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of the  
Lexington  
Ski Club

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## LEXSKI MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

March 18, 2024 7:30 PM

[March Meeting](#)

Belmont Hill School – Chapel

April 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> (TBD)

[Wine Tasting](#)

Location TBD – Info Coming Soon!

## LEXSKI EVENTS

March 15, 2025

[Cannon BBQ – Slopeside, Cannon Mtn - Tuckerbrook Parking Area](#)

March 15, 2025

[Saint Patrick's Day Celebration at the Lodge](#)

July 25-27, 2025

[Baker-McCarthy Large Group](#)

Sept 5-7, 2025

[Butler Large Group](#)

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Spring skiing at it's best! There is so much snow left on the mountains that you can hardly tell that it is Spring and time to think about work weekends. Please reach out to Christian to volunteer to run one between April and November, it's a great way to get to know new and old members! Reminder that our elections are this month and we must have a quorum present (we'd actually really prefer a quorum at every meeting!). Another reminder, nearly two years ago we put tape on all of the skis and poles in the attic and in the basement, at the first work weekend of this season, we will be removing all skis and poles that have not had their tape removed from them. Hope to see everyone this weekend at the [Cannon barbeque](#) on Brookside and celebrate St. Patrick's day.

*Kristen Butler* ([President@LexSki.org](mailto:President@LexSki.org))

PRESIDENT

## LODGE REPORT

Not much time left to enjoy skiing this year. Get it while it lasts!

Please continue to keep an eye out for issues at the Lodge and let me know by email to [lodgechair@lexski.org](mailto:lodgechair@lexski.org) or file a report on the website (<https://www.lexski.org/repair-log>). You can even file a report for problems found and fixed, so we can keep track of issues and know who was involved in prior repairs.

## Lodge Committee Meetings

Do you know where the main water shutoff and the sprinkler shutoff are in the basement? Peter Hardman and I have given a few tours to newer folks at the club this Winter to show members where things are in the basement and how to operate the heat and other utilities. Look for more opportunities to learn how the Lodge systems work and where the emergency call list is etc. If you have been a member for a while and still don't know where everything is, let me know and we'll set up a tour.

The next tour will be on Saturday, March 22 after dinner.

### Work Weekends

No volunteers yet. The sooner folks volunteer, the easier it is for everyone to plan their Spring, Summer and Fall schedules. Don't be afraid to host a work weekend. It's easy and fun. Interested, but not sure? Reach out and we'll figure it out. Start booking now!

### Large Group Weekend Reservations (and procedures)

We have two reservations for the Summer already. Please bring any large group (15 or more) to me as soon as possible for approval so we can manage the calendar for Work Weekends and other events (Gran Fondo Weekend, Hiking Weekend, etc.)

### Lodge Calendar

Large Group Weekends

July 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> McCarthy / Baker Large Group

Sept 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Butler Large Group

### Work Weekends

May TBD

June TBD

July TBD

August TBD

September TBD

October TBD

November TBD



### Off-Season Member Events

Gran Fondo TBD

Hiking Weekend TBD

Christian Ehrbar ([lodgechair@lexski.org](mailto:lodgechair@lexski.org))

LODGE CHAIR

### SOCIAL REPORT

60th Anniversary Party will be happening on Sept 27th at the Woburn Country Club! Many thanks to the hard work and efforts of Betsy Stanford, Sue Gardner, Irene Gravina, and Jeanne Sebell. **If you're interested in helping with the details, please reach out to Betsy or Sue.**

**April Wine Tasting-** We're looking for a venue for the April Wine Tasting. Also, we typically hold this on Thursday or Friday. Good Friday is the 18th and school vacation is April 21-25th. The event will tentatively be scheduled for April 17th, but could be the 18th if the host prefers that date.

Remember, Twin Barns Brewing in Woodstock is having a "Ski Club Competition". If you're drinking at Twin Barns, let them know that you're part of the Lexington Ski Club, and they'll keep track of our overall consumption. If we beat out the other Ski Clubs, we win! (not certain what we win)

### Ski Weekend Fun at the Lodge!

**March 15/16- St. Patrick's Day-** Wear your green! Drink some Guinness! Irish Coffees anyone?

**March 15- Cannon BBQ-** Weather permitting, members will park cars near the slopes and set up music, grills, tables and food for a LexSki BBQ at Cannon! Dan Butler will be the organizer, reach out and ask him how you can help!

