

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings all! I hope that you are making the most of the winter weather that has finally arrived. The **CSC Monday Night Racing** series got off to a really late start, but there is a lot of enthusiasm and comradeship on display at Mt. Southington. **Rob Dexter, Pat Moore and the Mt. Southington staff** have done a superb job making sure that everyone is getting accurate timing for their efforts, and we have kept the pizza and beer concession hopping at The Eatery afterward. Timing and results are posted on the CSC website as soon as they can be verified. There is one more chance to test your racing, participation and après ski skills with the upcoming OnSnow Carnival at Sugarbush, on March 4, 5 and 6. **Adela Martinez, Ron Kaprazewski** and their superb team at the **Newington Ski Club** have done a phenomenal job in arranging this annual CSC event!! We hope that you take advantage of the downhill racing (including snowboard and super G-state races), cross country (also a state race), volleyball in snow shoes, fun race, ski rally scavenger hunt, and – of course – the big dinner/dance on Saturday night with fabulous raffle prizes and medals presentation. We have also agreed to subsidize the Friday afternoon race clinic, with CSC paying \$20 of the \$40 fee for this professional 2-hour clinic. This is the CSC at its best – promoting winter sports. If your club cannot participate this year, give serious thought to joining the fun up north and giving your members one more reason to join a ski club in Connecticut.

As always, I encourage all of you to pay attention to the season-long deals offered to CSC members by the ski areas in Connecticut, including **Mt. Southington, Powder Ridge, Ski Sundown, Woodbury and Mohawk**. They are supporting the CSC, so please return the favor. The TV and computers can wait while you and your family enjoy some close-by winter fun!!

Gabe Cordova and the CSC travelers have returned from **Whistler-Blackcombe**. When you see Gabe, please *thank him* for his hard work in arranging the

CSC winter trips over the past several years. As to trips – **NOW IS THE TIME TO BOOK TRIPS for the 2017 winter season!** Every year, we have clubs desperate to fill trips that they have planned. I am not an expert in this area, but I know that if you do not plan, advertise and fill over half of your capacity by mid-summer, you are much less likely to have a successful trip. I would also suggest that clubs that do have trouble with their trips, consider combining their trip with the CSC and/or with other clubs in the same situation. If you wait until September to begin the process, it is too late to take advantage of the best locations and lowest air fares – just a thought.

If you think that there is time left in the current season for CSC business – consider this:

- ***FEBRUARY 29 – Last night of Monday Night Racing**
- ***MARCH 8 – Slate of candidates for 2016-2018 announced.** The CSC nominating committee of **Paul D'Attilio, Kevin Cronin and Drew Berescik** will be presenting a slate of candidates. Also, **OnSnow bids for 2017 go to the mountains!**
- ***MARCH 4 – 6 – OnSnow CARNIVAL at SUGARBUSH**
- ***APRIL 12 – Annual meeting and election of officers for 2016-2018**
- ***MAY – TBD – Mountain selection for 2017 OnSnow Carnival**
- ***MAY 10 – FINAL MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER!** Member **club rosters and lists of officers due** so we can order the 2016-2017 CSC stickers. Also – **ALL unused bulk ticket vouchers must be turned in.**

NINE WEEKS TO GET IT ALL DONE!!

We are working to update and improve the CSC website for the 2016/17 season. In the meantime, let CSC webmaster, **Bill Leuze**, know of events that your club is sponsoring that you are willing to open up to other clubs in the Council, so that we can post it on the website and in the CSC newsletter.

Thank you all for working to make the Connecticut Ski Council the largest and most active Ski Council in the nation. Enjoy the remainder of the 2016 season!

Jonathan

COUNCIL MEETING:

MARCH 8, 2016

Note Location

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

**Following meeting:
April 12, 2016**

Newsletter Deadline

Next deadline: March 20
for April newsletter.
Please send info to me at
donald.ludwig@sbcglobal.net. Thanks, Ginny

Bulk Ticket INFORMATION

It's time to remind your club members to use those bulk tickets – with about a month left to the season, you have to use them up soon! Keep in mind that Sugarbush will only accept 12% of returns for credit, and to date, only 25% of our bulk tickets have been used there.

The CSC OnSnow Carnival is March 4-6 at Sugarbush.

Remember – YOU CANNOT USE BULK TICKETS FOR OnSnow. All CSC members must purchase the discounted day lift ticket at any ticket window.

Pequot Ski Club has a surplus of Okemo tickets, so if you need a few more for this season, contact Glenna Moalli at DEMNLCT@aol.com. Okemo expects to keep up with the changing weather conditions, living up to their “best grooming” status. The other resorts still have plenty to offer, too – so don't give up yet!

Nancy, Ginny, Cheryl and Mark
CSC Bulk Ticket Coordinators

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., Feb. 28, 2016, 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.

MONDAY NIGHT RACING

Monday Night Racing is alive and well (finally!). We have had 5 completed races as of February 15. Mt. Laurel (3140) is starting to pull away from second place Newington (2627), with AE in third (2341) and New Haven fourth (1197). They are followed by Hamden in fifth (949), NAVA at sixth (478), Danbury is in seventh (427). Rounding it out are Winterset in eighth place (340), Fairfield Flakes in ninth (41) and Hartford at tenth (18). The snow, in spite of crazy up and down weather, has been in good condition.

