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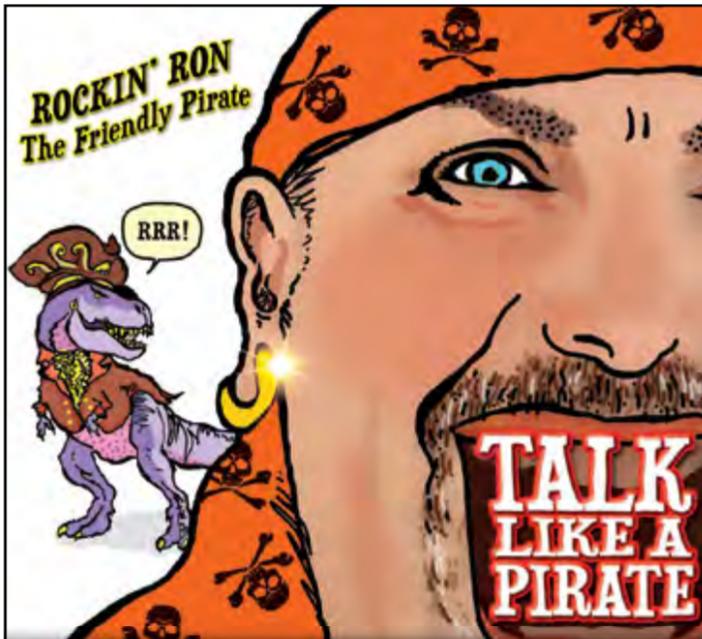
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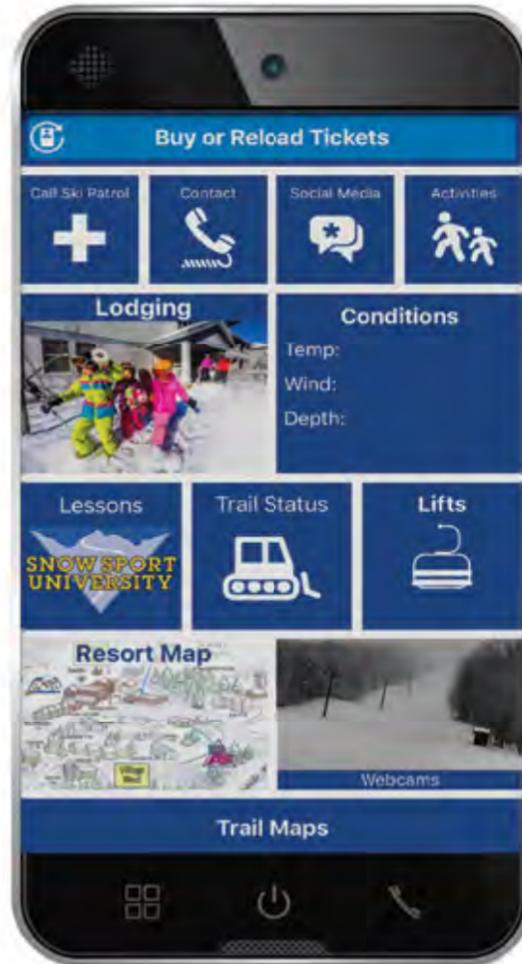


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WELCOME

Welcome to Smugglers' Notch Resort! We're so happy you chose us for your wintertime memory-making.

As we head into our 63rd season this winter, I've been reflecting a lot on how far we've really come. Since our inception in 1956, Smugglers' has grown tremendously from a place to simply share a love for sliding on snow, to the one we now know and love. A place where we share this love with generations to come. Now, every trip to Smugglers' is an opportunity to hand to our children and their children something that has become so important that we're willing to do whatever it takes to shift our families into our temporary "home" here on the mountain annually.

Did you know that this marks the 15th season Smugglers' has received the top family award in the industry? Back when we introduced family-forward programming in the mid-70s, we never realized how important it really is to foster this love in the youth. A trip to Smugglers' is far more than simply a ski trip to one of the most fantastic mountains on the earth. It's a collection of first times, memories made, and experiences shared.

Every moment of our lives crafts our memories and carves our futures. In this issue of EXPLORE Smuggs, we offer you a new collection of stories. You'll read a great piece about mountain local Matt McCawley's experience and how things have shifted dramatically for him this season. You'll learn of a fun après activity you've likely not thought of before, with Jacqueline Daub's list of innovative ways to sweeten up dessert time. Hear from long-time group trip leader Paul Macala, on 25 years of organizing one of Smugglers' largest annual group trips, Griffin Hospital Group. Or, take a ride-along in a snowcat with grooming manager Arlo Pouliot, and learn more about these mystical mountain creatures of the night. If that's not enough, hear about how one family chose to set aside their electronic distractions for the sake of togetherness in Josh Briggs' piece on Unplugging at Smuggs.

I hope these stories help to inspire you this winter season. I hope you leave Smugglers' this time around grateful for the opportunities to carve each memory, chiseling a place in your heart for each and every one. I know my children still mention moments from their childhood at Smugglers', and their children alike. I hope the same rings true for you!

Enjoy this magazine and feel free to pass it along. Help tell your family's story by tagging your content with #smuggslove this season, and please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your stay more enjoyable.

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Bill Stritzler
Owner and managing director

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LEAVING *new tracks*

by Matt McCawley

"We're ready for you." The nurse said as she peeped her head into a brightly lit medical waiting/delivery room. I stood up, cloaked in a very sterile paper-like fabric suit, complete with a head net and little booties. I followed the nurse down a corridor, heart racing, completely and totally emotionally drunk, my steps shuffled as if my feet were in ski boots in the upper parking lot in April. We then entered a big operating room, computer screens flashing and beeping, with tubes and wires hanging in a myriad of directions. In the middle of the room was my wife, Kate. She flashed a thoroughly medicated smile as I was led to her side. Then, literally seconds later—"Here he is!" The Surgeon exclaimed as she handed the screaming, wriggling, alien-like creature to one of the waiting nurses. I stood up and cautiously approached the small receiving table as a nervous yet overjoyed sensation came over my body in a way I had never experienced before. I leaned over the table and looked down upon my son, Micah, laying there, moving his arms and legs in the open air for the first time. Taking his first tiny breaths, filling his lungs for the first time. Tears rolled down my face as I reached out to touch his brittle baby body, but before I could get there, he reached out to me and grabbed onto my index finger, his tiny extremities unable to wrap around it. The grip was much stronger than I would have expected, but I knew instantly that this was absolutely what love feels like. Seconds later, our daughter was born.

First time experiences can be good, bad, happy, sad, minor, or life-changing, like the births of our children. Sometimes we get to experience these firsts pretty regularly. Other times, these occurrences are few and far between. The key is to appreciate and learn from these experiences, to try to live a more fulfilled life. So, let's recognize and celebrate a few of those, with a little bit of a Smugglers' Notch twist.

I started working on this article in October, amidst hardwoods glowing with vivid reds, oranges, and yellows. Excitement and anticipation for the upcoming ski season was growing daily. Exactly one year ago I had these same feelings, looking forward to the first snow of the year, being able to hike up Sterling prior to the lifts running for those first turns. I craved that first lift ride and being able to break out my



fresh new skis to see if I remembered how to bend them. I could not wait to feel fresh snow splashing onto my body and face after diving deep into a weightless powder turn (which didn't take long, as we were skiing powder in the middle of November last year). I was ready to do what I loved most, ski!

