

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have seen a slow start to winter weather, but (hopefully) by the time this newsletter is published, we will have gotten some of the white stuff! The ski areas in Vermont aren't waiting, of course, and there is plenty of skiing to be had in Vermont.

We held our December business meeting at the Mt. Southington Ski Area, as **we kicked off our program of partnering with the Connecticut ski areas** to extend discounts to Council clubs and their memberships. We have placed links to the participating ski areas in our state on the Council website, and urge you all to spread the word of these discounts to your club memberships, and to take full advantage of these discounts. The various CT ski areas will be looking for you to present your valid 2015/16 stickers and a photo ID in order to get these discounts. Specific instructions do vary from one ski area to another, so be sure to view the links to the area you are interested in prior to arrival. Some of these discounts extend to equipment rentals and instruction, so if you can't spare the time to go up North, but want to have a high-value ski experience here in CT, this is a great way to leverage the benefit of membership in your club and the Council.

The lack of natural snow did result in the **postponement of our CSC Kids Learn-to-Ski Day**, as the instructional staff met with our dedicated team of **Dave England and Sue Poirier** to officially push this event to January at Mt. Southington. Details of the event can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Rob Dexter hosted a very successful racing pre-registration meeting on Dec. 14 at Mt. Southington. The ski area provided pizza and soda for those in attendance, and a number of new racers signed up. **The Monday night racing series will begin on Dec. 21**, and will extend for 10 weeks. When winter finally arrives, racing will begin in earnest, and we look forward to a lot of fun and good-natured competition among the clubs participating. Come on out and support your club team!

Speaking of competition, the **On Snow Carnival** will be on us before we know it, and **Newington Ski Club** is organizing this event with efficiency and thoroughness. This year's Carnival will be at Sugarbush, and the rosters and waivers have been released to all of the Council clubs. This information is also posted on the Council website. Details of this fun weekend of competition and partying will come soon.

Please continually remind your membership that the Council voucher and sticker programs are for the benefit of valid, current members of Council clubs, and that we are all responsible for honoring the integrity of these programs.

The Council website continues to change and improve. Please let **Bill Leuze** know of events that your club is sponsoring and opening up to other clubs in the Council – it is free advertising, and a way to ensure that these events will be successful and fun for your members.

Don't forget that the Council is sponsoring a great trip to Whistler-Blackcomb. As I write this, there is still space on this trip, so let **Gabe Cordova** know if someone in your club is interested in going. Once again, the details of this trip can be found in this newsletter.

COUNCIL MEETING:

JAN. 12, 2016

Note Location

**WHINSTONE TAVERN at
Stanley Golf Course,
New Britain, 7:30 PM**

**Following meeting:
Feb. 9, 2016**

Newsletter Deadline

Next deadline: January
20th for February

VERY IMPORTANT!! As hard as it is to believe, we are half-way through the Council year! At the Jan. Council business meeting, I will be asking for volunteers to head the effort to recruit candidates to run for Council office for 2016-17. If you are interested in being involved in this process, please let me know. We need a declared slate of candidates for announcement at the Feb. Council meeting.

Let it snow, LET IT SNOW,
LET IT SNOW!!!

Jonathan Houck, CSC Pres.

MONDAY NIGHT RACING

HOPEFULLY!!!

December 21 and 28; January 4,11,18,25,
February 1, 8. Race make-up dates: February 15, 22 and 29.
CT State GS race – January 13 (Make-up January 20)
Ct State SL race – February 10 (Make-up February 17)

**Please note changes in 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.

Bulk Ticket INFORMATION

If your club still needs to order additional tickets to Okemo 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 January 2. Orders should be available for pick-up at the January CSC meeting.

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.

Always carry your club membership card with the current CSC sticker to every resort you visit.

Nancy Nolan, 203-272-4681
Ginny Ludwig, 203-250-1560.

Season-long CSC Discounts

Please go to the CSC website for complete details, or to the individual resort sites.

Butternut (413-528-2000 x154)
Skibutternut.com

Catamount (518-325-3200)
Catamountski.com

Mohawk (860-672-6100)
Mohawkmtn.com

Mount Snow (802-464-1100)
Mountsnow.com

Ski Sundown (860-379-7669)
Skisundown.com

Magic (802-824-5645)
Magicmtn.com

Mount Southington (860-628-0954)
Mountsouthington.com

KIDS' DAY RESCHEDULE **WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

We have a new venue for this season's Kids' Day event – Mt. Southington!! It's a great place to learn, enjoy our own CT ski area, and again, kids' lessons will be FREE!!!

New Date: Sunday, January 24, 2016 (Sorry, no rain date)

Registration time: 4:15 to 5:15 PM

Lesson Time: 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Cost:

- Kids ages 5-18: lift tickets are \$15. CSC will sponsor the \$15 fee.
- CSC adult club members: tickets are \$20
- Non-CSC member adults: tickets are \$35
- Rentals: \$32 for both kids and adults, for skiing or riding. Helmets are not included in rental price.

