

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

OK – The vouchers have been purchased and delivered, the CSC stickers have been distributed to all of the Council clubs, and the stockings are hung by the chimney with care! Now we eagerly anticipate the great season of winter fun to come! While many around us dread the coming of the winter weather, isn't it great to be in the fraternity of those who make the most out of what Mother Nature brings our way? So grab your skis and boards, your skill, your enthusiasm and your loved ones, and enjoy yourselves. While you are at it, invite someone to join you and expose them to how the Council benefits help to make skiing and snowboarding affordable for all.

We kicked off the winter season with the annual SnowBall fundraiser on November 14 at the Windsor Marriott. **Kris Mierney** and **Adela Martinez** and their dedicated committee did a superb job of planning this Council fundraiser and dance. Gift and solicitation was handles by **NAVA** and **Pinnacle**. The raffle was conducted by **Cronin, Fairfield, Hartford** and **Electric Boat**; the decorations were presented by **Double Diamonds** and **New Haven** (flowers provided by Jordan Florist). Ticket and door security provided by **Danbury, Montachusett** and **UCONN**; program produced by **Metroland**, and Outstanding Members compiled by **Alstom**. We were entertained by 'The Bird 'n' Boys', the wonderful staff of the Marriott, the INCREDIBLE raffle and the various hospitality suites sponsored by our Member Clubs (which were rocking into the wee hours of Sunday morning). Our new Council Ambassador is **Janice Cohen** of the Danbury Ski Club. Janice will join the Council Board for the remaining of the Council year. The first runner up is **Lindsey Taylor** of Double Diamond Ski Club, and the second runner up is **Nancy Britton** of the New Haven Ski Club. **Jan Wallace** represented Mt. Laurel, **Lori Schnerr** represented NAVA, **John Paturel** represented Newington, **Laurel Johnson** represented Pinnacle, and **Meral Prewell** represented their clubs as Ambassadors. All were outstanding candidates and we owe them our thanks for making the

evening a well-attended success. At the Snowball, we recognized the following Council members as Outstanding Members of their Clubs his past year: **Dave Zuraw** for his work at the Danbury Ski Club; **Lisa Durland** for her dedication to Mt. Laurel's lodge reservation system; and **Pam Bateman** for her countless hours in support of Newington Ski Club.

December finds us hosting our annual Kids' Day of free instruction and skiing for our younger Council members and their friends aged 5 to 18, this December 12. Those who are pre-registered will have a great day at Okemo Mountain. A big Thank You to **Dave England** and **Sue Poirier** for organizing this event.

Monday Night Racing kicks off on Dec. 14 at Mt. Southington!! There will be pre-registration and free pizza for those in attendance. If conditions allow, we will have racing that evening, but the idea is to get as many racers pre-registered as possible to avoid the first-night-rush that we have experienced in past years. **Rob Dexter** is our dedicated Race Chairperson, and he and the Club Race Captains are all looking forward to competing for Council bragging rights, enjoying camaraderie with friends, and kicking off each week with some night skiing.

I want to remind everyone that the Awareness Day schedule put together by **John Filakovsky**, and the Bulk Ticket program administered by **Nancy Nolan**, require that each Club ensures compliance to the rules for using these programs. Our new Bylaws make very clear that it is the responsibility of the member clubs to convey this to your members. Member Clubs that fail to act on incidents of fraud, misuse of Council

COUNCIL MEETING:

Note Location
DEC 8, 2015
WHINSTONE TAVERN at
Stanley Golf Course,
New Britain, 7:30 PM
Following meeting:
Jan. 12, 2016

programs, or abuse of mountain employees, face action by the Council. The mountain resorts are becoming more sophisticated in dealing with this, and ... well, it's just wrong. Please work with the Council to make this season clean of any such incidents.

Keep an eye to the Council website, **Bill Leuze** and his committee are working to include as much relevant information as possible. If your club is having an event or trip, and you need to get the work out to the entire Council, be sure to let Bill know. Also, we will be posting opportunities for the use of your 2015/2016 Council stickers at the mountains, ski shops and other businesses in Connecticut.

Gabe Cordova still has places available for the Council trip to Whistler-Blackcomb. This is a terrific trip at a great price. If you can, take advantage of this opportunity to ski out West and make new friends in the CSC.