Fast forward one year, and oh how things can change. The landscape of my entire lifestyle has completely shifted and has me moving into this ski season with a new point of view. My wife and I just hit the acceleration pedal in our lives, as we purchased our first house, right before welcoming our twins Micah and Cassidy into the world. My new perspective sends me into this year with different expectations alongside a new appreciation for this beautiful place where I live and ski -- and watching my children grow up in it is the icing on the cake.

Upon closer examination, every day you go skiing, from day one until your last, you do something for the first time. On day one you put on those clunky plastic boots and make your first steps. You have a pile of equipment you need to carry and you have to figure out how to grapple with it all. Then you step onto the snow for the first time and it pushes away underneath you almost like sand, or if it's hardpack, it feels like you're wearing ice skates. Day one is absolutely chock full of first-time feelings and sensations, but now let's think down the road a bit. How about the first time you ride a chair lift, being lifted up off the ground similar to a carnival ride, the mechanical squeaks and groans of the towers and cable interrupting the winter morning silence. That first time you ski a black diamond, adrenaline pumping, back of the head thoughts asking you, "What were you thinking?" And the hesitation of first letting your equipment point down the fall line. Then that first time your kids ski better than you. As a ski instructor, I get to experience firsts daily with a morning ride up the lift and a run of choice back down. Then I get to watch guests having their first experiences on the mountain, that joy and pride they exhibit, that's what keeps me coming back.

My life right now is a nonstop first experience. I've had to learn how to change diapers and make bottles. I've had my children smile because they recognize

me, and laugh when I ask them, "who's chunky?" I've been pooped and peed on, and had to clean full-body covering blowouts. I've had to soothe an upset child and struggled with not knowing what exactly is wrong. Kate and I dipped their toes into the Atlantic Ocean and had to let go when we dropped them off for the first time at daycare. Most recently they have been able to experience fall in Vermont, with trips apple picking, going to the pumpkin patch, and everyone wanting to give them their first Halloween costume. Almost all of these experiences could only happen once, and that's why, for the first time, the urge to be home with family is overwhelming.

Looking forward, I get so excited to share the skiing experience with my children. I can't wait to see that uncomfortable yet thrilled look in their eyes when they first glide on two skis; to hear them tell me how much they love being on the snow; to watch them smell a cup of hot chocolate when we come in to warm up our toes on a cold day; to feel mutual stoke together the night before a surefire powder day, lining up all our gear so we can get a good spot in the upper parking lot before the first chair. It will also be very interesting to finally be on the parent-side of the handoff at ski school. I have lots of experience being the instructor, and I know that each and every child in front of me will be safe and have fun. Now to be on the other side to wonder and worry, but also be excited for their opportunity, as they slide off with a kids' instructor, who has a nickname like Taco, Jimmy Jam, or Princess Pam. This is my new chapter of skiing, a whole new chapter of firsts, and I couldn't be more thrilled.

By taking a closer look at how first experiences intertwine with my life I've learned a number of things. One is to appreciate these experiences because they come with the uncertainties of when they will happen, and whether they will happen ever again.

The next thing is encouragement. I want to encourage everyone to go out and make or have a first experience. I can't wait to encourage my children to try something, especially while skiing.

A quick high five, fist bump or other innocent display of affection can go a long way when it comes to **celebrating first times and making lasting memories.**



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Matt in his natural habitat



Ski film guru, Warren Miller says,
“If you don’t do it this year, you’ll be one year older when you do.”

I feel like this quote is subtle encouragement to go and try something, and oftentimes that’s all it takes to make a lifelong memory.

Finally, and the best part, is celebration. Whenever anyone accomplishes or achieves something for the first time, it needs to be praised. A quick high five, fist bump, or other innocent display of affection can go a long way when it comes to celebrating first times and making lasting memories. What’s important about celebration is that it’s almost always fun, and that’s what we all want to associate with skiing, our children, and life... FUN.

So this winter, go out and appreciate a first time experience. Try cross country skiing or snowshoeing,

ride a snowmobile, or learn how to snowboard at night. Ski a different trail, demo a pair of brand new skis or hire a mountain guide to tour you around. The options for a first-time experience are only limited by your actions and choices. Just remember to encourage discovery, support the adventure, and celebrate that you and your family are having a mountain experience right here at Smugglers’ Notch.

Matt McCawley grew up right here in Jeffersonville, Vermont, and has been working for Smugglers’ Notch since his first summer job some 20 years ago. He currently lives with his family a few miles down the road, continues to work full time for Snow Sport University, coaches big mountain freeskiing on weekends for the Smugglers’ Notch Ski and Snowboard Club, and runs his own painting business to fill out the calendar year. In his spare time, you’ll find him changing lots and lots of diapers.

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S'mores aren't just for summertime anymore. After a long day of skiing or riding in the great outdoors, creating indoor s'mores as an after-dinner activity in your home is the perfect way for your family to gather at the end of the day.

by Jacqueline Daub

The word s'more is thought to be a contraction of "some more," because the treats are so darn irresistible!

GET CREATIVE WITH YOUR CHOCOLATE

Creamy milk chocolate is the classic choice for this treat. But, creating the ultimate s'more requires something more ... like a square of extra dark chocolate, a piece of an organic salted caramel bar, a square of spicy chocolate, or even a slice of a Lake Champlain Chocolate Five Star Bar®. After all, better ingredients make better s'mores.

UPGRADE TO GOURMET MARSHMALLOWS

If you are feeling particularly inspired, why not try making your own marshmallows? Get creative by making different flavors and even use cookie cutters to make distinctive shapes. If the idea of making your own marshmallows seems a little too daunting, pick up a bag at the Country Store.

SPREAD S'MORE ON

Why stop with chocolate, marshmallows, and graham crackers?! Add another dimension to your s'mores by spreading protein-packed peanut butter, hazelnut spread, or even caramel on your graham crackers. We promise the results will be out of this world.

DON'T FORGET THE FRUIT

Be sure that your indoor s'mores bar includes fruit, like apples, bananas, or strawberries. Not only do they add an Instagram-worthy pop of color, but chocolate and fruit is a classic combination that is simply irresistible. Tag your photos with #smuggslove and let's watch the likes pour in.

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The Merriam-Webster dictionary suggests the first known use of the word "s'more" was in 1974.



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BRING THE BACON

Bacon?! Yes, bacon. Let your guests be daring with their s'mores. The salty, slight smokiness of the bacon provides an extraordinary complement to the chocolate's sweetness. Believe us, this salty-sweet combination is a match made in s'mores heaven.

MAKE THEM MINI S'MORES

Let's face it, chocolate s'mores can be messy. If you're concerned about the kids getting too sticky, make your s'mores components smaller and bite-sized. With s'mores this delicious, your family is going to want to try them all. Bite-sized s'mores allow everyone to sample a multitude of flavor combinations without getting too stuffed.

GATHER YOUR STICKS

The last item left to gather is your marshmallow roasting sticks. Maybe it's the Vermonter in us, but we love the tried and true method of sourcing our wooden sticks from trees. If traditional sticks aren't your thing, you can always use fondue forks for roasting.

HOW TO ROAST S'MORES INDOORS

No campfire? No problem. Kids will love trying something new and roasting marshmallows in your oven. Just make sure to use a sheet pan and line with foil to avoid a hot sticky mess!