**Local Events-** Nothing currently, but if you're interested in planning an event, or helping generally, please let me know!

Marc Garrigus ([social@lexski.org](mailto:social@lexski.org))

SOCIAL CHAIR

## COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

We're looking forward to a fantastic [Cannon BBQ](#) and St. Patrick's Day Weekend at the club! The weather looks like it will be great! I'll be adding photos to the website, so if you take any that you'd like me to include, please send them along by email or text.

Leigh Schopp has taken on responsibility for maintaining the club's Instagram account. She'll be posting photos of club activities and events. Thanks, Leigh, for volunteering, and I look forward to seeing our IG page grow!

As I mentioned last month, Caren Connell and I have located some great old news articles about the club from the 1960's. During this year, our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I will continue to share these articles on the last page of the Yodeler. If you have other historical items that can be included in a future Yodeler, please let me know.

We have nearly full participation from the membership in the [Family Photo Directory](#). Prospective members are especially encouraged to submit a photo, so that we can put a face with your name. Please check out the updated photos, and if your family hasn't yet submitted a photo, please try to do so.

### LexSki Store

Steve Jahnes has been busy working with College Hype, a custom clothes logo company, to create some clothing and logo items for the membership to purchase. Steve asked me to include the following information about this project:

*We have been working with College Hype to assemble a few LexSki gear items! We hope to have a sweatshirt, t-shirt, and long-sleeved shirt, among a few other limited items.*

*With some editing, they have put together a digital version of the "club logo". There are several versions of the "club logo" based on looking at several documents, including the Yodeler, the handbook and the sign out front. The sign out front of the club is an image of Captain Parker, who looks like he got a little too close to the sun and has melted away (see the picture below). It is probably not the original artwork but a hand-cut sticker that someone copied. On the sign in front of the club, Captain Parker is holding a gun, like the statue in the center of Lexington.*

*From the last time we brought up logos, we heard from some of you that Captain Parker should be holding skis or that you remember him holding skis. This was similar to the artwork that is hanging on the wall in the bathroom between the fireplace and the dining room. Given this feedback, we worked with College Hype to create the new digital version of our logo below that is cleaned up and now has Captain Parker holding skis.*

*We would love constructive or historical feedback on this new digital version of the logo! College Hype requires us to buy 45 items with this logo, so we want people to like the designs and buy the items. Otherwise, we might have a problem with the limits.*



*The familiar logo on the Club Sign in front of the Lodge.*



*Proposed Logo Patch from College Hype*

*On the right is the new digital logo with Captain Parker holding skis instead of a gun. We are going to make Captain Parker a little bigger in this logo.*

*In addition to adding to the designs, we have also developed a logo that will go on the items as a small patch, like the front pocket of a shirt:*



*If all goes well, we should have the online store up and running soon for purchases!*

*-Steve Jahnes*

Kevin Baker ([info@lexski.org](mailto:info@lexski.org))

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

### **Membership Count:**

We currently have 51 active families, 2 derivative members and 3 alumni families.

### **2-Week Feedback Period:**

This month, the EBoard had the pleasure of meeting with three families who have fulfilled their monthly meeting attendance and lodge visit requirements. We're happy to share that they're all eager to join the community and the EBoard strongly recommends them for membership. If you have any comments during the two-week feedback period, please reach out to [membership@lexski.org](mailto:membership@lexski.org).

- **Alex and Hilda Rock** from Arlington, along with their two children, Torsten (6) and Otto (4), who are sponsored by the Pearlman and Connell families.
- **Bob and Emily Sayre** from Lexington, along with their two children, Henry (15) and William (12), who are sponsored by the Gelfand-Nichols and Fox families.
- **Derek and Dorothy Chiang** from Winchester, along with their two children, Sonia (8) and Hilary (6), who are sponsored by the Scholl and Brewer families.

### **Monthly Meeting Attendance**

The club thrives when members contribute actively. We ask that each family have at least one adult to attend meetings. Your involvement is essential to keeping the club strong. Joining committees is also a great way to get to know other members, weigh in on important decisions and contribute to our community.

