

# CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I write this on the first official day of WINTER!!!

We kicked off the season with the earliest start of Monday Night Racing in recent memory. Over 50 ski racers competed for glory (and pizza) at Mt. Southington on December 19, and everyone present had a superb time. **Many thanks to Rob Dexter and Pat Moore** (who drove down from Vermont for the evening) for ensuring that the program got off without any issues (well...mostly). **Thanks as well to the staff at Mt. Southington** for ensuring that everyone was properly registered and for providing the pizza. Remember, the series runs for 10 Monday nights in a row, so that we can get in the full 8 weeks of competition. Watch the website for any weather cancellations, and be sure to bring your waivers if you have not already done so.

**MEETING PLACE** – We will be meeting again on January 10 at 7:30 PM at the Polish Club in Newington, where we met in December.

**BULK TICKETS** – Nancy, Ginny, Cheryl and Mark will have any bulk tickets not already picked up. Please have someone from your Club do this, as skiing has already begun!

**CSC STICKERS** – have been distributed to all but a handful of clubs. By last check, all of our member-clubs have paid their dues, so stickers are sitting and waiting for your club to pick up and distribute to your members. For Clubs needing additional stickers, we will have them at all of our meetings – you will need to sign for them, and are responsible to see that they are used properly within the guidelines of the Awareness Days program.

**CSC TRIP** – Was cancelled due to lack of participation. Be prepared to offer ideas and suggestions for the Council trip for 2018. NOW is the time to begin planning for fly-away trips for the 2018 winter season. As always, we post on our website any open trips that individual Clubs run. Perhaps this is the time for several Clubs to combine forces, and run a unified Council trip?

### CSC AWARENESS/APPRECIATION DAYS –

Both schedules are finalized and posted on the website, and on the website calendar. Be sure to let your membership know that incidents of abuse of the Awareness Days program or of the personnel working at the mountain resorts that support us with this program, will be reported to me, and I will deal with the Club involved. You all did a GREAT job with spreading the word last season, as no such incidents were reported to me. Let's keep our record clean again this season.

### CSC EVENTS –

**MONDAY NIGHT RACING** - As mentioned above, we are off and running!

**KIDS' LEARN-TO-SKI DAY** will be held at Mt. Southington, Sunday, January 22. See the information on sign-up on the website. Deadline for registration is January 8. Contact **Dave England** with any questions you may have about this event.

**THE CSC ON SNOW CARNIVAL** will be held at **Loon Mountain, March 3, 4, and 5, 2017**. Please pay attention to the website, as lodging options are posted. This will be our first carnival at Loon – a great chance to explore a new mountain while having fun with your friends in your Club and other Council Clubs. **Adela Martinez** is heading up the planning for the Carnival, so let's get up to Loon and have a great winter weekend, so we can thank her in person.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND WEBSITE** – Don't wait until the last minute to get articles for the newsletter to **Ginny Ludwig**. The deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. BE SURE TO ENCOURAGE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO USE IT AND THE WEBSITE TO STAY INFORMED – AN ADDED BENEFIT OF THE COUNCIL!  
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### COUNCIL MEETING:

**JAN. 10, 2017**

**Note Location**

**NEWINGTON POLISH CLUB**

**Following meeting:**

**February 14, 2017**

### *In Sympathy*

*The members of the Connecticut Ski Council wish to extend our deepest sympathy to our President, Jonathan Houck, and his family at the passing of his father in December. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.*

### **Next Newsletter Deadline**

Deadline for the February newsletter is January 20. Please email all items to me:

[donald.ludwig@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donald.ludwig@sbcglobal.net)

Thanks,  
Ginny Ludwig

### Ambassador's Angle

Happy New Year to you all! I have 3 red buckets that were used to collect tickets, and a small grey sweater that I picked up at the Snowball. I will bring them to the next meeting. If you were on a committee, and have not already received a check for monies due you, please know that you will receive them at the next meeting, because people were away.