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Now that you've gathered all of your s'mores components, it's time to lay them all out. Arrange the ingredients on a variety of small plates and bowls. The key is to highlight your selection of ingredients by mixing textures and colors.

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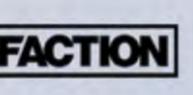
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Zen

and the Art of Organizing a Smugglers' Notch Group Trip

by Paul Macala & Gina Wrinn

Picture this: it was a cold and snowy January of 1996 in Derby, CT. The kind of cold that makes you want to stay inside for the rest of eternity. With so little to do in Connecticut during weather like this, I couldn't shake the thought of skiing in more favorable conditions from my mind. At this point, what else would a skier of 60-plus years do but organize a ski club for his employer?! Never did I think, as a member of Griffin Hospital's G.R.E.A.T. Committee, that this one-off social activity would blossom into the time-honored, largest organized ski trip on the East Coast, which it is today!

Even though I worked at Ski Mount Southington since 1980 (and still do today), I had never organized a ski club or ski trip. It was "learn as you go!" Very quickly I realized that employees with their families and friends had an incredible interest in the sport of skiing; our club averaged over 120 skiers every Saturday night at our local ski areas! In January of 1996, I canvassed the club about interest in doing an annual ski weekend event. I gathered a group of very interested participants and threw around some ideas. We decided to inquire into the northern Vermont ski resorts about availability, accommodations, and pricing. Only Smugglers' Notch went above and beyond to encourage our group to try Smuggs. Surprised? Probably not likely. An energetic and charismatic gentleman named John "Kup" Kuprianchik called me at home to discuss this potential trip. We talked for an hour about skiing and much more. He invited me and one other to make a trip to Smuggs and check out the Village, the mountain, and the wonderful ski-in/ski-out accommodations. We were sold and presented a plan for our loyal club members. We booked a weekend in March 1996 and had 38 guests on that first trip.

How best to begin a career in ski trip management you ask? Simple: arrive to 36 inches of fresh powder, stay in luxurious condos that are ski-in/ski-out, get treated like royalty, and be embraced by the Smuggs motto: "We want you back!" Boy did I look like an organizational genius. So, in the fall of 1996, we began canvassing the group about their wishes for the next season's weekend trip. There was a 100% positive response to

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return to Smugglers', and we doubled our numbers to 85 guests. We canvassed again the next fall and saw the same response, plus an additional 120 guests. There has never since been a need to canvass the group about the next season's trip. For the past seven years, our trip in February has been near or over 1000 guests.

A few years ago, I found myself sitting at breakfast with the director of Group Sales, Rob Aiken, and Smugglers' owner and managing director, Bill Stritzler. A very curious Bill asked, "How do you get this many people on your trip?" My answer was swift and simple, "I don't, Bill. You do."

Our Griffin marketing strategy is, "Word of mouth continues to work!" The staff at Smugglers' is so well trained, from Guest Service staff to housekeepers, lift attendants, instructors, and beyond, it's amazing the courtesies that are extended and how welcomed our guests are made to feel, year after year. They get the beauty of Smugglers' Notch and continue to encourage their friends and family to enjoy it all with us.

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Paul Macala is grand-pap of 8, great grand-pap of 2, proud dad, and husband who loves nature, his friends, and family. You'll always find him outside, be it hiking the Grand Canyon, at a bonfire in his backyard, skiing the local slopes (and, of course, Smugglers' Notch). His sidekick, Gina Wrinn joined his efforts 15 years ago and together they delight in the annual Griffin trip, bringing joy to so many families each year.



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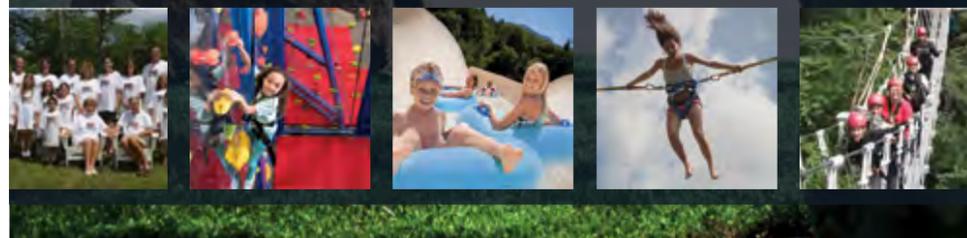
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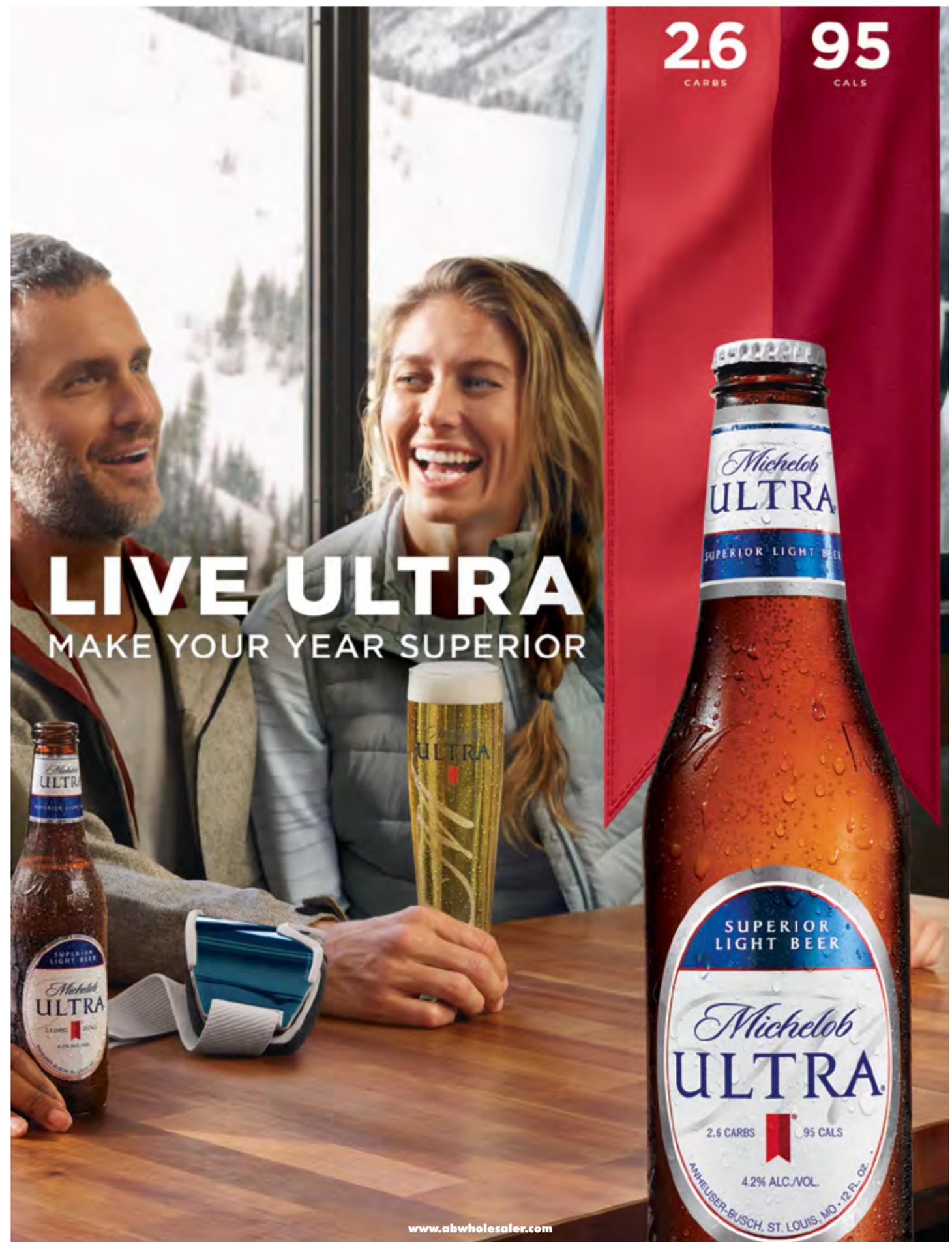
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by Mike Chait