I wish you all a wonderful Holiday season and a (hopefully) white Christmas.
Jonathan Houck, CSC Pres.

Bulk Ticket INFORMATION

A big thank you to all the clubs that picked up their bulk tickets at the November meeting.

If your club needs to order additional tickets to Okemo and/or Killington, they are available as follows:

- All orders MUST be placed through your club's bulk ticket coordinator. We will not take orders from individual club members.
- **Clubs must send one certified bank check made payable to the resort for which you are ordering tickets.** Checks should be mailed to Nancy Nolan, 28 Homestead Pl., Cheshire, CT 06410, by December 1, or by January 2. Orders should be available for pick-up at the December or January CSC meetings, depending on when you placed your order.
- If ordering Okemo tickets, be sure to state Adult (19-64), Young Adult (13-18), Junior (7-12), Senior (65-69), or Super Senior (70+), along with the quantity for each category.
- If club members want tickets for other resorts, please contact either of us at the numbers below.
- Remember – Okemo and Killington/Pico tickets are “live” and do not require you to exchange them at a ticket window. Please keep a record of your ticket numbers in case of loss, and don't carry any more tickets with you than the one you will use for your ski day. The scanner will cancel out any others you carry.
- Always carry your club membership card with the current CSC sticker to every resort you visit.

Nancy Nolan, 203-272-4681 or Ginny Ludwig at 203-250-1560.
For Northern Tier, please contact Cheryl Parmalee at parm4ever@yahoo.com.

Nancy and Ginny
Southern Tier Bulk Ticket Coordinators

Kids' Lessons Day at Okemo: Dec. 12 !!!!!

Did you register your kid yet for the FREE 2 hour morning ski/boarding lesson and afternoon party that is being held in conjunction with Council Awareness day at Okemo?

Did you hear that there will be a \$20 rebate to offset the already great Awareness Day lift ticket price for all kids taking the CSC-sponsored lessons and using the chair lifts??

It just doesn't get any better than this!!!

Bring your kid(s) to this great event to start off the ski season, tune up some skills, learn a new one, make new friends (and keep the old ones!) – and just have FUN !!!!

Registration is due Saturday, Nov. 29. The registration form and flyer is on the CSC website. AND to make things easier for you, instead of mailing it, you can email a LEGIBLE copy to Sue Poirier at: spcolby@gmail.com. **Sorry, late registrations CANNOT be accepted.**

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Sue Poirier at the above email address. More information will be emailed to all participants after Nov. 29.

Dave England and Sue Poirier
Kids' Day Coordinators

Ambassador News

Congratulations go to the Ct Ski Council's new Ambassador, Janice Cohen of Danbury Ski Club, and our wishes for a very successful year.

We also congratulate Lindsey Taylor from Double Diamond Ski Club as First Runner-up, and Nancy Britton of New Haven Ski Club for being Second Runner-up.

A job well-done, everyone!!

Kris Mierny
2015-2016 CSC Ambassador

New This Season at Magic Mountain

In place of a bulk ticket program at Magic Mountain this season, Magic is offering a season-long discount to CSC members. As with all our other programs, you must have a valid club membership ID card with current CSC sticker to take advantage of this offer. Magic will be open on Thursday through Sunday, with this special pricing:

Thurs.: Adult \$20, Teen \$15, Child/Senior \$10
Fri. Full Day: Adult \$40, Teen \$ 35, Child/Senior \$20
Fri. Half Day: Adult \$30, Teen \$25, Child/Senior \$15
Sat/Sun/Holidays: Adult \$50, Teen \$40, Child/Senior \$30
Ages 5 and under are free at all times.

CT Ski Council Everyday Benefits at Mount Snow

Simply present your CSC club membership card with current valid CSC sticker, and a valid photo ID at the Mount Snow Group Sales office, and receive a discounted group rate ticket – any day of the 2015-2016 season. The office is in the Clocktower building, Monday-Friday, and at Sundance Base Lodge weekends and holidays. One ticket per CSC card, and all members must be present and have a photo ID.

Council Awareness Days at Sugarbush

Monday-Sunday, January 4-10, 2016

Tickets: Monday through Friday, and Sunday – Adults - \$50
Saturday - \$56

New this year – redeem at either Mount Ellen ticket window or at Lincoln Peak Guest Service desk (first floor, Gate House.) Must present valid 2015-2016 club card with CSC sticker on the back, along with a photo ID. One discount per card, unless it's a family club card.

