

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IT'S AUGUST – THINK SNOW!!!

I hope everyone is enjoying the fine summer weather! But...time to think about the upcoming Fall and Winter season with the first meeting of the 2017/2018 SKI SEASON coming up fast on Sept. 12th at our former meeting place at the Stanley Golf Course in New Britain. They are welcoming us back with open arms and have a new restaurant **THE BACK NINE!** Join us for the council's first meeting and come early, hungry and thirsty to support them with your patronage. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

I want to thank all of you for submitting your club rosters to Nancy Nolan with the current list of officers and Council representatives. Based on this information, which included the current number of members, we will be handing out the Council Awareness Day stickers at the meeting. **REMEMBER – STICKERS WILL ONLY BE GIVEN TO CLUBS THAT HAVE PAID THEIR COUNCIL DUES FOR THE COMING SEASON – NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

We are proud to have been joined by **Marsha Baretta**, our newly elected Council Vice President. As Vice President Marsha is Co-Chair of the Snow Ball in November along with Council Ambassador Joy Dutra. (More on that later.)

AS WE BEGIN THE NEW SEASON –

BULK TICKETS - Nancy Nolan (Southern Tier) and Cheryl Parmalee (Northern Tier) will once again undertake the task of handling orders and distribution of Council Bulk Ticket Vouchers for participating ski areas. They will give the specifics for this year's program at the September meeting.

CSC SNOW BALL – As mentioned, **Marsha Baretta** and **Joy Dutra** are Co-Chairing this event to be held at the Windsor Marriott on Saturday, November 18th. They are planning a massive raffle, Awards ceremony, installation of the new Council Ambassador, Club hospitality suites and music by **Eight to the Bar!!** See articles for more information in the newsletter. Marsha and Joy are doing a fantastic job with their committees to ensure that this will be the finest Snow Ball in recent memory. **IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL TO HAVE EVERY COUNCIL CLUB REPRESENTED THAT EVENING!!**

NATIONAL SKI COUNCIL FEDERATION – **Ben Tomszak** represented the Connecticut Ski Council at the annual meeting held last week in Canada. Ben will speak with us about the conference and information gained at the September meeting.

MONDAY NIGHT RACING – **Rob Dexter** is once again coordinating Monday Night Racing at Mt. Southington. The schedule for can be found in the newsletter under Rob Dexter's notices. Just eleven clubs participated last year and I know we can easily surpass that this year!! Get your club's racing team ready for action!

KID'S DAY – We once again thank **Dave England** and **Jenny Ebner** for building up the Kid's Day event to accommodate close to 100 kids at this past February event. Sadly they have both decided to 'retire' from running this event therefore **we need someone to form a committee to run this event in 2018.**

COUNCIL MEETING:

Sept. 12, 2017
Back 9 at the Stanley Golf Course, New Britain
(formerly the Whinestone Tavern) New Britain
Following meeting:
October 10, 2017
Back 9 at the Stanley Golf Course, New Britain

Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the October newsletter will be September 20. Thanks, Ginny Ludwig

ON SNOW WEEKEND – As you probably know by now, we will be hosted by Okemo on the first weekend of March. (March 2-4, 2018.) Details will be announced in the October newsletter, so inform your club about this great event and begin making your plans NOW! Once again, we would love to see all 44 CSC Clubs come up to Okemo to enjoy this great weekend of skiing, snowboarding and fun competitions, in addition to the inter-club camaraderie, partying, and just a great all around good time.

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BULK TICKET INFORMATION

All bulk ticket coordinators should have received completed credit return form for vouchers returned for credit for the 2016-17 ski season. Please contact Nancy Nolan (nancynolan@snet.net) or Cheryl Parmelee (parm4ever@yahoo.com) if you have not received the information. Prices of vouchers/tickets for the 2017-2018 ski season will be sent directly to the club bulk ticket coordinators.

PAYMENT FOR BULK TICKET ORDERS MUST BE MADE BY CERTIFIED BANK CHECK, (no personal or club checks will be accepted.) REMEMBER, OCT.9TH IS A BANK HOLIDAY!! ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE OCTOBER 10TH COUNCIL MEETING.

Nancy Nolan – Southern Tier
Cheryl Parmelee – Northern Tier
CSC Bulk Ticket Coordinators

From the Treasurer

Dues are payable at the September CSC meeting. **DUES MUST BE PAID before your club can receive membership stickers or place bulk ticket orders.**

If you need to know the amount that your club owes for dues for the 2017-2018 season, please email me at kim.d.roberti@snet.net with the subject "CSC dues and your club name." Or call me at 860-669-1811 and leave a message with your club name and return phone number. If your membership numbers have not increased, your dues will be the same as last year.

Here is the dues structure:

15-50 members: \$50.00
51-100 members: \$100.00
101-150 members: \$150.00
151-500 members: \$200.00
501 or more members: \$250.00

Please make your checks payable to the Connecticut Ski Council and put your club name in the memo part of the check. You can mail your checks to me at:

Kim Roberti, 49 Stanton Rd., Clinton, CT 06413

I will be at the council meeting in September at 7 PM to collect dues prior to the meeting. Thank you.

Kim Roberti, Treasurer

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED.....

CSC WEBSITE – Bill Leutz welcomes posting Council club's activities!! Take full advantage of this additional avenue for advertising what you do with trips and other activities. Also encourage your membership to visit the Council website on a regular basis – they may be surprised to learn how much the Council and our member clubs have to offer.

BEWARE!!

The Council website has links posted to your club's websites! Be sure to update your own websites regularly, as prospective members consistently go to the Council website to learn about ski clubs in their area.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AT THE BACK NINE AT THE STANLEY GOLF COURSE AT 7:30 PM ON SEPTEMBER 12TH!!