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ANATOMY OF A SNOWCAT



Arlo Pouliot, Smugglers' Grooming Manager, begins his shift each day by surveying the mountain conditions. A few fast, fun runs on his skis usually does the trick. Gathering a general idea of what will need to happen overnight for resurfacing, he heads to the mountain garage to meet with grooming shift supervisor Jason Cushing, the senior patroller on shift, alongside the directors of mountain operations. After briefly swapping stories of snowy victories

from the day's runs, the meeting of the minds quickly shifts to business. Discussing necessary machine maintenance, planning the best angle of attack on the grooming report, and determining the trails that will be resurfaced as opposed to left in full mogul-glory, the bosses break and focus on performing their routines. By now, it's 5:00 pm and crews are ready with coffee in hand, machines are greased and warmed up, and the magic is about to happen.

SNOW CAT

A snowcat (informally called a "piste basher" in the United Kingdom) is a tracked vehicle equipped in front with a shovel or dozer blade and behind with a tiller (or roller). It is usually driven by diesel engines. When the machine drives over a snowfield, it pushes snow ahead of it and, at the same time, smooths out any surface unevenness.

A lot of questions seem to surface regarding these behemoth machines. Grooming is a calculated operation that requires a great deal of skill and a tremendous investment. Since most of the grooming

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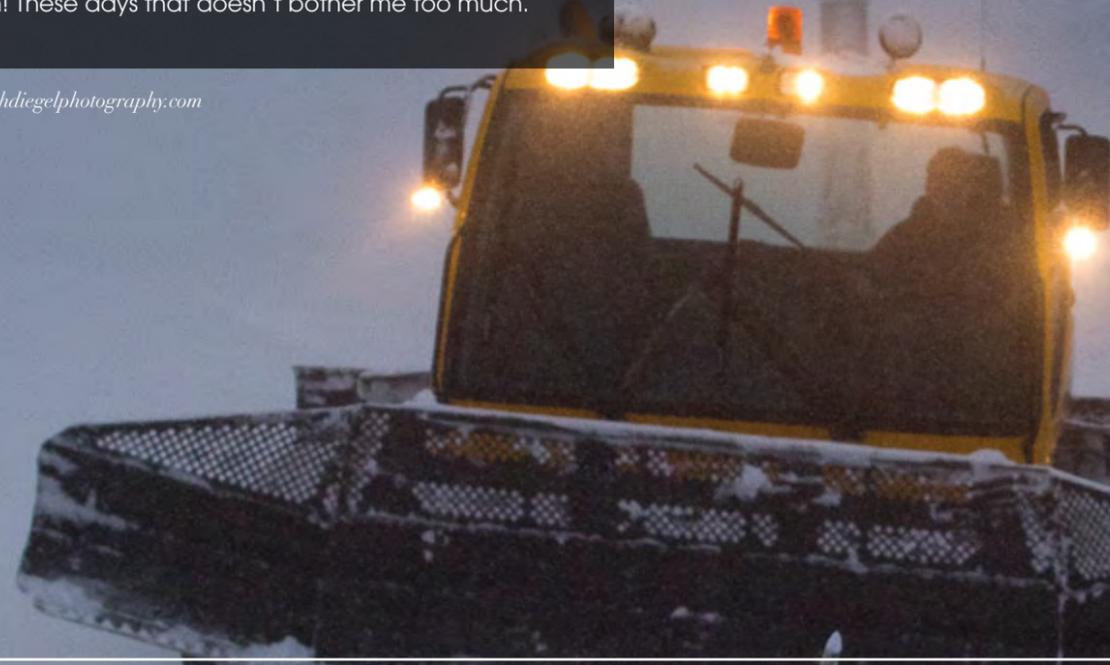
Arlo, with an average curb weight of over 20,000 pounds, and measuring around 30 feet in length and 14 feet wide, how often do those big things get stuck?

Arlo: Not very often. Sometimes with heavy snowfall, an operator can get too close to the edge, and get sucked off the side of the trail. That usually requires some tree cutting and a couple of extra cats to pull it back out. The other thing that happens in snowmaking piles, is an operator gets greedy and tries to push too much wet snow. In that case, if they can't push the snow and don't back off the sticks the tracks can spin down and the machine gets hung up on the underside, like being stuck on an island. Usually a rookie mistake.

Those machines can climb up a slope of up to 45 degrees. First off, that just sounds crazy to me. Do you ever become uneasy driving snowcats on a steeper run such as Upper FIS or Smuggs Alley?

Arlo: Generally the snowcats we run, which are manufactured by a company named Prinoth, can ascend/descend 45-degree slopes. The machines are also generally capable of side-hilling (driving across) 37-degree slopes. Some of the factors that change those capabilities are temperature, snowfall, ice, rain, and the experience of the operator with any particular machine. Generally speaking, we try to keep "free groomers" off trails like Upper FIS and Smuggs Alley. That's where a winch cat comes into play. The winch cat is equipped with a 24,000 pound winch with up to 3,000 feet of cable and a boom that rotates 360 degrees, similar to a crane. This allows us to groom steeper trails like Upper FIS with much more efficiency, productivity, and safety. The winch pulls the cat up the mountain and lowers it back down. When I first started 15 years ago, steep pitches with loose snow and a 200-yard slide down would have given me an adrenaline rush! These days that doesn't bother me too much.

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What gets my blood pumping is being in the winch on top of snowmaking whales and knowing that even a winch has its limitations. That and the fear of the cable breaking on me, which has been known to happen. That's why it's important to steer clear when you see the sign warning of snowcats working on a closed trail.

Although we don't see you out on the hill much in the daytime, do you ever need to assist ski patrol with rescues?

A: It is definitely there as an option if need be. Usually, though, Ski Patrol has that under control.

What's the most important job of a snowcat operator?

Arlo: The most important job of a snowcat operator is to consistently provide safe, skiable surfaces. Period.