Council Awareness Days at Stowe

Dec. 4-6; Jan. 6-8; Feb. 5-7; March 18-20; April 8-10

Open to all ski club or Ski Council members. (Clubs and Councils must be a member of the National Ski Council Federation.)

Prices: Adult (13+ years)	Child (6-12 years)
1 day - \$45	1 day - \$33
2 day - \$90	2 day - \$66
3 day - \$135	3 day - \$99

Go to Mansfield Base lodge Guest Service Desk. Valid club card with CSC sticker required. In addition, participants must present or purchase (\$5) an Evolution StoweCard (non-refundable) It is an RFID card specific to each participant.

MONDAY NIGHT RACING

Monday Night Schedule

NEW THIS SEASON! December 14 pizza and registration night and filling out the CSC waiver/release form. Come to Mt. Southington to do the paperwork, have some pizza and some fun!

Races:

December 21 and 28

January 4,11,18,25

February 1, 8

Race make-up dates: February 15, 22 and 29

Connecticut Ski Council clubs race every Monday night at 7:30 PM at Mount Southington. Anyone 18 years old and up – even in their 80s, we have a category for that!

To be eligible you must be a member of one of the CT Ski Council clubs. The format is giant slalom with skiers racing the best of two runs. Registration is in the Ready Room above the Rental Shop, 5:30-7:15 PM. A \$31 race ticket, which must be purchased before registration, entitles you to NASTAR timed racing and an all-mountain lift ticket for the night. The fee for season pass holders and seniors 70+ is \$16.

CT State GS race – January 13 (Make-up January 20)

Ct State SL race – February 10 (Make-up February 17)

Rob Dexter

Race Chairman

Please note: there are several changes in the age classes for both men and women this year.

Complete information is on the CSC website.

Be sure all your racers are aware of the new categories.

Awareness Days

The full PRELIMINARY schedule for 2015-2016 is posted on the CSC website. Please check it carefully – changes are made from time to time. Remember – you MUST have a valid CSC sticker on your club membership card to purchase tickets at these special prices on the dates offered. New this year – Okemo will issue a reloadable pass (one-time-only \$5 fee) to be used on every Awareness day at Okemo.

The Awareness Days schedule is considered 'preliminary' until the season begins at each mountain resort.

Let's Ski Somewhere!

Connecticut Ski Council's annual trip Whistler, BC February 6-13, 2016

Cost: \$1659 per person
Includes: Roundtrip air Newark to Vancouver
Roundtrip ground transportation
7 nights at Delta Whistler Village Suites, incl. taxes
5 out of 6 day Whistler/Blackcomb lift ticket
Complimentary First Tracks
Welcome reception and Farewell dinner
All taxes and gratuities

For more information contact Gabe Cordova at 203-710-2530, or gabeskier@gmail.com or Judy Bernay at 203-507-5022, or at judith_a_bernay@sbcglobal.net. Deposit of \$400 due upon signup; \$400 due Oct. 15; balance due Dec. 1, 2015.

Sugarloaf, Maine

Date: Jan. 10-15, 2016

Price: \$390 – 3-5 bedroom condo (empty bed supplement: \$214.)
\$434 – Studio or 2 bedroom condo (empty bed: \$229)
Kids' (4-14)- \$145 (no bed; includes lift, rentals, lessons)
Teens (15-18) - lift and condo only

Sponsor: Central CT Snow Snakes
Includes: Welcome party, fitness center access, Outdoor Center interchangeable resort ticket, group dinner. Non-skiers get \$100 Sugarloaf Bucks.
Contact: Marie Carparelli, 860-649-5765, or mcarparelli@att.net

Breckenridge, Colorado

Date: Jan. 31 to Feb. 4, 2016

Price: \$1189
Sponsor: Central CT Snow Snakes
Includes: Roundtrip air Hartford to Denver
All ground transfers, taxes and gratuities
5 nights ski-in/ski-out
4 day lift ticket
Contact: Ray Crane at CTSnowsnakes.org.