Finally, I want to thank everyone involved in the Snowball for a job well done. We are planning an after-meeting to discuss future improvements and new ideas. If you would like to attend, it will be held at the Polish American Club in Newington at 6:00 PM the same night as our regular meeting. See you there.

Janice Cohen

2015-2016 CSC Ambassador

### RACING DATES

**Monday Night** racing kicked off on Dec. 19!

**CT State races** are open to all CSC members or CT residents.

*Giant Slalom* is Wed., Jan. 11 (rain date Jan. 18) at Mt.

Southington at 7:00 PM.

*Slalom* is Wed., Feb. 8 (rain date Feb. 15), same time/place.

*Super G* is Fri., Mar. 3 at Loon, NH at 9:30 AM (On Snow)

*Snowboard* is Sat., Mar. 4 at Loon at 10:00 AM (On Snow)

*Cross country* is Sun., Mar. 5 in NH (location TBA) at 9:00 AM

**Senior Games** are scheduled for Tues., Feb. 21, starting at 8 AM, at a CT location to be determined.

Rob Dexter, CSC Race Chairman

### Smugglers' Notch CSC Deals

*Lift ticket rates at ticket window:* Adults \$56; Youth \$44.

*Stay and Ski Specials:*

BrewFest Weekend: Mar. 31-Apr. 2. \$199 pp including 3-day pass; 2-night slopeside lodging; admission to BrewFest on Sat.

*Heart-of-Winter Special:* (non-holiday only)

\$239 pp includes: 2-nights slopeside lodging; 3-day lift pass; use of resort facilities.

Group vacation packages available. Youth ski/board rental - \$25/day; adult ski/board rental - \$30/day. 2-hour group lesson - \$35. Full-day children's ski camp - \$79.

Contact Ben Childs at  
802-644-1282.

### President's Message, continued

#### THOUGHTS ON EXPANDING OUR ROLE IN THE SPORT:

We mourn the passing of *Joe Green* from the Sterling Ski Club, and heard from his wife, Constance, at the December meeting.

**Greta Stifel, Constance and others have raised the question of Council participation in expanded ski programs funded by legacy gifts in honor of our past members.** I would encourage

discussion of this concept over the next several meetings, to explore how we can harness this energy to enhance our efforts at realizing the Objectives of the Council as stated in Article II of our Constitution. For now, I ask all of you to think about this, and to bring your thoughts to the next meeting.

We at the Council hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah, and wish for everyone the Happiest and Healthiest 2017!

*Jonathan*

### North Haven Ski Club Bus Trips

Sun., Jan. 8 – Okemo Mountain - \$83

Sat., Jan. 28 – Mt. Snow - \$82

Sat., Feb. 4 – Killington - \$80\*\*

Sun., Feb. 26 – Stratton Mountain - \$80

Sun., Mar. 19 – Okemo Mountain - \$75

Sun., Mar. 26 – Mt. Snow - \$70

*Price includes round trip bus and lift ticket.*

Bus leaves North Haven at 5:30 AM; for Killington at 5:00 AM

Pick-up locations: Exit 21 on I-91N at Cromwell Commuter Lot at 5:50 AM (Killington, 5:20 AM);

Exit 47E on I-91N at Enfield Commons at 6:20 AM (Killington 5:50)

*Contact:* Annette at 203-927-3071, or [dapdmurph@aol.com](mailto:dapdmurph@aol.com).

### On Snow Volunteers Needed

If you can help with any aspect of the On Snow Winter Carnival at Loon, please go to the CSC website and 1) go to On Snow – Winter Carnival; 2) click on Please click here to volunteer – On Snow – A Great Time.

Questions? Contact Dave Zuraw, 203-729-9060, or 203-232-9057.

### Race Class Changes

Please note the following changes to Men's age classes:

Men N 60 (Blue course)

Men M 61-63 (Blue course)

This should make the course finish times more equal.

## Club trips open to CSC members

### **Mt. Bachelor, Oregon**

**Jan. 7-14, 2017** Host: Meriden Ski & Snowboard Club

Cost: \$1405/pp, doub occ; \$1365 over age 65; \$1297 over age 70. Final payment due Nov. 1.

