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President's Message

We had 50 members present at our AGM in June 2016 for the social hour to renew friendships; the business meeting to elect a new slate of officers and directors for 2016/17 ski season; and, like all things in life, partake of good food. There was a large turnover on the board this year with 8 members retiring: Paul Black – Past President, Ken Cameron – Treasurer, Don MacDonald – Ski Hill Register, Connie Uytterlinde – Director of Communications, Murray Goodman – Director Ski Poley, Jim & Maureen Betts – Directors of Ski Trips and Peter Etheridge – Secretary & Winter Words Editor. To all these members we say thank you for all the hours you have spent working for the betterment of the SASC. Stepping forward to work on your behalf for 2016-17 are: Robert Atkinson – President, Greg Mackenzie – Treasurer, David Lionais – Secretary, Allan Jost – Director of Ski Trips, Pauline MacDonald – Director of Communications, Gale Dempsey – Member-at-Large, Nargis Kheraj – Director Ski Poley and Robert MacDonald – Director Winter Words. We still need a Director for Crabbe Mountain, so if you think you might be interested in this position please contact Charlie Wright or Judy Hawkins for more

information, as they are sharing this position until a new director can be found. The contact information for all Board members and their positions can be found at our website: <http://skiatlanticseniorsclub.ca>. The old website has finally been shut down thanks to all the efforts made by Pauline MacDonald. This will alleviate a lot of the problems that were experienced last year by members trying to get the proper registration forms. On Sep 20th we had our annual golf tournament at the Algonquin in St. Andrews, NB. This was organized by Charlie Wright and Judy Hawkins and was very successful. A big thank-you to Murray Goodman, who just out of the hospital, attended the conference of the ASAA on my behalf; as I had a prior commitment. He took in four presentations as well as giving a talk on the SASA, followed by a lengthy question and answer session and provided a report to the board. On Sep 29th the Board had our first meeting of the new ski season. The ski trips this year are set and the information and applications are posted on the website. Kell Antoft Days have been proposed and are awaiting confirmation by the ski hills. The board was saddened to learn of the passing of Peter Etheridge on Sep 27th. Peter was our Secretary and editor of Winter Words last year until a recurrence of his illness



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forced him to retire. Our condolences go out to his family as we hold them in our thoughts and prayers. For those who believe in the Farmer's Almanac, this is going to be a bonus year for skiing. They are calling for a winter with lots of snow and the first storm is going to be Dec 8th. Therefore don't delay, send in your applications now and be ready when the snow gets here

See you on the slopes, Robert Atkinson

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General meeting was held June 16th, 2016 Debert Hospitality Centre. A listing of elected Board members is at the end of this newsletter.

Watch for next year's date- all are welcome to attend.

SKI TRIPS

There are 2 ski trips this year.

Where: Mont Tremblant Resorts, Mont-Tremblant, Quebec

When: Sunday January 29th to Friday February 3rd 2017.

Package Description: Holiday Inn Express & Suites. Room choices: standard hotel room and 1-bedroom condo 5 nights accommodation Sunday-Friday 4 Full days of skiing valid Monday to Friday Optional 5th day skiing 5 Breakfasts Monday to Friday 4 Dinners: Sunday, Tuesday-Thursday Monday morning hill tour Welcome reception Monday evening

Pricing(per person):

Single\$1024

Double:\$690

Double(condo)\$796

Triple (condo):\$650

For 5-day ski pass add \$45.

Non-Skiers will pay \$180 less.

Please complete the on-line Application before Wednesday December 21st,2016. Note that all applicants must be SASC members (skiing or social). Members must provide their membership numbers prior to January 29th, 2017. Payments should be made to SKI ATLANTIC SENIORS CLUB and mailed to Chris Andrew at 101 McDonald Lake Dr., Hatchet Lake, N.S. B3T 1R7 for arrival by the due dates. For further information or questions contact Chris at 902-852-2842 or Gale Dempsey at 902429-8946, or by email: winemaker22001@gmail.com (Chris) or gidempsey@hotmail.com (Gale).

Payment:

First payment (50% deposit) is required by Wednesday, December21st,2016 Final payment is due Monday January 16th,2017.

Cancellation: Deposit is non-refundable for cancellation within 31 days of arrival i.e after December 28th, 2016. There is no refund for cancellations within 1 week of arrival. To apply for the trip, use the on-line application form available from the Ski Trips page of the club website.

Application Process:



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We require one application per room requested. If you have already listed your roommates on the application, the others do not need to apply separately. You do not need to have your club membership in place when you apply for the trip, but before the actual trip date you must confirm that you have completed your membership by providing your new member number to the trip coordinator, preferably by email.

The hotel rooms have either two double beds, or one double bed and a sofa-bed. The condo units have two double beds and a sofa-bed. There is a limited number of each room type available to our group, so it may not be possible to accommodate all requests.

In principle, “quads” could be accommodated in the 1-bedroom condo provided it is two couples, but for four people requiring separate beds we would have to request a cot, and there would be extra cost. For either of these cases please contact the trip coordinator for pricing and availability before applying.

When you complete your application form online, an acknowledgement screen will be presented which provides a link to download a printable copy of your completed application for your records. You should also receive an automated message to the email address you supply which will provide the same information.