JONATHAN

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The 2017-2018 CSC Monday Night Racing at Mt.

Southington will be tough to beat after last year's very close race between the top 2 teams. Only 25 points separated Mt. Laurel and Newington for the season championship. This year we are schedule challenged. Both Christmas and New Year's fall on a Monday. So the schedule will be Pizza night on December 18, skip 2 weeks, then January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5, 12, 19, 26. There will be NO makeup dates. If we have bad weather in 2018 we will miss some races. Here's hoping that all Mondays in 2018 will have great weather.
See you on the slopes soon!

2018 State Races:

The **Giant Slalom** will be at Mt. Southington on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 – start time 7:00 PM, rain date 1/24/2018; **Slalom** at Mt. Southington on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 – start time 7:00 PM, rain date 2/14/2018; **State Downhill** on Friday, March 2, 2018 at Okemo, VT; **State Snowboard** on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at Okemo, and the **State Cross-Country** on Sunday, March 4, 2018 near Okemo (to be determined). All CSC members and Connecticut residents are welcome to participate.

Rob Dexter, CSC Racing Chairperson

(See 2018 Winter 50+ Games under *trips and other notices.*)

Outstanding Member Award

It's time again to start thinking about who to nominate for the Outstanding Member Award that will be presented at the 2017 Snow Ball on November 18th. Please identify an individual who your club thinks should be honored for their volunteer efforts that he/she puts in toward your club's activities. Please send nominations to me by the October 10th CSC meeting. I will need the club name, recipient's name, a short blurb why this person deserves the nomination and your contact information in case I have any questions.

Please email the nomination to me at demn1ct@aol.com or snail mail to Glenna Moalli, 43 Chapel Drive, New London, CT 06320. I can receive your nominations at the September and October council meeting. Thanks,

Glenna Moalli
Pequot Ski Club
860-447-2725

Club trips and other notices.....

Big Sky, Montana—March 6-13, 2018 Host: Newington Ski Club
COST: \$1,750/pp (Big Horn slope side condos)

Trip Includes:

- . Round trip Air from Hartford to Bozeman via United Airlines
- . Round trip motor coach bus from Bozeman to Big Sky
- . Seven (7) night accommodation at Big Horn Condos
- . Five out of six day lift pass (deduct \$400 if using Max Pass)
- . Welcome reception – 1 hour beer/wine/light snacks
- . Mountain Tour
- . Discounted equipment rentals
- . All current taxes

Contact: John Hunter [860-635-3257](tel:860-635-3257)/mtholly@sbcglobal.net

Ludlow, VT apartment available for seasonal rental.

Mountain Laurel Skiers apartment #22 is available for rental. The apartment is a 2-bedroom, 550 sq. ft. with a 4 person maximum occupancy. The seasonal rental fee is \$6,500 beginning Nov. 10, 2017 to April 15, 2018.

Contact Mandy Weber at 860-638-3821 or
diva378@gmail.com with questions or interested in renting.

2018 Connecticut Senior Winter Games for ages 50+ are scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018 at Ski Sundown, New Hartford, CT. There are 3 events: one-run Super G, two-run GS and Snowshoe race. Classes are divided by age brackets similar to NASTAR format. Lunch will be included (for a fee). This is not to be missed. Put this on your calendar early, so you won't forget!

Rob Dexter, CSC Racing Chairperson

Ambassador's Angle

Hello 2017 Ski Club Ambassadors!

All 2017 ski club Ambassadors need to attend the regular CSC meetings for this year starting in September. The first regular meeting will be held on **September 12th** at the Back Nine Restaurant at the Stanley Golf Course, 245 Hartford Road, New Britain. **All 2017 Ambassadors will need to be present for the pre-meeting at 6:30 p.m.**, prior to the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. We will review the upcoming Ambassador Reception/Tea, provide your club's Snow Ball tickets to be sold, and review your responsibilities for the upcoming snow sports season.

Mark your calendars! **Ambassador Reception Day will be Sunday, October 22nd from noon until 5:30 p.m.**, at the home of Bob and Kristine Kaczmarczyk in Bloomfield, CT.

I look forward to meeting all of you at the September CSC meeting!

Joy Dutra
2017/2018 CSC Ambassador
apdutra3@sbcglobal.net

Snow Ball News

It's that time of the year! The Annual Snow Ball, the sole fund raiser for the Connecticut Ski Council, is just around the corner. The event will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 8:00 PM – 12 midnight at the Hartford/Windsor Marriott (NOT Courtyard Marriott). Ticket prices are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. The theme for the Snow Ball is **"Shake it Up"** with entertainment provided by the band **"Eight to the Bar."** Tickets will be available from your ski club Ambassador or a designated representative at the meeting on September 12, 2017.

Remember this is the council's only fund raiser to support the snow sports activities the council sponsors such as Monday Night Racing, On-Snow Winter Carnival, Kids Instruction Day, and the Senior Winter Games. Therefore, we ask the council clubs to solicit prizes for the Snow Ball Raffle. CSC Ambassador, Joy Dutra from Mt. Laurel along with River Hills Ski Club and New Britain Falcons are overseeing the solicitations so please work through them with your solicited prizes. All prizes must be received by the Snow Ball Committee no later than October 20, 2017. The committee is working diligently on soliciting some fantastic raffle and door prizes, so get ready to **"Shake it Up"** with your friends from the Connecticut Ski Council.

Marsha Baretta
CSC Vice President/Snow Ball Co-Chair

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Bad weather may necessitate the postponement of a CSC meeting.

Please check the CSC website at skiclub.com.**CSC MEETING LOCATION:****Back 9 at Stanley Golf Course,
245 Hartford Avenue, New Britain****CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL**Visit our website at skiclub.com.

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.

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