*Includes:* Meriden SSC membership; 5 of 6-day lift ticket; R/T air Hartford to Portland on Southwest; 2 checked bags; bus transfers; 7 nights at Double Tree Hotel, Bend; 7 full breakfasts; welcome reception; 25% off food and drinks at hotel bar; mountain après pizza party with 2 drinks; mountain lunch with souvenir and group photo; mountain ski shuttle.

Contact: Bob Curry, 203-314-9605; [bobski2snet.net](mailto:bobski2snet.net).

### **Snowbird, Utah**

**Jan. 28-Feb.4, 2017** Host: New Haven Ski Club

Cost: \$1800/pp doub occ. Deduct \$385 for no air.

*Includes:* R/ T air and ground transportation from Harugari, West Haven and Utah; baggage fees (Southwest Airlines); 7 nights at Cliff Lodge (slopeside); 6-day lift pass to Snowbird and Alta; one group dinner.

Contact: John Paul Harkleroad at [johnpaul2@comcast.net](mailto:johnpaul2@comcast.net). Or 203-230-0760.

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### **Snowbird, Utah**

**Feb. 4-11, 2017** Host: AE Ski Club

Cost: \$1765/pp doub occ

*Includes:* R/T air Hartford to Salt Lake City; motorcoach transfers airport to Snowbird; 7 nights ski-in ski-out Cliff Lodge Inn; full breakfast daily; 6-day Snowbird/Alta lift pass (no boarders at Alta – deduct \$125)

Contact: Mark Chester, [aeskiclub.com](http://aeskiclub.com).

### **Mt. Snow, VT**

**Mar. 24-26, 2017** Host: Pinnacle Ski Club

ReggaeFest weekend at Mount Snow.

Cost: \$159/pp, doub. occ.

*Includes:* 2 nights at Snow Lake Lodge; 2-day lift ticket; daily continental breakfast; Friday night welcome party.

Contact: Mark Delgado, 203-846-4076, [mdel44@aol.com](mailto:mdel44@aol.com)

### **Whistler/Blackcomb, BC**

**Jan. 28- Feb. 4, 2017** Host: Winterset Ski Club

Cost: \$1798/pp in 2-bedroom condo; \$1811/pp in 3-bedroom condo; \$1917/pp in 1-bedroom condo. Add \$15 for non-Winterset club members.

*Includes:* R/T air Newark to Vancouver; R/T bus transfers; 7 nights' ski-in-ski-out at Legends Condos; 5-day lift ticket; first tracks breakfast voucher; baggage handling, taxes; farewell dinner, welcome reception.

NOTE: PASSPORTS REQUIRED

Contact: Carolyn Eiseman, 203-791-9051 or

[wintersetkitrips@gmail.com](mailto:wintersetkitrips@gmail.com).

### **Whistler/Blackcomb, Canada**

**Feb. 2-9, 2017** Host: Mt. Laurel Ski Club

Cost: \$1499/pp doub occ

*Includes:* R/T air to Vancouver from Hartford; 7 nights at Crystal Lodge; taxes R/T airport/hotel transfers; A & S Travel escort. NOTE: PASSPORT REQUIRED.

*Options:* 5-of-6 day ski pass to Whistler & Blackcomb w/ FastTrack and breakfast for 1 morning (\$369/adult; \$329 over 65); travel insurance; overnight at Sheraton Hartford Airport hotel (\$139); heli-skiing trip

Contact: Eric Ardolino, 203-265-9293, [ASTravelCenter.com](http://ASTravelCenter.com)

### **Indian Head Resort, Lincoln, NH**

**Feb. 5 – 10, 2017** Host: NAVA Ski club

Cost: \$605/pp doub occ; \$540/pp triple; \$510/pp quad \$150 non-skier discount

*Includes:* 5 nights, 5 breakfasts, 4 dinners; 5-day pass to Cannon, Loon, Bretton Woods, Waterville Valley; apres ski wine and cheese party

Contact: Enid Batista-Gendron 203-723-1071, or

[enidgary@yahoo.com](mailto:enidgary@yahoo.com)

### **Killington, VT**

**Feb. 24-26, 2017** Host: Pinnacle Ski Club

Cost: \$299/pp. doub. occ.