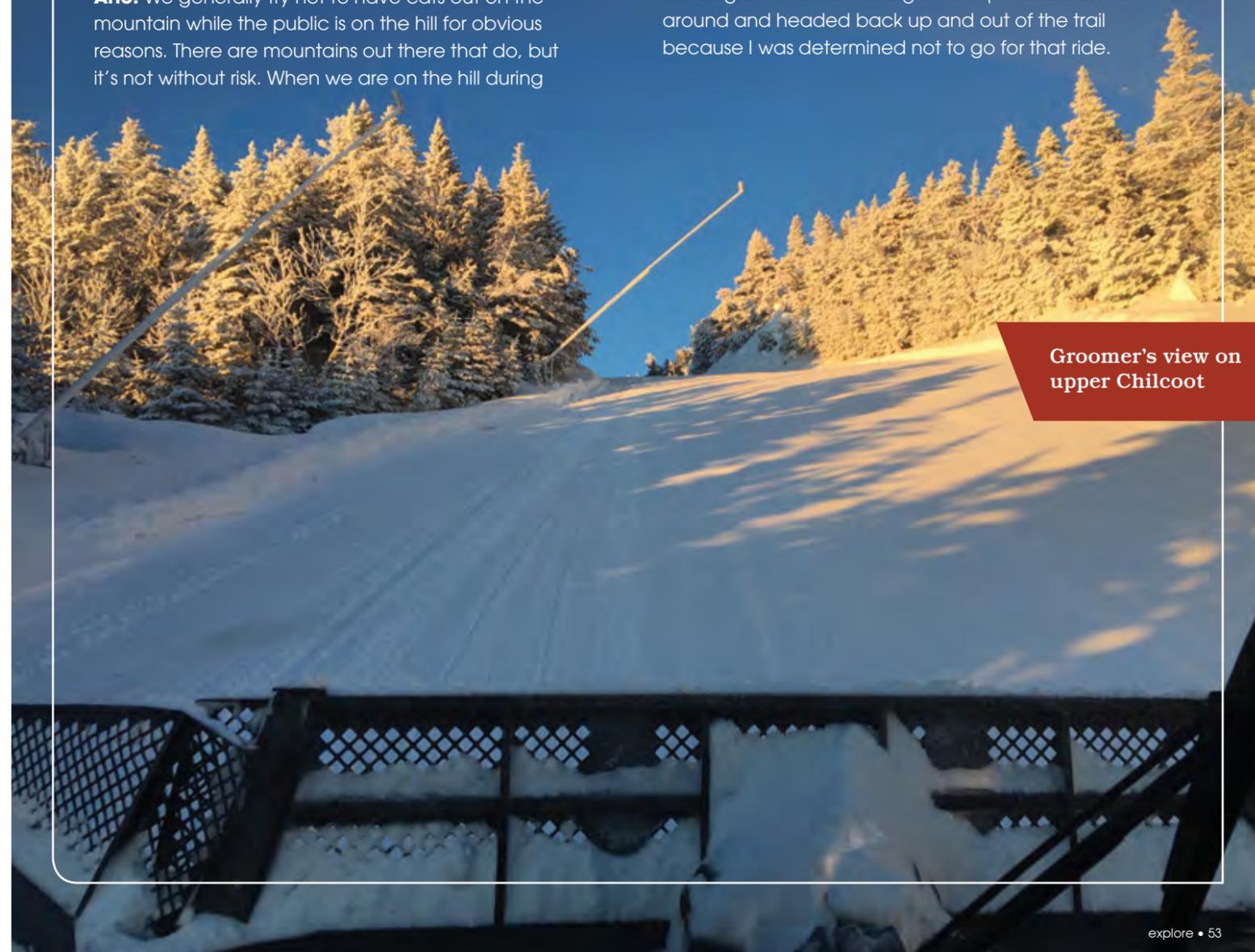
Do you ever come out and groom the mountain during powder days to smooth all the fresh snow back out?

Arlo: We generally try not to have cats out on the mountain while the public is on the hill for obvious reasons. There are mountains out there that do, but it's not without risk. When we are on the hill during

operating hours, it is usually for park builds or trail restoration. In those situations, we close the trails off to the public. If you see that sign indicating snowcats are on the closed trail ahead, please steer clear!

What's the wildest thing you've ever seen while running a cat?

Arlo: The wildest thing I have ever seen on the hill was when I first started grooming at Smugglers'. I was following 3 veteran operators. We were headed to groom Bootlegger with free groomers. I watched the first operator drop over the ledge and manage to leave a nice clean pass down through. The next operator headed down through and immediately started sliding and didn't stop until he hit the bottom of the pitch. The third and most experienced operator headed over and the same happened to him as the second operator, except in this case, the cat was headed for a tree. He used the end of his pushing blade to deflect the cat and hit the tree and spun 360 degrees before coming to a stop. I then turned around and headed back up and out of the trail because I was determined not to go for that ride.



Groomer's view on upper Chilcoat

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With all the sculpted learning terrain the Snow Sport University coaches have been using in recent years to help people feel comfortable trying something new, how has the role of the snowcat operator changed? Do you work together to create these features? How does that relationship work?

Arlo: Yes terrain-based learning has changed the mindset of how we build features all over the mountain. They have ideas and we discuss how best to execute them. Sometimes ideas just aren't viable, so in that case, it's back to the drawing board to come up with another idea that works better. Some of it is trial and error. If it doesn't work, we come up with something that will. A lot of the time, keeping things simple is best. It does take an operator that has the right mindset and is ready to take the time to sculpt the feature. Creating terrain for people to enjoy takes a lot of thought so the end result is both effective and safe.

Lastly, if our readers would like to check out one of these mighty machines, what would you suggest?

Arlo: Since we try to discourage people from getting close to our snowcats when they're traveling around, by far the best way to check them out would be to sign up for one of our Cat Trax Tours! Guests get to

ride in a heated cabin on the back of a snowcat, to the top of Madonna, or they can watch the Thursday night fireworks from the top of Morse! It's a great way to experience what the driver feels when climbing steep terrain, but not to worry, the tours stick to Smugglers' more modest terrain.

So, there you have it. The inside scoop on snow grooming. The level of skill this crew holds, both individually and as a team, is admirable, to say the least. As with all of Smugglers' Mountain Operations team, there's a copious amount of training, preparation, re-training, and execution that goes into the seemingly simple task of getting the mountain up and running each and every day. As for any of our Mountain Operations team, please take a moment to thank your lift attendant, give a friendly wave to the snowcat operator passing through the base area, try to catch a lift ride with a patroller, or hug a snowmaker. You might not see them very often during your time on the mountain, but they all deserve and appreciate your gratitude. I know they have mine!

Mike Chait is the public relations director for Smugglers'. While he has a limited amount of experience operating snowcats, Arlo prefers he leaves the breaking of expensive equipment to more highly-trained professionals.

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by JOSH BRIGGS

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Pear & Pecan Salad • Sycamore Salad

Dressings: House Maple Poppy, House Chipotle Ranch, Creamy Caesar, Bleu Cheese, Balsamic Vinaigrette, Ranch, or Pomegranate Vinaigrette

HOUSE FAVORITE ENTRÉES

Side Options: *mashed potatoes, wild rice (gluten-free), house fries, curly fries (gluten-free option available), carrots & celery, house coleslaw or housemade maple baked beans.*

Pub Steak *add garlic shrimp for Surf & Turf option* • Homestyle Meatloaf
Prohibition Ale Fish & Chips • Beef Brisket Taco Trio
Vegan Ravioli • Shakedown Shrimp & Pasta • Firecracker Salmon
Jagerschnitzel • Brisket Macaroni & Cheese *(also available without brisket)*
Smuggs-Style Barbecue Ribs *(4 or 8 rib portions)*
Chicken Tender Platter *plain, spicy garlic Buffalo, Prohibition Ale & maple or buttery garlic Parmesan glaze*
Mountain Chili Platter • Grilled Cheese & Chipotle Soup Platter

HOUSEMADE DESSERTS

Vermont Maple Cheesecake
Seasonal Crème Brûlée *(not recommended for take out)*
Hershey's Chocolate Mousse Cake
Cinnamon Bun Bread Pudding
Hershey's Chocolate Brownie Sundae



Menu subject to change. Some entrée items not available at lunch.