### **Prospective Members**

The following are current prospective member families in process:

- **Bilton family:** Cassy, Gregory, Levi (10), Zachary (8) and Samuel (6); Sponsors: Cotran, TBD
- **Bennett family:** Andra, Matthew (15), Vlad (12), Madalina (7); Sponsors: Hardman, TBD
- **Cantoni family:** Adalberto, Laura, Giorgio (17); Sponsors: Chan, Fox
- **Giudice family:** Kate, Paul, Isley (8), Teddy (6); Sponsors: Fahy, TBD

- **Launer family:** Josh, Oksana, Maya (13), JJ (12), Claudia (8); Sponsors: Curtin, O'Donnell
- **Ledwig family:** Kavitha, Dave, Anna (8), Ella (6); Sponsors: Schopp, TBD
- **Wang family:** Guan, Tong, Lucas (7), Adrian (1); Sponsors: Darcy, TBD

### Sponsors Needed

We still need additional sponsors, as indicated by the TBDs above. As prospective families request their second visit and we see who will be at the lodge on a given weekend, I may reach out to you (if you are not already sponsoring) and ask if you would consider sponsoring. It would be great to guide as many prospectives through the process as possible before the season ends. Newer members who joined mid-season are now reaching their one-year mark and are eligible to sponsor too. Many thanks to those who have already sponsored this season and those who are currently sponsoring!

Caren Connell [membership@lexski.org](mailto:membership@lexski.org)

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

### TREASURER REPORT

TDBank Checking:	\$ 2,572.19
TDBank Savings:	
Capital Improvement (>10K)	\$ 39,724.56
Capital Improvement Donations	\$ 2,403.00
Emergency Fund (>35K)	\$ 43,500.00
Operating MM Account	\$ 35,449.16
Total TDBank Savings	\$121,076.72
Total All TDBank Accounts	<u>\$123,648.91</u>

### Finance Committee

In preparation for the annual budgeting process, I am gathering volunteers for the finance committee. The committee generally meets once, during April, to compose the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. This is a fantastic opportunity for newer members to better understand club finances and provide input into the future direction of the Club. A key component to next year's budget will be the beginning of a longer-term capital improvement plan. Many of you have shared such positive feedback on the improvements over the past few years that I'd like to build a greater element of ongoing improvements into budgets which will allow us to create a schedule of future projects which can be funded. As usual, there is absolutely no finance experience required to be a member of the committee!

### Year to Date Spending

I had hoped to be able to share a draft with this month's Yodeler, however, am still working on finalizing some numbers. Please anticipate a discussion a more formal report at the upcoming membership meeting related to current year to date spending vs. budget.

### Accountant

I have begun actively interviewing new candidates to serve as our accountant beginning next year (July 1<sup>st</sup>). I've received a referral from the QuickBooks consultant we've used in the past as well as a member (Thank you Steve Canham). If anybody knows of other individuals that we should consider, please feel free to share their information with me.

Chris White ([treasurer@lexski.org](mailto:treasurer@lexski.org))

TREASURER

### SECRETARY REPORT

At the January meeting, the e-board proposed changing the by-laws so that there are no medical excuses from work weekend requirements. Members must either complete the work weekend requirement or pay the work weekend buyout fee. Reason: The medical excuse was appropriate when there was no buyout option. Many of the recent medical excuses came up at the very end of the work weekend schedule. Members who wish to avoid the buyout fee should attend one of the earlier work weekends to avoid an injury hampering their plans. The membership discussed this proposal.

**The proposed wording for this change is as follows: (text to remove is in red)**

Members whose conduct is unbecoming at any Club function will be subject to suspension or expulsion on recommendation of the Membership Committee to the Executive Board or by the Executive Board on its own motion, by the vote of a majority of the Executive Board. ~~Failure to complete a work weekend without prior consent from the Lodge Chair or the Executive Board is to be considered grounds for membership suspension or expulsion.~~ The conduct of guests will be deemed the conduct of their accompanying or sponsoring members.