Lift Tickets:

We have observed that a significant number of people who take part in these trips depart for home on Friday mornings without skiing that day, so we have priced the default package with a 4-day ski pass instead of 5 to reduce the cost of the base package. This lift ticket is valid any 4 of the 5 days (Monday-Friday), so it should also work well for those who expect to ski a day in the middle of the week to do other activities. The additional cost for a 5-Day lift package is shown on the front page of the fact sheet.

The second trip is to New Hampshire.

Where: Attitash Grand Summit Hotel, Bartlett, New Hampshire

When: Sunday March 5th to Friday March 10th 2017.

Package Description:

Attitash Grand Summit Hotel and Conference center 4 Full days of skiing valid Monday to Friday (Attitash & Wildcat)

Optional 5th day skiing 5 nights accommodation, Sunday - Thursday 5

Breakfasts Monday to Friday 4 Dinners

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

Welcome reception Monday evening

Complimentary Sunday afternoon ski and

Monday morning Mountain Tour.

Amenities: (Visitattitash.com for complete description of hotel) Health Club, Heated outdoor pool and Jacuzzi Rooms: Standard

(2Q bed), Studio (1 Q bed, kitchen), Studio

Deluxe (1 Q bed, 1Q sofa bed, kitchen), 1-

bedroom Deluxe suite (1 Q bed, 1 Q wall

bed, 1 Q sofa-bed, kitchen).



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Pricing(US\$ per person):

Single:US \$898

Double:US \$609

Triple (suite): US \$532

Quad (suite): US \$494

For 5-day ski ticket add US \$28.

Non-Skiers will pay US \$112 less.

Please complete the on-line Application before Friday December 23rd, 2016.

Note that all applicants must be SASC members (skiing or social). Members must provide their membership numbers prior to March 5.

Payment: First payment (50% deposit) is required by Friday December 30th 2016. Final payment is due Friday February 17th 2017. Payments must be in US funds by Bank Draft, Money Order, or by cheque DRAWN ON A US DOLLAR ACCOUNT. DO NOT use Canadian accounts for payments in US dollars. Payments should be made to SKI ATLANTIC SENIORS CLUB and mailed to Allan Jost at 9 Bowsprit Close, Bedford NS, B4A 4A3 for arrival by the due dates.

For further information or questions contact Allan at 902-835-8532, or by email: allan.jost@gmail.com .

Cancellation:

Deposit is non-refundable for cancellation after January 3, 2017. There is no refund for cancellations within 1 week of arrival.

To apply for the trip, use the on-line application form available from the Ski Trip

page of the club website.

Application Process:

We only require one application per room requested. If you have already listed your roommates on the application, the others do not need to apply separately.

You do not need to have your club membership in place when you apply for the trip, but before the actual trip date you must confirm that you have completed your membership by providing your new member number to the trip coordinator, preferably by email.

The Studio room has only a single Queen bed and is suitable for singles and couples. The other room types all have at least two beds (one of which may be a sofa-bed). Couples who prefer a particular room configuration should state that preference in the Comments box at the bottom of the form. There is a limited number of each room type available to our group, so it may not be possible to accommodate all requests.

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SASC GOLF TOURNAMENT

The SASC Golf Tournament took place at the Algonquin Resort in St Andrew, NB on September 20 2016. We had a total of 40 participants, 40 for dinner and 32 golfers.

From all reports, members had a wonderful time. The view from the golf course was spectacular with a panoramic view of the ocean. Some members came the day before and some stayed the next day, visited minister's Island and everything St. Andrews has to offer.

The buffet dinner was delicious and the breakfast the next morning was outstanding.

Rebecca was our contact person at the hotel and went out of her way to be helpful and accommodating. We will have \$1000 return to us which was a holding fee.

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Special thanks to Charlie for helping to coordinate the tournament and especially for handling the teams and the door prizes.

It was a successful tournament and a great way to meet with members before the snow flies. Congratulations to Cape Breton with an amazing 19 members participating in the tournament.

Judy Hawkins

SASC WENTWORTH MESSAGE

On October 8th and 9th, Wentworth celebrated Fall Festival of Colors.

On November 19th there will be an Open House and Buy/Sell/Trade ski.

Kell Antoft Day at Wentworth is tentatively set for January 19th. Members will be notified as soon as the date is confirmed. This date will also be placed on the SASC website.

SASC MARTOCK UPDATE

Kel Antoft Days will be held at Martock on January 17th, 2017.

Martock has undertaken lift and outside maintenance, more renovations to the lodge in the bar/Beavertails area as well as front siding and stucco and renovations to the back kitchen. They are ready for a great season!

SASC MONT FARLAGNE UPDATE

Kel Antoft Days will be celebrated at Mont Farlagne on February 16th.





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SASC/ASAA/GST/HST/LIABILITY INSURANCE

SASC is an associate member of the ASAA and as such was invited to attend their AGM held in Sussex, New Brunswick in late September, 2016.

The GST/HST issue is being reviewed and members will be updated as soon as information becomes available.

Liability Insurance is also being reviewed and information will be updated as soon as it becomes available.

It appears to be beneficial for the SASC to attend the ASAA AGM even though most of their sessions are not directly applicable to our issues. Our attendance shows that we are concerned and involved.

Attention All Members

You may consider submitting an article(s) to “Winter Words” that you think is of interest to the general readership. Articles can be sent to Robert MacDonald at golfbob5@hotmail.com

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