Once we arrived ... the real fun began.



I bet you can imagine the look on my twelve-year-old son's face when I told him we were leaving the iPad® AND the laptop home for this trip. Not to mention the utter despair in my 8-year old's voice when he realized that his favorite gaming system was also going to sit out for this journey. I have to be honest, I wasn't entirely sure that my wife and I would make it through the weekend without checking email at least once. So, with a little hesitation, we piled in the car, packed up like we were going on a vacation in 1978, and headed north to Smugglers' Notch.

It only took a few minutes in the car to realize this trip was going to be different. Instead of the barely audible thumping of the latest teen pop song humming through headphones, there was some actual conversation ... "Hey Dad, isn't that the same car you used to have?" "Mom, when was the first time you went skiing?" So cool.

Once we arrived at Smuggs the real fun began. In a matter of minutes, we were safely loaded into our

amazing condo right on the slopes, changed into our bathing suits (and parkas), and on the shuttle to the indoor pool. We quickly found our way into a game of water volleyball (our team won!) and took a relaxing dip in the kid-friendly hot tub. Not a single word about a video game in 5 hours!

After dinner, we headed down to the FunZone 2.0 and had a family Ping-Pong tournament! It was so nice to hear each of my family members tell me how much fun they were having ... just playing Ping-Pong. After a quick sing/dance-along with Goodtime Charlie, we went back to the room to call it a night.

The next day we had some fantastic skiing up to lunchtime where we were serenaded by Rockin' Ron the Friendly Pirate. Now, I was pretty certain that the kids were going to think that the singing pirate was a bit too much, but halfway through the first song the whole family was laughing and singing along! I really couldn't believe it, our experiment was working!

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Marko the Magician – Tuesday, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm



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our electronic devices at all!



Prior to our trip, it had been decided that we would all take some lessons and the boys were pretty vocal about NOT wanting to. "It's like going to school while we are on vacation," they told us. Despite their protests, we met our instructors and hit the slopes ... the kids went their way and we went ours. When we met back up later that afternoon the kids were transformed! They had such a great time in their lessons and couldn't wait to do it again the next day. They had made such a great connection with the instructor and had improved their abilities tenfold. What else can you ask for?

We remained unplugged for the remainder of our visit to Smuggs. In fact, we didn't miss the electronics at all. My family has been talking about our amazing adventure since and can't wait for our summer getaway later this year. We've decided to make it a bi-annual family tradition and have already planned our hiking excursion. If someone told me last year that my kids would be anxiously awaiting our next Ping-Pong tournament, I probably would have laughed! Now, I have to tell you, I can't wait to get back up there too. If you are like me and are getting tired of seeing your gang zombie-eyed, staring at those flickering screens, unplug. I promise you won't regret it!

Josh Briggs lives in Massachusetts and is the owner of a soft pretzel bakery in central Massachusetts (www.wickedtwistedpretzels.com) and is also a working musician. He has been an avid snowboarder since the days when Burton only had three snowboards for sale and says he "absolutely LOVES SMUGGS!!!"

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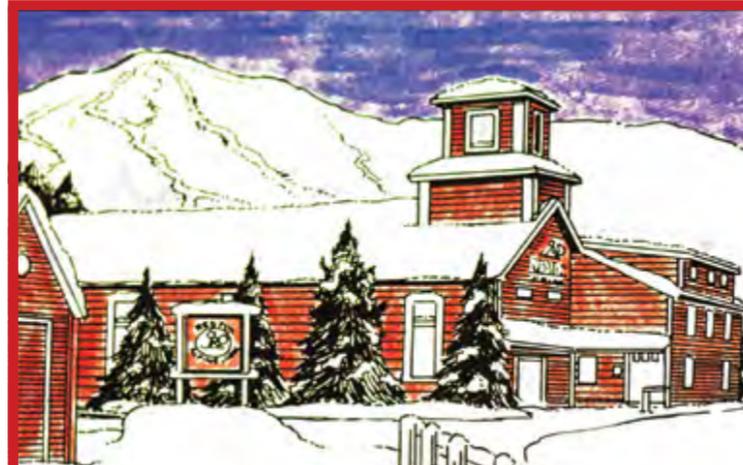
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Heading to the *FunZone 2.0* for a family frolic? Enjoy a bite to eat at the **ReFuel Café**, offering a variety of sandwiches, pizza, snacks, drinks, beer, and wine. Satisfy your sweet tooth by choosing from 10 flavors of soft serve ice cream (creemees), including Vanilla, Vermont Maple, and 8 Flavorburst flavors that can be added to your Vanilla. Dine in or call for take-out. Open daily 11:30 am until 8:30 pm.

Enjoy the **Green Mountain Deli's** fresh baked cookies, muffins, pies, and light breakfast items. Start your morning with a hot cup of coffee, flavored coffee or cappuccino. Lunch features freshly made sandwiches, salads, vegetarian options, and specials daily. The Green Mountain Deli is located in the Village Lodge and is open on weekdays from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm; opening at 8:00 am on weekends. Extension 1141.

Pop in for a slice and treat yourself to a locally-sourced craft brew at the **Village Pizzeria**. Village Pizzeria offers a wide selection of artisan pies featuring natural ingredients like nitrate-free pepperoni, and naturally-raised chicken. Try the Sweet & Spicy pizza, with Vermont maple and spicy Buffalo chicken, or enjoy a fresh salad of organic greens drizzled with sweet maple balsamic dressing. Complement your meal with a selection of 17 Vermont beers, local wines, and ciders. Open 11:30 am to 9:00 pm Sunday through Thursday and 11:30 am to 10:00 pm Fridays and Saturdays. Extension 1142.

Locally-made ice cream, the perfect treat in all seasons! The **Ben & Jerry's Scoop Shop** at Smuggs is located in the Village Lodge and is open Monday through Friday 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Saturday & Sunday 12:00 noon to 9:00 pm. Tempt your taste buds with a selection of ice cream flavors, sorbets, and low-fat frozen yogurt in cones, sundaes, or shakes. More than 15 unique and fun flavors to choose from — sample a different flavor each day of your stay! Extension 1303.

The **Hearth & Candle** serves dinner nightly in a cozy setting right in the center of Smugglers' Village. Seasonal menu items with locally sourced ingredients include an innovative selection of beef, poultry, and fish. After dinner, satisfy your sweet tooth with a triple chocolate truffle cake, cheesecake, or Vermont apple crisp. Sweet after dinner cocktails are a nice complement featuring house-infused liquors and locally-sourced liqueurs. Dining rooms are available for family-friendly and adults-only dining. Children's menu is available. Open for dinner nightly 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Extension 1260.

The Base Lodge at Madonna and Sterling mountains offers a variety of daytime and early evening options for upper mountain dining. The **Base Lodge Cafeteria** serves breakfast, lunch, beverages, and snacks weekdays from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm and weekends 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. **Green Peppers** features appetizers, soups, entrée salads, panini sandwiches, wraps, specialty pizza and tavern burgers, as well as beer and wine. Green Peppers' hours are Monday through Thursday from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm and Friday through Sunday from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm, extension 5132. **The Black Bear Tavern's** generously sized bar accommodates additional seating as well as plentiful draft beer choices, with 20 varieties on tap and additional packaged options to choose from. Don't miss Smugglers' own Prohibition Ale brewed by Vermont's Long Trail Brewery. The Black Bear also has a tavern menu available with waitstaff service. Enjoy appetizers, soups, sandwiches, hearty winter fare, and more. The Black Bear is open Sunday through Thursday from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Extension 5003.