What else is going on?

Apres Ski Party from 8:00 to 9:00 PM with hot chocolate and cookies.

Photographer taking photos of lessons, which will be shown on the large screen in the Alpine Eatery. Photos can also be emailed to anyone interested.

What a deal, eh?? Lots of fun, photos, special name tags for all kids participating and skiing under the lights! That is soooo much fun and very cool for the kids!!

How do we register?

- Registrations can be made with Adela Martinez at adela.cscvp@gmail.com. **Registration deadline is Jan. 13.**
- Non-CSC-member kids are welcome, and they receive the same benefits and features as member kids, but they must be sponsored by a CSC member adult.

Venue and time have been changed so parents will have less of a burden than with this program taking place up North. Hopefully you will find this easier and more affordable in helping the next generation of skiers/boarders getting started, and enjoying the exhilaration this great family sport brings. HAPPIER SKI KIDS – that's what it's all about.

More information will be provided upon receipt of registration.

Hope to see lots of you there.

Let it snow!

Dave England, Chairman

An Aside from Dave England

Sue Poirier is truly the mother of the CSC Kids' Day event. She had a vision more than 20 years ago, and with her ingenuity and very hard work, Sue and her team of instructors made it possible for thousands of kids to enjoy the adventure of snow sports.

I personally salute her and thank her for all she has done to enable me and others to continue to make it possible for upcoming generations to share a lifetime of fun on the snow. Thank you, Sue.

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.

CSC and Mt. Southington Ski Area

New and special offerings from Mt. Southington for all CSC members!

Monday Night Racing ticket is \$31, and *now can be purchased in the “Lessons and Night Racing Office”* to the left of Guest Services. Registration and bib handout is still above the Rentals building.

CSC Discounts
 Present your CSC club membership card with valid CSC sticker and photo ID at the ticket window for the following:

- \$10 off and 8-hour adult ticket, any day.
- \$10 off Sunday night ticket for 6:00 to 10:00 PM.

Cannot be combined with another offer. Each person must be present at point of purchase. Children must be accompanied by an adult. One ticket per CSC member.

CSC Appreciation Day (Family Learn-to-Ski Day)
 Sun., Jan. 10; Sat., Feb. 13; Sun., Feb. 28, 2016
 All dates are from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
 Present CSC club membership card with valid CSC sticker and photo ID at Group Sales and racing Office for these prices:

	Adult (13+)	Junior (6-12)
Lift Only	\$46	\$38
Lift and Lesson	68	62
Lift and Rental	68	62
Lift, Lesson, and Rental	78	68

(Lesson time is 10:30 AM)
 Same disclaimers as listed above will apply.

Take advantage of the newest benefit to your CSC membership! Just remember to bring your valid membership card and a photo ID.

ALL SNOWBALL RAFFLE WINNERS!!

Be sure to look closely at your prizes!
 Some of the vouchers and certificates have limitations or expiration dates you need to be aware of before it's too late!
 Many are valid for the whole 2015-16 season, but not beyond!
 So look closely and ENJOY!

Thanks again to everyone for so generously supporting the raffle again this year. This year, AS ALWAYS, thanks to all the club members who worked so hard to gather so many great prizes, and to those businesses, resorts and people who made donations!

The Snowball Raffle Committee

Trip Openings Still Available!!!!

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: Montashusett 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.

But Wait, There's More!!!

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 units 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.

CONSIDER THESE TOO!

Bolton Valley, VT

Date: Jan. 8-10, 2016

Price: \$239 PP/double occ.
Sponsor: Danbury Ski Club
Includes: 2 1/2 –day lift ticket (complimentary night ticket for night of arrival); 2 catered breakfasts; 1 catered dinner; 1 apres ski party.
Contact: Kathy Ligos, legsligos@hotmail.com or 203-438-6630.

Val di Fassa, Italy (Sella Ronda Valley)

Date: Feb. 5-13, 2016

Price: \$1699
Sponsor: Sterling Ski Club
Includes: R/T non-stop air JFK to Milan; R/t transfers from Milan to Val di Fassa; 7 nights at 4-star Hotel Alpen Corona; daily breakfast and dinner; all taxes. Lift tickets are extra at about \$45 per day. Hotel features ski rentals, indoor pool, spa, walking distance to lifts and shuttle to nearby towns.
Side trip to Lake Como Feb. 13-15. Stay at hotel Metropole Suisse. See Bellagio and Cernobbio. Extra fee of \$269 includes daily breakfast, R/T transfers and ½ day walking tour of Como.
Contact: Joe Greene, joefog99@hotmail.com.

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.

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BAD WEATHER

Bad weather may necessitate the
postponement of a CSC meeting.
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CSC MEETING LOCATION:

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

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