*Includes:* 2 nights lodging; 2-day lift ticket, daily breakfast buffet; Friday night welcome party. *Deadline:* Jan. 18.

Contact: Mike Finick, 203-218-7282, [mrfinick@yahoo.com](mailto:mrfinick@yahoo.com)

### **Sunday River, Maine**

**March 19-24, 2017** Host: NAVA Ski Club

Cost: \$429-\$519 based on number of guests per room and/or type of accommodation

*Includes:* 5 nights; 5-day lift ticket; 5 daily clinics; taxes

Contact: Enid, 203-723-1071; [enidgary@yahoo.com](mailto:enidgary@yahoo.com)

## **All Out 2017**

Let's start 2017 as a year of outdoor adventure – trying new things, going to new places, making new friends, learning new skills Let's go ALL OUT together with a day of classes and activities with REI Sports at Mt. Southington Ski Resort. We will have snowshoe outings, s'mores, expert advice from our Outdoor School instructors, and other après-ski fun. Keep an eye out for the yeti on the mountain for special treats! For more information, check out [rei.com/learn](http://rei.com/learn).

When: January 28, 2017, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Where: Mt. Southington Ski Resort

For information, contact [mtrumbl@rei.com](mailto:mtrumbl@rei.com)

**Connecticut Ski Council  
2017 LAKE TAHOE SKI TRIP  
HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

## More Club trips this season

### Eastern Townships, Quebec, Canada

**Sun., Feb. 19 – Fri., Feb. 24, 2017** Host: *Danbury Ski Club*  
Cost: \$965/pp single occ; \$705/pp doub occ; \$635/pp triple occ; \$600/pp in quad occ. Children 18 and under – ask for rates.  
*Included:* 5 nights at Villegia Manoir des Sables; 5 full American breakfast; wine and cheese welcome reception; 3 sit-down dinners; 5 days skiing – 2 at Mont Sutton, 1 at Mont Owl's Head, 2 at Mont Orford; access to on-site ice skating, cross country, snow shoeing (skis and shoes free of charge); spa.  
NOTE: PASSPORTS REQUIRED  
*Contact:* Greg and Mary O'Hara at 203-791-8565 or at [weskisnow@gmail.com](mailto:weskisnow@gmail.com).

### Big Sky, Montana

**Feb. 25 – March 4, 2017** Host: *Central CT Snowsnakes*  
Cost: \$1989/pp; \$2039 if deposit made after Oct. 10, 2016.  
Deduct \$580 without air and ground transportation.  
Deduct \$340 without lift ticket.  
*Includes:* R/T air Bradley to Bozeman; 7 nights at Huntley First Class Lodge; Ski-in/ski-out in Big Sky Village; welcome reception; full daily hot breakfast; outdoor heated pool, hot tubs, workout room, sauna; baggage handling on arrival; free local shuttle; 5-day lift ticket (6-day available).  
*Contact:* Jen Gillotti at 860-989-8386; [jpblooms@cox.net](mailto:jpblooms@cox.net)  
Patti Christiana at 860-978-2744; [Pattic1745@comcast.net](mailto:Pattic1745@comcast.net)

### Solden, Austria

**Mar. 3-11** (14th with extension), 2017 Host: *AE Ski Club*  
Cost: \$2350 pp, doub occ; extension to Vienna add \$460/pp; all lift tickets extra.  
*Included:* R/T air from JFK to Zurich on Swiss Air; baggage fees; motorcoach transfers airport to hotels; 7 nights at Hotel Tyrolerhof; full European buffet breakfast and 4-course dinner daily; wellness oasis with pool, sauna, steam bath; pre-trip party; welcome party; hotel taxes, fees and gratuities.  
NOTE: PASSPORTS REQUIRED  
*Contact:* AE Ski Club, [aeskiclub.com](http://aeskiclub.com)