Smugglers' **Waffle Cabin** offers grab-and-go slopeside treats located near the Madonna II lift. Baked fresh and on-demand, the enticing aroma will draw you in and the delicious flavor will keep you coming back. Open Thursday to Monday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

For mountainside convenience that can't be beat, try the **Morse Highlands Day Lodge** for a continental breakfast before hitting the slopes. The lodge also serves lunch, snacks, and beverages. The Highland's Day Lodge is accessible by shuttle or the Dixie's Knoll trail adjacent to the Morse Highlands lift. The lodge is open daily from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm for food service. Extension 8514.

Located just outside of the Resort, the **Brewster River Pub & Brewery** offers hearty pub-style fare in a casual atmosphere perfect for hanging out after a day filled with fun activities. A selection of the menu entitled "Smaller Appetites" caters to the young and old with items like sliders, grilled cheese, chicken tenders, mozzarella sticks, and more. Appetizers include traditional favorites such as chicken wings, nachos, potato skins, and more unique flavors such as Southwestern egg rolls. There are a variety of burgers and sandwiches, all served with a side of hand-cut fries. Entrées include beef, seafood, and barbecue selections (smoked on-site). Soups and salads with homemade dressings complete this menu. Enjoy a wide selection of local beers, in addition to the pub's own craft beers. Nightly chalkboard specials and live music. Open daily. (802) 644-6366

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Grilled Salmon Salad – grilled salmon, baby greens, mango, strawberries, tomato, red onion, carrots with maple balsamic dressing

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Filet Mignon Au Bleu – served with bleu cheese demi glace and mashed potatoes

Sesame Seared Yellow Fin Tuna – seared rare tuna, jasmine rice, wok-seared vegetables and wasabi

Calamari Capellini Fra Diablo – fried calamari, spicy tomato sauce, capellini pasta and roasted garlic aioli

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The Broken Yoke, tucked away next to the Smugglers' Notch Inn, offers breakfast and brunch selections. The Yoke's Maple French Toast with a candied maple and walnut topping has received rave reviews. Choose the Irish Benedict with corned beef hash for a hearty start to the winter's day. Open Wednesday through Monday. 802-644-6371.

Located in downtown Jeffersonville, just minutes from the Resort in the historic Smugglers' Notch Inn, the **Village Tavern** serves hearty pub-style appetizers, soups, salads, and entrées nightly. Try the Boyden Burger, made from locally raised beef, grilled to your liking. Tavern favorites on the menu include fish and

chips, beer battered with Vermont's own Long Trail Ale. Enjoy the casual, family-friendly atmosphere and a meal that will top off your day with flavor and substance. Children's menu available. 802-644-6765.

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Above 158 Main, the **Jeffersonville Pizza Department** serves pizza, pasta, wings, and salads daily. Eat-in or take it to-go. Open Wednesday through Sunday. 802-644-5550.





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In Johnson, east of Smugglers' on Route 15, **Downtown Pizzeria** is a full-service eatery offering quality homemade food with family-friendly value. Everything is made from scratch, including the most popular item on the menu, the hand-breaded fried mozzarella triangles with marinara and balsamic reduction. Choose from entrées such as ziti with vodka sauce, chicken parmesan, and, of course, pizza, New York-style. The Vermonter specialty pie features chicken, apples, ham, a cheddar/mozzarella blend of cheese, alfredo sauce, and a maple drizzle. Enjoy

a full bar with more than 10 beers on tap, a pool table, darts, and acoustic music. 802-635-7626.

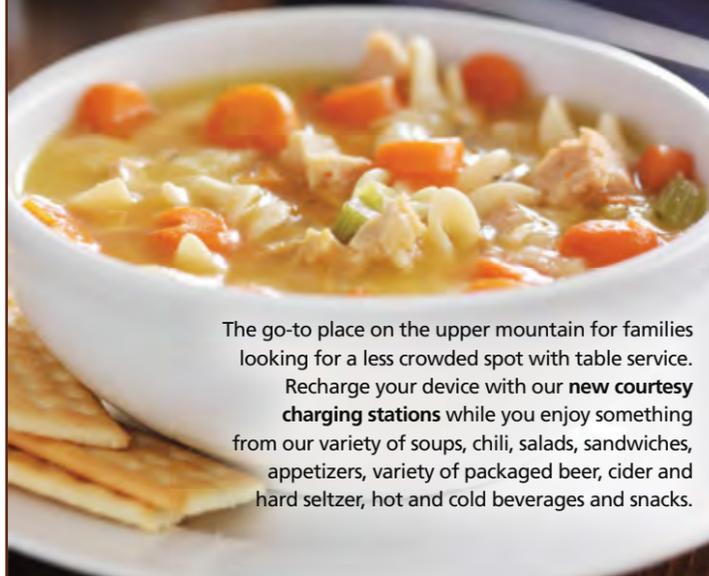
As your vacation travels bring you into and around our area, you may be seeking specialty foods, quick meals, or ingredients to make your own meals in your Smugglers' vacation home. **The Country Store** at Smugglers' supplies all your grocery staples like bread, meat, vegetables, fruits, snacks, and beverages, including a gluten-free section and pre-made meal items. The store also stocks a wide variety of Vermont specialty items such as **Lake Champlain Chocolates** and jams and syrups from **Butternut Mountain Farm** in nearby Johnson. Don't miss **The Perk**, the Country Store's specialty beverage café open daily and serving espresso, cappuccino, lattes, chai tea, and mochas prepared both hot and cold by the café baristas. A variety of fresh fruit smoothies, locally prepared pastries, and fresh baked goods are also available.

The **Cambridge Village Market** at 113 South Main Street (Route 15) in Cambridge continues the location's 100-plus years of serving the community and visitors with groceries, sundries, and more. Choose from fresh produce, deli meats (with breakfast and deli sandwiches to go), a large beer and wine selection, and brand name and private label groceries. Open daily. 802-644-2272.



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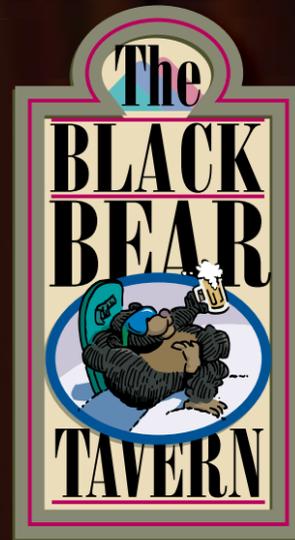
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EVENTS

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We've hand-selected some of our most popular events to help you plan your stay with us. Your Resort Information Guide will help you pick our regularly scheduled activities throughout the week, but these special events make for the perfect complement to your stay. **Events are always being added and updated, so be sure to check out our online events calendar at smuggs.com/events!**

Saturday, December 7th 24TH ANNUAL BREWFEST, PART 1

When it comes to local brews, Vermont is at the top of the charts. Having the highest number of breweries per capita, there's no shortage of those sudsy sensations in this neck of the woods. Our BrewFest highlights some of our state's excellent breweries, plus regional favorites and select craft ciders. A DJ spins the tunes and the Morse Mountain Grille provides a tasty appetizer buffet. 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm in the Meeting House. Tickets are available at the door; \$20 entry includes 8 samples, munchies, and a souvenir sampling glass. 21 & older, please. Plan a return visit for spring skiing; BrewFest Part 2 is March 28, 2020!

