

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Constituents of the Council,

The time has come for us to end another winter season, now wrapping up just as suddenly as it began. I hope you all enjoyed an active and safe ski season, full of fresh snow and fond memories. And what a season it was. But we've all been there, and so—with eyes forward—I'd like to summarize some of the upcoming things to look out for over the next few months and for early next season.

Our beloved SnowBall, like any rolling machine, seems to be in need of a few “modernizations.” We have convened a meeting of past Ambassadors and volunteers to discuss the state of the Ambassador program, and some of the ways in which we might streamline it—in fact, we have another meeting this coming week to continue those discussions among some of the CSC officers. In an effort to more effectively delineate and spread the duties of the Ambassadors, to promote the vital role an Ambassador plays for the Council, and to make the entire process more cost-effective, we may be adjusting the CSC by-laws in a few minor ways. Please stay tuned for announcements on the details and a potential vote for September or October.

Our Summer Awareness Days program is in its third year. The range of experiences and deals offered has increased year-on-year, and so has participation. It's a great program through which we can enjoy the warm weather and stay engaged with the Council (and sometimes with our mountain partners) as we wait for the

return of snow. The program is live on the CSC website, so check it out!

As President, I have now been to a few summits of the National Ski Council Federation on behalf of the CSC. Our next summit will take place in early September at Jackson Hole, WY. The summits are fantastic opportunities to hear about the cultures and practices of our councils across North America, and there is really a lot that can enrich us back in Connecticut. I want to provide the most value possible as our representative, so I am appealing to anyone reading this newsletter to contact me if they have a question or discussion topic they would like me to raise to the Federation. As always you can contact me at president@skiclub.com.

Thank you all for a great Winter – I hope you'll all stay healthy and active through the summer months, and that we'll meet again in September ready for our next amazing season.

Your brother in Winter,
Ben

COUNCIL MEETING:

May 14, 2019

Time: 7:30 pm

LOCATION:

The Back 9 at the Stanley Golf Course, New Britain

Following meeting: September 10, 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 September – the deadline is August 20. Please send info to me at 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.

2019 SnowBall

The 2019 SnowBall will be held at the Hartford/Windsor Marriott Hotel on Saturday, November 16. Clubs wishing to host a Hospitality Suite will be able to make reservations beginning August 1, 2019. **ALL** ski clubs are urged to donate at least 4 items for the SnowBall raffle, and to sell tickets to members of their ski club. The co-advisors for this year's SnowBall are CSC Ambassador, Deb Bonnanzio (Sterling Ski Club), and CSC Vice President, Marsha Baretta.

There will be an initial planning and organizational meeting for the "representative" from each of the ski clubs that comprise the 2019 steering committee (listed below). It will be Tuesday, June 11, 7:00 PM, at the Back Nine Tavern (in the Terrace Room) – same place as the CSC meetings.

The ski clubs comprising the 2019 SnowBall steering committee are: AE, CAST, Central CT Snow Snakes, Hamilton Sunstrand, Mt. Laurel, Newington, Newport, Norwalk, Nutmeg, Old Saybrook, Schenectady, and Winterset. The representative from each of these ski clubs needs to RSVP to Deb and Marsha via email: Deb – dbonnanzio@yahoo.com; Marsha – skimars93@gmail.com. Thank you!

Marsha Baretta

A Few Things to Keep In Mind –

Racing Awards

All this year's awards have been handed out. If your club does not have yours contact Rob Dexter at skicouncil@sbcglobal.net.

The annual New Jersey Travel Show is May 5, in Parsippany, NJ. This is a great place to get volumes of info on available trips and travel packages for your club for next winter. Go to PRWgroup website for more details.

Mark your calendars!! The **2020 OnSnow Winter Carnival** will take place on February 29/March 1 and 2. Location and all the details to come in the Fall.

SUMMER

AWARENESS DAYS 2018-2019

The summer schedule is posted on the CSC's website. So keep your membership cards with the current CSC sticker handy –there are great values available at some of our favorite places. Check it out!

CSC Officer Elections

At the April meeting, the CT Ski Council re-elected our current Vice President, Marsha Baretta, to serve in that position for the next two years.

Congratulations, Marsha!

BULK TICKET NEWS

Here we are at the end of another ski season, and with that, the return of all unused bulk tickets to the CSC. The deadline is May 14 (at the Council meeting) – **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

A return form, formatted in excel, has been sent to bulk ticket contacts at each Council club. When your club has received all your returns, please fill out this form and email it to me at nancynolan@snet.net. A printed version should also be included when you hand in the actual unused vouchers at the May Council meeting.

And please – I need the count of the **Stratton** returns **BEFORE** April 30 – email that to me by that date, and then return the vouchers to me along with all the other mountains at the May CSC meeting.

Thank you and see you at the May CSC meeting with your unused vouchers!

Nancy Nolan
Bulk Ticket Coordinator

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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,
245 Hartford Avenue, New Britain**

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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.