

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Constituents of the Council,

Happy New Year, everyone. If you read my address in last month's newsletter, you may recall my speculation that 2021 might just be a year of hope and potential if only we could transition from 2020 with snow on the ground. Well, clearly that didn't happen, and now look where we are. But still, there are good things happening on the Council level.

Our recently convened committee to modernize the CSC has now had 2 exploratory meetings, and a third to occur on Thursday, Jan. 21 which will involve more voices – people who have been invited in with expertise in technology, administration, and other skills, so that we can continue to refine our goals and our plans to achieve them. While we know this is a long-term process, please look for future news as we go forward.

In other good news, Kids' Day 2021 is shaping up to be a blockbuster. You can read further into this month's newsletter for more details, but the amount of children registered is truly impressive. Kids' Day is, perhaps, the annual Council event which is most in service to the future of our organization, so we should all be strongly encouraged by its continued success.

Then, of course, there are the anecdotal reports of a beautiful season on the slopes thus far. Yes, things are strange and different (I'm less impacted as a snowboarder, but my heart goes out to all my ski friends who have to boot up in their cars and do the robot walk

all the way to the lifts), but I have heard nothing but good things about people's experiences. With such a reasonably cold winter so far, our resort partners have been pumping and retaining plenty of snow, so everyone from our CSC racers to our weekend warriors seem to be having a great time. Please get out there and join them if you can.

Your brother in winter,
Ben

PLEASE NOTE

We were not able to schedule the CSC OnSnow Winter Carnival/Awareness Day event at Mohawk Mountain on February 6, 2021.

Sorry to say, there will not be an OnSnow weekend this season.

However, individual clubs can hold events at Mohawk. Minimum for group events is 15 participants.

Dave Zuraw
Coordinator

**NEXT
COUNCIL MEETING:
FEBRUARY 9, 2021
7:30 PM**

**There will not be a "live"
February meeting.**

**Please check the website
and your emails for
notification of the virtual
meeting on the above date.**

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 deadline will be February 20 for the March newsletter. Send any info to me at:
don.ludwig.45@gmail.com.

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.

Bulk Ticket Update –

Southern Orders

An update from Killington/Pico: parking reservations are not required for midweek skiing/boarding, EXCEPT DURING PRESIDENT'S WEEK.

In the past few days, Vermont has been getting snow, YEA! So let's get out there and enjoy!

Nancy Nolan
CSC Southern Bulk Ticket Coordinator

2021 CSC KIDS DAY!

As of this writing, we have 102 kids signed up for free lessons, a free lift ticket, and a food coupon in lieu of a pizza party!!

We are still working out restriction issues on capacity with Mt. Southington, but we have accommodated all of these kids and their parents as the Council's way of encouraging the great outdoor activities of skiing and snowboarding.

I will have a post-event article in the next newsletter, along with thanks and appreciation for all who helped with the event.

Jonathan Houck
Kids' Day Coordinator

CSC Ski Trip

Chamonix-Mont Blanc, France *Pushed to 2022*

Hosted by Metroland Ski Club

Price: \$1799/per person; double occ. Check for price updates.

Includes: R/T air JFK and Geneva via AF/KLM; R/T transfers; 7 nights in Chamonix at 4-star Folie Douce Hotel; full breakfast daily; 5 dinners at hotel; welcome drink & resort orientation; portage of 1 piece of luggage pp; spa facilities; local taxes; passport cases & luggage tags; current fuel surcharge; current air taxes.

Contact: <https://squareup.com/store/metroland-ski-club-Trip-4-Chamonix-March10-18-2021>

Hello, Racers!

Winter is here! We have had 5 Monday nights so far. Our first outing on December 21, 2020 was just after a big snow storm and the conditions were fantastic. We had 103 racers.

The second night, December 28, we had 101 racers; the third night we had 105 racers; the fourth night was probably the best snow of the season with 98 racers (new man-made snow). The fifth race had 112 racers, 4 of whom I do not have complete information: bibs 56, 206, 257 (don't know who), and 272. Team captains need to get me their complete information. New Haven it appears is dominating the season. (Unofficially) they are leading at 2801 to Newington's 2707. Mt. Laurel is in third at 1224; AE at 953; Hamden with 949; Danbury at 894; Winterset has 323; and New Britain Falcons have 310.

The average participation last year was 126 racers per night. We are averaging 103, almost 20% below our usual, but considering Covid, I don't think too bad.

A note to all team captains: we had an issue this past Monday - racers should be running in bib order. Please make sure they are doing so. If it gets out of hand, I will disqualify people. Please let them know that. This is a fun league; we want to make it fun for everybody - run in order!

If you didn't already know - all of the **State Races** and the **OnSnow Carnival** have been cancelled for this year. We can only hope that next year will allow these events to return to our race schedule.

Think snow, or at least think cold!
Rob Dexter
CSC Racing Chair

2021 SnowBall

As you know, the 2021 CSC SnowBall is tentatively planned for Saturday, November 13, 2021 at the Hartford/Windsor Marriott. CSC Ambassador Mike Brown and I will lead the planning team when we convene (virtually or live), to strategize the format, in June, date to be determined. In the meantime, mask up, stay healthy, and hopefully spend some quality time "on the snow!"

Marsha Baretta
CSC Vice President

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CT SKI COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION:
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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.

BAD WEATHER may necessitate the postponement of a CSC meeting. Please check the CSC website at skiclub.com for last minute information.