Saturday, December 14 & Sunday, December 15 VERMONT ICE WINE & COCKTAIL OPEN HOUSE AT BOYDEN WINERY

Visit the Boyden Valley Winery for their annual open house from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Enjoy cocktails using Boyden Vermont Ice and take home the recipes,

sample Vermont Ice wines and crème liqueurs, and enjoy a warm mug of Glögg while gazing at the Vermont winter landscape surrounding the Winery. While sipping a cocktail, you can also save 20% off Vermont Ice wines, specials on Glögg, gift boxes with Boyden favorites, and much more. The Winery is located at the intersection of Routes 15 and 104 in Cambridge. Visit boydenvalley.com for more information.

Saturday, December 21 WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

Join us in the greeting area from 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm for this special event to light up the longest night of the year, and help us welcome winter with open arms! We'll be celebrating with a live drum performance from Burlington's Jeh Kulu Dance and Drum Theater, music, and of course, a bonfire with s'mores, hot chocolate, and hot apple cider! We'll round out the evening with fireworks, viewed from the Greeting Area. We're ready to light up the night and start winter out with a bang!

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Tuesday, February 18 VERMONT SPECIALTY FOODS TASTING

Snack, sip, and ski your way through the Presidents' Day holiday week with some of Vermont's finest foods, liquor, ciders, and brews, all made with local ingredients from around the Green Mountain State. Enjoy Cabot cheese, maple products, meats, snacks, liquors and more — absolutely free! Products will be available for purchase should you feel the need to share with loved ones back home. 10:30 am - 2:30 pm in the Village Courtyard.

Saturday, February 29 and Sunday, March 1 EXTREME SKIING CHALLENGE

The Smugglers' Notch Ski and Snowboard Club hosts this exciting event - an opportunity for junior and adult freeskiers to show their big mountain skiing on the most difficult terrain the East has to offer. Spectators will be treated to a birds-eye view from Madonna I lift or watch from a roped-off area at Red Fox Glades near the finish area at the base of the Madonna headwall, easily accessed from midstation. This exciting event runs from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Saturday, March 14 through Sunday, March 29 MAPLEFEST AT SMUGGLERS'

Smugglers' hosts our sixth annual MapleFest, celebrating Vermont's rich history of maple production. During MapleFest, chosen as one of the Vermont Chamber of Commerce's Top 10 Winter Events, our guests can visit sugarhouses and learn about the process directly from enthusiastic maple sugarmakers. Other activities include maple-themed snowshoe and walking treks, and specialty food and beverage samplings. There will also be plenty of dining specials at Smugglers' and local restaurants, as well as local maple-themed specials. MapleFest is one sweet getaway!

Saturday, March 28 24TH ANNUAL BREWFEST PART 2

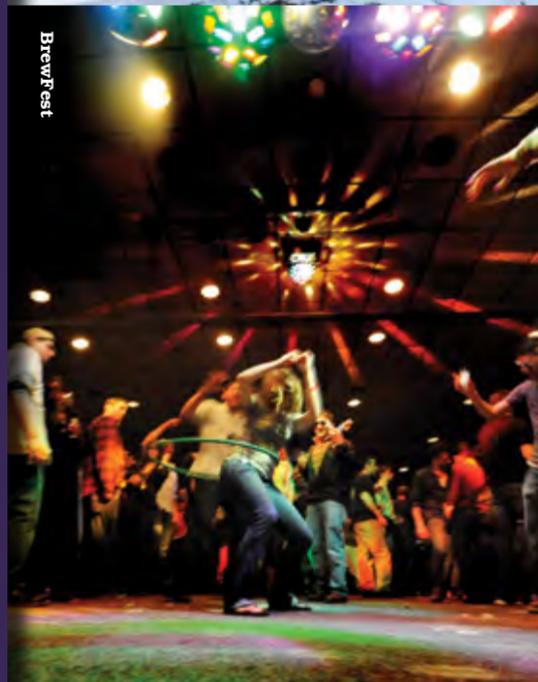
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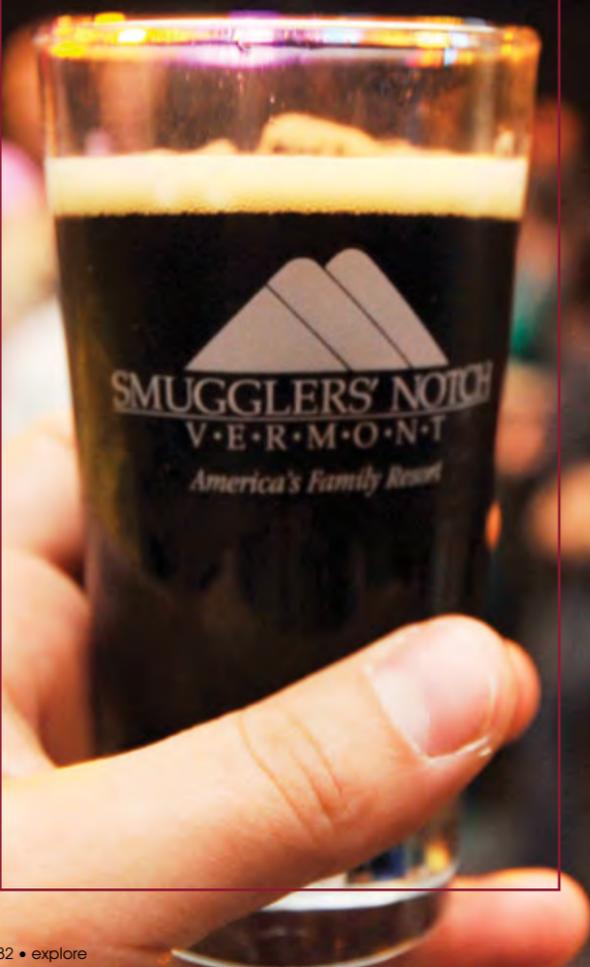
Solstice Celebration

**Saturday, April 4
9TH ANNUAL POND SKIMMING**

Elvis, a gorilla, human bacon strips — you'll see it all in the Zone Terrain Park during pond skimming. Registration for this free event starts at 10:00 am at the Yurt in Parking Lot 1 and the first swimmer, er, skimmer, launches toward the pond at 12:00 noon. Prizes are awarded for best costume. Conveniently accessible from Parking Lot 1 or an easy ski from the top of Sterling, this event is a "don't miss" for spectators!

**Saturday, April 4
CHILLIN' & GRILLIN' ANNUAL
TAILGATE PARTY**

Blue skies, long sunny afternoons ... ahhhh, the wonders of spring! Chillin' & Grillin' brings together our mountain community in a celebratory summit of the legendary parking lot parties occurring all season long in Parking Lot 1. Awards of cash and prizes go to winners of various categories, including best Smuggs-themed tailgate presentation.



HAIKU

(Gesundheit)

Snowmaking. Hard work.
Staying up all night to make
Memories for us.

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