**Additionally: The lodge rules would be changed as follows: (added wording is in highlight)**

2.1 Members must complete their work weekend obligation by December 1 **or pay the buyout fee.**

~~2.2—Members may be excused from the work weekend requirement for good cause with the approval from the Lodge Chair or Executive Committee. Members must notify the Lodge Chair and/or the Executive Committee in writing of their need for such consideration prior to the last work weekend of the fall season.~~

The e-board also proposed changing the minimum age of derivative members from 25 to 21. Reason: When the Junior Membership age was changed from (18 to almost-21) to (21 to almost-25), the goal was to leave everything else unaffected. Cindy found one edge case that was negatively affected: A family is a member in the club for a number of years and resigns from the club when one of their children is age 20; Let's name him "Sam". (Imagine they are moving out of New England). One to three years later, Sam moves back to New England and wants to join the club as a Derivative member. Back when Junior Memberships were for ages [18-21], the minimum age for a Derivative Member was 21, so Sam could join. When we changed the Derivative Membership to be for ages [21-25], we also raised the minimum age for Derivative Membership to 25, thinking about the expected most common case of a family keeping membership through the adult child going through ages [18-25] and the adult becoming a Derivative Member at age 25 or older. We did not think about the edge case illustrated by "Sam", and "Sam" is not allowed to join until he reaches age 25.

Making this change does mean that age (21-24) children of current club members have the option of both Junior Membership and Derivative Membership. The assumption is that they will choose the Junior Membership option, as it is much cheaper and does not have a work weekend requirement. (Chris White says he is very happy to take the check of any young member who would like to pay the larger fee and have the work weekend responsibility.)

The membership discussed this proposal.

**The proposed wording for this change is as follows: (text to remove is in red, added text is highlighted)**

**B. Derivative Membership:** An unmarried person who is ~~twenty-one (21)~~ **twenty-five (25)** years of age or older at the start of the Club's fiscal year, has been a member for at least one fiscal year immediately after turning 18 to 24, and is interested in skiing, is eligible for Derivative Membership and may attain membership when approved in the manner designated.

**Both proposals will be discussed and voted on at the March membership meeting.**

Motel 5 has a new curtain at the top of the front door that covers the half circle window at the top of the door to keep out most of the light from the motion-controlled camera near the door. The curtain also includes three straps with velcro that allow one to put the curtain up. To put the curtain up, accordion fold the curtain up to the desired height and then use the straps to secure it in place.

There is, once again, a notebook for recording maintenance issues in the office, because the on-line log is having technical difficulties. (Having the notebook allows midweek skiers to tackle some issues; many thanks to Tom McCarthy for fixing the hallway door to room 10 to stay closed!) Please also report any issues to the lodge chair via e-mail.

Cindy Darcy ([secretary@lexski.org](mailto:secretary@lexski.org))

SECRETARY



## A Few Turns Down Memory Lane:

Some Lex Ski history, courtesy of Caren Connell:

An article from the March 10, 1966 edition of the Lexington Minute-Man newspaper, mentioning the Lexington Ski Club several times. Congratulations to Sue Hammer and Lynn Alberts, who came in first during the club's January 1966 Saturday race at Mittersill! The competition was no doubt fierce, with 35 LexSki youngsters racing!

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team, such talented performers as Karen Witte, Linda Duval and Judy Nichols will be featured.

The show is sponsored by the Varsity Club, a service organization which consists of all the lettermen in the school. All proceeds of the show will go to the Varsity Club scholarship fund.

Tickets may be purchased from any member of the boys' or girls' team, from the Varsity Club or from Foster's in Lexington Center.

## Snow - Ho

by Richard Ballou  
(call 862-2763 evenings with ski news items)

A new organization of New Hampshire ski areas called the "White Mountains 93 Association" should prove to be quite a boon to Lexington skiers beginning next year. The group is made up of the ski areas, restaurants, motels, and other business groups lining a 45 mile section of Interstate Rt. 93 from Plymouth to Littleton, N.H.

Ski areas in the association include Cannon Mtn. and Mittersill in Franconia, N.H., Waterville Valley in Waterville, N.H., and Tenney Mtn. near Plymouth, N.H. Also in the plans of the organization is a new ski area slated to open in the fall of 1966 on Loon Mtn. in Lincoln, N.H.

Mt. Agassiz in Bethlehem, N.H., long a summer resort, is planning ski trails and the construction of a monorail and will be opening next season, too.

