

SKI MUSEUM OF MAINE

Museum relocates to downtown Kingfield



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This fall, the Ski Museum of Maine in Kingfield received what may well be the largest single contribution of antique ski gear in any one single donation. A large assortment of skis, boots and other valuable items were received from Martha Andrew Timothy from the Deering High School Ski Club, who is a former member of the club and its secretary. The club was very active during the 1930s through the 1950s and operated out of a base lodge near Sebago. The lodge could be considered the very first ski lodge in Maine and is where the club competed regularly. Pictured on this day are (left to right): Walter Melvin, Megan Roberts, Kilton Andrews Jr., Martha Andrew Timothy, Scott Andrews and the generous and highly appreciated collection. (David Hart photo)

The Ski Museum of Maine, an organization dedicated to preserving the unique and storied history of the ski industry in Maine, has moved to Kingfield and into a new home located above the Sugarloaf Sports Outlet. The new location provides the Ski Museum with a more secure and financially viable home, thanks to a new partnership with Sugarloaf.

"It's a pretty ideal location for us," Ski Museum President John Christie said. "The space is more than adequate and a bit bigger than our previous location, actually. The Kingfield area is growing as a year-round destination, and being that it's right in the heart of ski-country, it seems like the right place for us."

The Ski Museum of Maine began informally in 1995 when members of the Sugarloaf Ski Club were cleaning out the organization's files from the 1950s through the 1970s. Lacking space to store the material and reluctant to destroy it, they suggested creating a museum. The museum existed without a physical home until 2006, when it opened in downtown Farmington.

The museum continued in the Farmington location on a month-by-month lease, until Sugarloaf General Manager John Diller proposed the idea of the Kingfield location to Don Fowler, a Ski Museum Board Member and Kingfield resident.

"We have always been big supporters of the Ski Museum, and we're excited to be able to help in this way," Diller said. "Having a secure, long term home for the museum will help the board work to preserve the unique and fascinating history of all of Maine's ski areas."

Ski Museum Director Megan Roberts said that the new location will allow the museum to concentrate more on its primary goal of preserving Maine's ski history without worrying about its physical home.

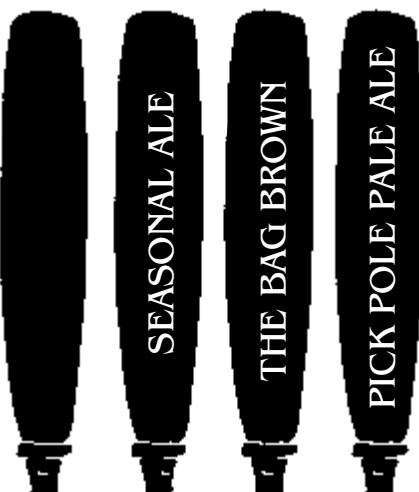
"After all of the growth we've experienced over the past three years, it's great to be able to catch our breath and

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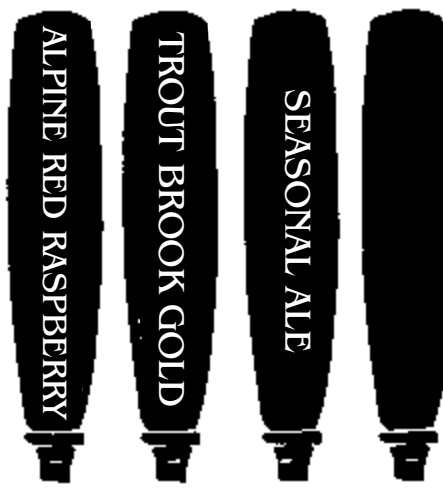
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