

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Constituents of the Council,

It happens every year, but it is nevertheless always shocking when it does – another season has flown past in the blink of an eye and we now find ourselves knocking on the door of Spring. I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable winter.

There have been many things that have made this season especially memorable. Here at the Connecticut Ski Council, we have, once again, seen a year of wonderful events, including our Snowball, Kids' Day, OnSnow and all the times with our family and friends on the mountains. This is also the first time in several years that the CSC has hosted a Council-level trip, which I'm enjoying as I write this (ciao dall'Italia!) And, of course, we have been blessed with blockbuster snow in many Western states – it's thrilling to read of every new snowfall and I hope many of you have had the chance to partake of it.

However, we have also seen an unfortunate string of snowsports-related deaths which have come along with this increased snowfall. Even in Connecticut, we have been touched by this tragic trend, and all of us express our grief in unity for the skiers and snowboarders we've lost this year. No one should have to die in pursuit of their passion.

Here in Italy, our trip coordinator, Brian McNamara, has instilled in us a powerful mantra as we explore the majestic Alps – "ski today so you can ski tomorrow." I myself know the allure of a pristine glade, and have heard the siren song of remote powder pockets. Still, no matter how many years we have under our belts, no matter how confident we may feel, it is vital to remember that this can be a dangerous sport and it demands our respect.

With only a few weeks left in the season for most of us, this can be a perilous time. It is easy to push hard at the end, trying to squeeze in just one last run, and sometimes we sacrifice caution at the altar of exhilaration. Please be careful out there, friends. If you must chase your thrills, do so with a friend, and always ski today so you can ski tomorrow.

Your brother in Winter,

Ben

COUNCIL MEETING:

April 9, 2019

Time: 7:30 pm

LOCATION:

The Back 9 at the Stanley Golf Course, New Britain

Following meeting:

May 14, 2019

Webmaster's Email

Please send all information you wish to have posted on the CSC's website to Bill Leuze at: webmaster@skiclub.com

Newsletter Deadline

The next newsletter will be for May – the deadline is April 20. don.ludwig.45@gmail.com
Thanks, Ginny Ludwig

THE CSC on Social Media

The CSC social media coordinator is Jamie Ransom. He can be reached at Roadsandwaves@gmail.com for all the Council's Facebook and Instagram posts.

RACING WRAP-UP

I had a bit of a problem running the summary state results, but thanks to Chris Gulla who modified the program to get it to work, the results are in. Contact me at the email below for all the info.

All CSC race awards will be handed out at the April 9 CSC meeting. Awards will be grouped by clubs, and each club should hand them out at their own awards/banquet parties. All top 3 places in the State age groups will receive an award. A copy of the results will be included with each club's awards, but results may also be viewed on the CSC website, under racing.

There is still plenty of good skiing out there – have a great time!

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CSC Officer Elections

The Council will be electing a Vice President to serve for the next two years, at the April CSC meeting. If you or any member of your club is interested in running for this 2-year term, please contact a member of the nominating committee as soon as possible.

The current Vice President is Marsha Baretta, who is seeking a second term. The committee is:

Kevin Cronin
Paul D'Attilio, castskiclub@sbcglobal.net
Joe Mahowski, 860-502-2500

AWARENESS DAYS 2018-2019

The final Awareness Days are upon us. The schedule is posted on the CSC's website. Please remember that you should always check the site before you make your skiing/riding plans, as dates sometimes change.

BULK TICKET NEWS

The snow gods have been very kind to Vermont and New Hampshire in the past month. Most resorts have excellent conditions for several more weeks of great skiing and boarding. These conditions give our Council members time to use your bulk tickets. If you do have unused tickets by the end of April, the deadline for your club to return them is the May 14 Council meeting. We will accept tickets only from the bulk ticket coordinator of your club, and NOT from individual club members. NO EXCEPTIONS!

The Southern tier bulk ticket return form will be e-mailed to each club's coordinator in early April. If you have any questions, contact me at nancynolan@snet.net. REMINDER: Mount Snow tickets are not refundable.

Ski time is running out – get out there and enjoy!
Nancy Nolan and Ginny Ludwig, Southern tier
Cheryl Parmelee, Northern tier

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BAD WEATHER

Bad weather may necessitate the

postponement of a CSC meeting.

Please check the CSC website at

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CT SKI COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION:

**The Back 9 Restaurant at Stanley Golf Course,
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The purpose of the Connecticut Ski Council is to foster and encourage organized amateur skiing and riding, to assist in the development of new clubs, to sponsor and run inter-club competition, promote club activity on and off the snow, and to teach skiing and ski safety skills to others. The Council offers discounts on lift tickets, ski trips, lodging, competitive racing, Nordic programs, ski instruction, and social and sporting events, community involvement, physical conditioning, meeting people and having fun.