Val D'Isere, France

Date: Jan. 22. to Jan. 30, 2016

Price: \$2250/pp double/triple occ;
\$2730/pp single occ; \$1425/pp land only double.
Sponsor: Danbury Ski Club
Includes: Roundtrip air JFK to Geneva. Skis and boot bags currently fly free.
Motorcoach transfers, taxes, surcharges, portage and post-departure travel insurance.
7 nights at Hotel Altitude, most rooms with balconies; fitness center, sauna and steam room available.
Ski-in/ski-out and 3 minute walk to village center.
European buffet breakfast and dinner daily.
Welcome reception.
6-day Killy lift pass add \$250 adult; \$200 65+.
Contact: Charles Rubano, 860-463-3125, or at secondhillstudio@gmail.com

Bormio, Italy

Date: Jan. 15-23, 2016

Price: \$1695 per person. (Add \$200 +/- for single occ.) Lift tickets are about \$40 a day, or a six-day pass for \$150 (\$100 if over age 65) and is valid at Bormio, Santa Caterina, Oga and San Colombano.
Sponsor: Meriden Ski Club
Includes: R/T bus from Meriden and JFK; R/T air to Milan; R/T transfers between Milan and Bormio; 7-night accommodates in Hotel Genzlanella; hot and cold breakfast buffet daily; 5-course dinner menu daily; WiFi internet; access to wellness center and sauna; piano bar evening; priority entrance at Old Roman Baths; personal heated ski lockers; welcome drink; free town shuttle buses; local taxes; 2 pieces checked luggage; discounts on lessons and ski rentals.
Contact: Bob Curry, 203-314-9605, or Bormio@MeridenSki.com

Cortina, Italy

With a pre-trip visit to Venice Winter Carnevale

Date: Feb. 3-14, 2016

Price: \$2,655 per person/doub occ
Sponsor: Montachusett Ski Club
Includes: R/T bus from Fitchburg, MA to Logan; R/T air from Boston(Logan) to Venice; 3 nights in Venice at Hotel Tritone with breakfast and transfers; Venice Winter Carnevale; private transfer to Cortina; 7 nights at Concordia Parc Hotel; breakfast and dinner daily; 6-day ski pass.
Contact: David Rudnick. drmbm@hotmail.com

Steamboat, Colorado

Date: Feb. 13-20, 2016 (Presidents' Week)

Price: \$1359 per person in 4 person/2 bedroom condo
Sponsor: Metroland Ski Club.
Includes: R/T air Newark to Hayden; all ground transfers and daily shuttles; 7 nights at Ranch Steamboat; 5 out of 7-day lift ticket; welcome reception; baggage handling and taxes.
Contact: Brian McNamara at 201-262-7588, or at metrolandskiclub@gmail.com

Big Sky, Montana

Date: Feb. 20-27, 2016

Price: \$1999 per person/double occ.
Sponsor: Pinnacle Ski Club
Includes: R/T air from Newark to Bozeman; all ground transfers (start point: Stamford); 7 nights at Huntley Lodge; 5 out of 6 –day lift ticket valid at Big Sky and Moonlight Basin; full daily breakfast buffet; 1 group dinner.
Contact: Drew Berescik at 203-572-2401 or drewster333@aol.com, or Steve Hassel at 203-252-9423 or stevehassel66@gmail.com.

Snowmass/Aspen, Colorado

Date: March 12-19, 2016

Price: \$1715 per person, 4 person/2 bedroom-2 bath condo or a 6 person/3 bedroom-3 bath condo. Ski in/ski out Top of the Village Condos. No lifts deduct \$285; Seniors 65+ deduct \$65; 6th-day adult lift add \$75 - Seniors add \$20); Single supplement add \$570.
Sponsor: Meriden Ski Club
Includes: R/T air Hartford to Aspen; R/T airport/hotel transfers; 7 nights at Tope of the Village Condos; one-hour wine and cheese welcome reception; 5 out of 6-day ski pass valid at Snowmass, Aspen, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk.
Contact: Wayne Gineo at wgineo@cox.net, or 860-463-5903.

More Club-Sponsored Trips

Steamboat, CO

Date: Jan. 30-Feb. 6, 2016

Price: \$1686/per person (6 person/3 bed/3 bath condo); \$1731 per person (4 person/2 bed/2 bath condo). Rate is based on double occ. per room. Add \$30 single trip membership to Winterset Ski Club.

Sponsor: Winterset Ski Club

Includes: R/T air Newark to Hayden; 7 nights at The Lodge at Steamboat, 400 yds. from gondola; private balconies, fireplaces and WiFi; 5-day lift pass; farewell dinner, midweek dinner, welcome reception. Amenities include private shuttle, outdoor hot tubs, heated pool, complimentary on-site ski valet service and storage.