Starting next season interchangeable tickets will be offered by the ski areas in the organization. These tickets are a great advantage to skiers who like to save money and still ski at many different areas. They will also afford a better chance of finding good conditions and conditions that suit a skier's particular tastes on each day of a ski week. The main emphasis of the program will be to attract vacation and weekday skiers to the area.

Lexington skiers will find the services offered by this organization very convenient to them, since Route 3 and the new Interstate 93 make the trip from Lexington to Plymouth N.H. over virtually all super-highways. Especially benefited by the conveniences will be members of the Lexington Ski Club whose lodge is in North Woodstock, N.H., right in the middle of White Mountains 93 country.

The area covered by the White Mountains 93 Association is rapidly becoming one of the biggest aggregations of major ski areas in the East. The expansion began a few years back at Cannon Mtn. in Franconia, N.H., where two double chairlifts, two T-bars,

and numerous trails have been added during recent summers.

Tenney Mtn. in Plymouth, N.H., has grown in the past 14 months from a small area open only on weekends to a major ski area with a 6000-foot double chairlift and a 1300 foot vertical rise.

The development on 3075-foot Loon Mtn. is about two miles East of Lincoln, N.H. on the Kancamagus Highway, and about four miles from the ski lodge of the Lexington Ski Club.

Loon Mtn. will have a 6900-foot Gondola servicing numerous trails, and has long been the dream of Sherman Adams, former governor of New Hampshire, right hand man of President Eisenhower, and a lifelong resident of Lincoln. The summit of the mountain affords excellent views of the Pemigewasset Wilderness and the Presidential Range, and the Gondolas will operate summers for tourists. Two mountain-top ponds, Big Loon and Little Loon, will offer added scenic pleasure.

Mt. Agassiz has been the location of a summer sight-seeing railroad for many years, but next summer will see the clearing of the first ski trails. Servicing the trails will be a Monorail of the same type exhibited at the

Seattle World's Fair and at Disneyland.

The final site of expansion this summer will be at Waterville Valley in Waterville, N. H. The new construction will be on 4004-foot Mt. Tecumseh, where four chairlifts will be erected for next season. The trails serviced by the lifts will average two miles in length, yet the lifts will have the highest base elevations in the East. The owner and designer of these new facilities in Waterville Valley is Tom Corcoran, member of the 1956 and 1960 Olympic ski teams.

New Hampshire areas are conducting a survey, which is receiving lively, in fact, almost unanimous response from skiers patronizing those areas. The areas are trying to determine what kind of snow condition reports skiers would like to have, and the skiers are making it emphatically clear that they are concerned.

Cannon Mountain in Franconia, N.H., a huge, state-operated area, is serving as the clearing house for returns.

"We hope to get a clear picture of what the skier wants," Cannon manager Bill Norton said. "That's better than just knowing what the

area operator thinks the skier wants. This way the skier is getting a chance to speak for himself."

Skiers are being asked to check what they regard as the most significant information--depth of snow surface descriptions -- packed powder, granular, icy; descriptive adjectives -- excellent, good, fair, poor; amount of new snow; number and type of lifts operating.

The questionnaire also asks "Where do you live? Do you rate yourself intermediate, expert, novice? How many days a season do you usually ski? Where do you most frequently obtain snow reports--newspapers, radio, TV, snow phones?"

The N.H. operators believe the survey could lead to improvements in the present reporting systems.

The Lexington Ski Club will hold ski races on Saturday, March 19 at the Mittersill Ski Area for all of its members. The adults will race in two age groups while the children

will be divided into four age groups. The club also held races for the children in January when about 35 youngsters competed. A correction should be noted to the results of those races which were printed at the time. Sue Hammer, 13, of 15 Fiske rd., was the winner of her age group and also had the fastest time of all the girls, and Lynn Alberts, 16, of 1308 Mass. ave., had the best time for her age group.

Rich Davis of 314 Concord ave., Harry Terkanian of 352 Concord ave., and Jock McDonald of 17 Grassland st., skied last Saturday at Sugarloaf U.S.A. in Kingfield, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cotty, Jr., and children, Cathy-Ann, Debbie, Richard and Tommy skied this past Washington's birthday vacation week at Gunstock Mt. in Laconia, N.H. Miss Nancy Cady was Cathy-Ann's guest.

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