic Seniors' Club and sent to: Judy Hawkins, 45 Highfield Rd., Douglas, NB. E3G 7P8**

Directions to the Debert Hospitality Centre: Take exit 13 (approx. 10 km west of the Truro exit) off highway 104. As you come off the highway, you will notice a Tim Hortons on your right. Continue for 4 km and on your left you will see the sign for the Debert Hospitality Centre. Enter and proceed another .7 km to the Centre.

Name(s) _____

Attending Social/AGM Yesí í í í í .Noí í í í í ..

Supper \$20 Yesí í í í í .Noí í í í í

Cheque in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed.

SASC Fall Golf Classic 2013

Bell Bay Golf Resort Baddeck, Nova Scotia

Date: September 10, 2013 (Tuesday)

Registration: 9:30 A.M.—Tee Off Time: 10 A.M.

No Shotgun Start/Best Ball Format

Price : Golf Package 18 Holes –Green Fee /Cart and Dinner

Gratuity and Tax Included \$105.00

***** Please Note:** There will be an Extra Charge of \$ 20.00 (Tax Included) for the cart if you are not staying at the Inverary Inn.

We have a special rate of \$110.00 + Tax for rooms at the Inverary Inn Resort. This rate is available for the 9th ,10th and 11th of September. Make sure you mention the SASC to get the rate

***** Cancellation Policy** for the Inverary Inn is **three days** prior to your arrival

The dinner will be a buffet and will consist of three courses: Nova Scotia Seafood Chowder, Baked Pork Tenderloin served with a cranberry glaze , White Chocolate blueberry cheesecake and Tea/Coffee

Dinner Only \$30.25 Tax and Gratuity Included

Contact Person: Kathy Gouthro,
E-mail: kgouthro@eastlink.ca Ph. 902-562-1268

(Application Form is on next page)

2013 SASC FALL GOLF CLASSIC

BELL BAY GOLF RESORT BADDECK CAPE BRETON

TUESDAY SEPT. 10, 2013

NAME _____

TEL/E-MAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

Golf/Cart and Meal \$105.00 Meal Only \$30.25

Cart \$20.00 (Only if not staying at Inverary Inn)

Handicap _____ Score _____ Never Played _____ Other _____

Cheques are to be made out to Ski Atlantic Senior's Club.

The deadline for Registration is August 15,2013

Accommodations are booked separately by phoning the Inverary Inn at 902-295-3500

Send Registration and Cheques to: Kathy Gouthro

31 Maple Avenue

Sydney River, NS

B1S 1J7

Ski Atlantic Seniors' Club
2013 / 2014 Application for Membership

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

Name _____ **Phone #** _____

Address _____ **Prov.** _____ **Postal Code** _____

E-Mail Address _____

Date of Birth (19yy/mm/dd): ____/____/____

NEW MEMBERS ONLY: In order to qualify for a skiing membership in the Ski Atlantic SeniorsøClub (SASC) you must be 60 years of age or over by March 31 of the 2013-14 ski season. Proof of age must be provided (i.e. copy of driverø license, passport or birth certificate) to be submitted with your application. **Do not** send any original documents as these will not be returned.

All Applicants please identify your home ski hill area by circling one of the following:

B (Ben Eoin) **C** (Crabbe) **F** (Mont Farlagne) **M** (Martock) **P** (Poley)
S (Sugarloaf NB) **W** (Wentworth) **V** (Brookvale)

I hereby apply for the **(Skiing & Social)** Membership card, entitling me to ski at participating ski areas in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island during the 2013 / 2014 season. Enclosed is the annual membership fee of **\$235.00 in CND funds**.

I hereby apply only for the **Social Membership** card, which entitles me to attend Club events such as Kell Antoft Days, Golf Days, Annual General Meeting and Ski Trips. I certify that I am 55 years of age, or I am a _____ spouse, _____ partner or _____ caregiver of an SASC member. Enclosed is the annual social membership fee of \$20.00 in CND funds.

I hereby agree to abide by the Constitution and By-laws of Ski Atlantic SeniorsøClub 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).

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

*Note. - A new Signed Application and photo is required **each** year.*

NOTE: the Ski Membership Applications will not be processed until all required documents are received ó these include:

- 1. Application form;**
- 2. Cheque (in the correct amount);**
- 3. Proof of age (for new members); and**
- 4. A recent photo (about 30 x 45 mm) (i.e. Driver's License / Passport size).**

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It is recommended that you submit your application to the Registrar by November 15 to allow sufficient time to process your application. Mail your application along with the required documents to:

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

For registration questions contact:

Mary Drake (902) 826-9199

For information on Club activities contact:

Connie Uyterlinde (902) 454-6874

For information on Trip activities contact:

Jim & Maureen Betts (902) 443-4918

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PLEASE NOTE: Refund Policy for the Skiing Membership Card:

The amount of \$215.00 will be **refunded only in the event of an injury or illness** that prevents the Member from participating in skiing. The request for refund must be in writing outlining the circumstances, enclosing the skiing membership card to be received by Mary Drake, the Registrar by January 15.

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) 6 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.