Contact: wintersetkitrips@gmail.com, or Carolyn Eiseman, 203-482-2421, or Don Godbout, 203-898-0254.

Park City, UT

Date: Feb. 12-17, 2016

Price: \$1445 per person/doub occ; \$1325 per person/triple; \$1265 per person/quad. Children 5-12 as 3rd & 4th guests in room w/ 2 adults: \$945 per person. Child under 5: \$800 per person.

Sponsor: Goodmen Club

Includes: R/T air Newark to Salt Lake City; R/T airport/hotel transfers; 5 nights at Park City Peaks Hotel; 3-day lift pass to Park City and They Canyons; full breakfast buffet daily; all taxes and baggage handling; après-ski hot cider and cookies; welcome information orientation. Located on shuttle to Park City, Canyons and Deer Valley. NO snowboarders at Deer Valley. Resort has indoor and outdoor hot tubs, heated pool, and sauna. Optional 4th day TBA.

Contact: thegoodmenclub@gmail.com.

Sugarloaf, Maine

Date: March 13-18, 2016

Price: \$469/Adult; \$444/Senior 70 +; \$344/Child 15 and under

Sponsor: Winterset and Newington Ski Clubs

Includes: 5 nights in well-equipped condo. Minimum occupancy required: 2 people per bedroom in all unites except studios (3 people minimum). Surcharge of \$237 per each unused bed; 5 ½-day lift ticket valid Sunday 12:20 thru Friday; daily Perfect Turn 90-minute clinics; welcome party; taxes and service fees; non-skiers and Maine Pass holders receive \$100 credit; Seniors 80+ receive \$70 credit. Transportation is NOT included.

Contact: Peter Gorczynski (Winterset) at 203-231-6241 or pgorczynski@snet.net. John Hunter (Newington) at mtholly@sbcglobal.net.

Bus Trips and Weekends sponsored by Pinnacle Ski Club

Stowe, VT – Dec. 4-6, 2015 staying at Golden EagleResort.

Cost: \$125 per person/doub occ. *Includes* 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, Friday night welcome party. Lift tickets are \$45/day additional for CT Ski Council/Pinnacle members. *Contact:* Drew Berescik at 203-572-2401 or drewster333@aol.com.

Magic Mountain, VT – Feb. 6. *Cost:* TBD. *Includes* R/T bus and one-day lift ticket. *Contact:* Lavrel Johnson at 203-952-6516 or at lrun-by-1@oponline.net.

Mount Snow, VT – Mar. 18-20, 2016. *Cost:* \$159 per person.doub occ *Includes:* 2 nights lodging; 2-day lift ticket; daily continental breakfast and Friday night welcome party. *Contact:* Mike Finick at 203-218-7282 or at mrfinick@yahoo.com.

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the November newsletter is Nov. 20.

Email me at donald.ludwig@sbcglobal.net.

Special Lodging Rates at Stowe

Stowe Resort is offering special lodging rates in conjunction with this season's Ski Club and Council Appreciation Days. The following establishments are included.

Commodores Inn

800-44-STOWE, or 802-253-7131

Golden Eagle Resort

800-626-1010\\Trapp Family Lodge
800-826-7000

Stowe Mountain Lodge (Must book by Dec. 1)
802-760-4700

Stowe Motel & Snowdrift (Dec. and April only)
800-829-7629

Town & Country

800-323-0311

Inn at the Mountain (No April dates)

802-253-3649

Please call for complete rate schedule.

Reservations must be made in advance and are subject to availability.

Please let the properties know that you are participating in the 2015-2016 Ski Club & Council Appreciation Days.

Race Captains

Race Chairman Rob Dexter NEEDS your email addresses! Please contact him at skicouncil@sbcglobal.net or 860-836-9304 pronto! And racing dues must be paid by the first race!

Bits and Pieces

CT Ski and Sea Expo takes place at the AquaTurf on November 8, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The annual ski movie and Mt. Southington lift ticket event takes place on November 21 at Lyman Hall at Central CT State University.

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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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CSC MEETING LOCATION:

**WHINSTONE TAVERN at Stanley Golf Course,
245 Hartford Ave., New Britain**

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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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.

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