### Eastern Ski Tour

**Mar. 15-19, or Mar. 17-19, 2017** Host: *The Goodmen Club*  
Ski Stowe (\$44 Appreciation Days), Mad River Glen (\$17 St. Pat's Day), Bolton Valley (\$35 Awareness Days) and Sugarbush.  
Cost: \$133/per night, doub. occ.: \$16 per extra person at The Commodores Inn.  
*Includes:* breakfast, tips and gratuities, Friday night happy hour food, and Saturday night pizza party.  
*Contact:* Donna Yanick, 203-641-8599, or [thegoodmenclub@gmail.com](mailto:thegoodmenclub@gmail.com).

### Big Sky, Montana

**Mar. 11-18, 2017** Host: *Meriden Ski & Snowboard*  
Cost: Big Horn Condos - \$1709pp/doub occ (6 people in 3 bedroom/ 3 bath condo); \$1809pp/doub occ (5 people in 3 bedroom/3 bath condo). Stillwater Condos - \$1750 pp/ (4 per 2 bedroom/2 bath condo). Huntley Lodge - \$1990/pp doub occ hotel room (w/ full buffet breakfast daily at Huntley only.)  
*Includes:* R/T air Hartford to Bozeman; air to hotel transfers; 7 nights' accommodations; 5-day lift pass; baggage handling; welcome reception; all current taxes.  
*Additional cost info:* No air/transfers deduct \$590; no lifts deduct \$360; additional day lift pass add \$75.  
*Contact:* Wayne Gineo, 860-463-5903, or [wgineo@cox.net](mailto:wgineo@cox.net).

### Sugarloaf, Maine

**March 12-17, 2017** Host: *Newington Ski Club*  
Cost: \$495/adult ages 16-69; \$469/senior ages 70-79; \$395/senior ages 80+; \$363/child ages 6-15.  
Deduct \$100 without lift ticket. MAX pass honored.  
Pricing based on minimum occ – 2 per bedroom.  
*Includes:* 5-and a half day lift ticket; 5 90-minute group lessons; access to sports and fitness center; welcome party; all taxes and fees. Limited to first 30 people.  
*Contact:* John Hunter at [mtholly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtholly@sbcglobal.net), or 860-635-3257.

### Banff/Lake Louise, Canada

**March 14-21, 2017** Host: *Metroland Ski Club*  
Cost: \$1335/pp doub occ; \$1265/pp triple; \$1235/pp quad; \$100/pp 1-day Kicking Horse; \$325/sing supp; deduct \$495 no-air; deduct \$230 no adult lifts; senior rates available  
*Includes:* R/T air LaGuardia or Newark to Calgary; 7 nights at Banff Ptarmigan Inn; 5-day 3-mountain lift including transportation to area; daily buffet breakfast; R/T airport – hotel transfers; baggage handling; taxes.  
NOTE: PASSPORT REQUIRED  
*Contact:* Brian McNamara at 210-262-7588, or [Metrolandskiclub@gmail.com](mailto:Metrolandskiclub@gmail.com)

### Big White, British Columbia

**March 18-25, 2017** Host: *Danbury Ski Club*  
Cost: \$1624/pp doub occ. Deposit - \$300. Optional Fri. night (Mar. 17 at Marriott Newark Airport \$128.)  
*Includes:* R/T air on Air Canada Newark to Kelowna; R/T motorcoach transfers; 7 nights at White Crystal Inn (rooms have 2 queen beds); 6-day lift ticket; ski-in/ski-out; hottub.  
NOTE: PASSPORTS REQUIRED.  
*Contact:* Ray Hepburn at 203-364-9808 or 631-834-2198; [Rayhep51@yahoo.com](mailto:Rayhep51@yahoo.com).

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Bad weather may necessitate the

postponement of a CSC meeting.

Please check the CSC website at

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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.