The State GS had 58 racers at Mt. Southington on January 20, 2016. The State Slalom had 49 racers on February 10, 2016. Snow conditions for both races were excellent.

All race results are on both the CSC racing web page, and Mt. Laurel Skiers web page. **The State and Monday Night awards will be handed out at the April CSC meeting, Tuesday, April 12.**

Rob Dexter
CSC Racing Chairman
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From Our Ambassador

Skiing at Mt. Snow the week of February 8 was exceptional! I have received a few requests from club volunteering for certain jobs at this Fall's Snowball. Thank you so much, and I will keep them in mind as the planning moves forward. I will be in Florida for the next CSC meeting. Meanwhile ... between heaven and earth is SKIING!

Jan Cohen
2016-17 Ambassador

Race Training at Killington

Hello Fellow Masters and Ski Bums – I hope you had a wonderful Presidents' week and survived the arctic temps as well as the torrential rains. What a crazy winter, but we will prevail.

Our plan is to resume race training on Tuesday, February 23, from 12:30 to 3:30, on Bunny Buster at Killington. We are training a very easy GS and with the poma running, the runs have been in the range of 13 to 15 training runs. We need to keep this growing, so please pass the word. The cost is \$15 per session, and if you compare it to any other program, we are a fraction of the cost. Come support us as we are trying to give you an opportunity to train and be coached.

Doug Tucker
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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 Appreciation Days at Stowe

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.

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

From the Nominating Committee

The Connecticut Ski Council Board of Governors has asked the Nominating Committee to contact all of the CSC member-clubs regarding potential candidates that your club would like to nominate and be placed on the ballot for the 2016-2018 CSC officer elections. All clubs may nominate someone from their own club for the following positions of the Connecticut Ski Council:

President:

Vice President:

Treasurer:

If you have candidates you would like to consider for this year's election, please fill out this form and return to the Nominating Committee either by email or by bringing this form to the February 9, 2016 CSC meeting.

CSC Club Name _____

The Nominating Committee:

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Drew Berescik, drewster333@aol.com

Trip Openings Still Available!!!!

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.

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.

But Wait, There's More!!!

Bus Weekend sponsored by Pinnacle Ski Club

Killington, VT - "K2" – Feb. 26-28. *Cost:* \$285/pp; *doub occ;* Includes: 2 nights at Inn at Six Mountains, 2-day lift ticket, daily breakfast buffet, Fri. night welcome party. *Contact:* Jason Sliss, 203-280-2759, or plethora@optonline.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 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.

CSC Kids' Day - Perseverance and Dedication Equals Success

To start with, the original date for the CSC Kids' Day was set for December 12 at Okemo. Unfortunately the Snow Gods were not in our favor causing us to postpone the event to the next Okemo Council Awareness Day on January 31.

About a day or so after the 12th, the idea was given to me to have the event held locally at Mt. Southington. Even though a lot of effort was put into having the event at Okemo, they were very good to us, but after reviewing what happened, a day or so after I met with Mt. Southington people, who were also very good to work with. In order to have room, January 24, a Sunday evening, was chosen. And as it turned out, the Snow Gods blessed us with a half foot of snow the day before. The new cost was below the Council's approved budget, which allowed the Council to offer a pizza party where pizza, hot chocolate, cookies and 8 oz. bottles of water were available. 8 oz. water bottles were also handed to the kids to use during their lessons.

With dedication and perseverance, the Kids' Day event turned out to be a success, with 40 kids ranging in ages from 5 to 16. In that mix, there were 34 skiers and 6 snowboarders. The kids had two hour lessons, followed by a pizza party. Mt. Southington's service was excellent and their pizza was delicious.

My favorite part of this article is recognizing our dedicated, persevering instructors and helpers. Simply put, I could not have executed this event without them. Our certified trained instructors were: Kristen Cable, Sterling Ski Club; Lorraine (Rainy) Hughes, Newington ; Don Ludwig, Mt. Laurel; John Saresky, Norwalk; and myself, Manchester. Using our own available instructors, the Council was able to save on cost. We also used a core of Mt. Southington's instructors for the snowboard lessons and supplementing the overflow for the ski lessons.

Our helpers were Adela Martinez, Newington Ski Club, the contact person for the registrations, and organization of ages, skill levels. She got the folks signed up and gave the kids their lift tickets. Jenny Ebner made 14 skill station flags, donated the cloth for the materials, handed out the name tags and the water bottles. Bruce Laroche of Newington was our photographer and did a great job for the kids' lift tickets, that were good for any area on the mountain, at the discretion of the instructor. During the pizza party, Jenny Ebner operated the LCD projector, showing a slide show of the kids during their lessons. Jenny sent those pictures to all the parents. Joe Machowski of Newington was our true handyman, did whatever needed to be done. Sue Poirer of Nutmeg Outdoor Sports Club was instrumental in working with our Council's webmaster, Bill Leuze, of Nutmeg, in getting information about the Kids' Day event on the website. This team did a fantastic job and I cannot thank them enough.

I also want to thank the Council. They are very accommodating and generous with subsidizing the kids' costs. FREE lift tickets, FREE lessons and a FREE pizza party. These same features and benefits not only applied to the kids who are club members, but also to any kid that is sponsored by an adult CSC club member. Personally, I am very happy with the whole event, and all who attended were also happy. Dave England, CSC Kids' Day chairman

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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 Avenue, New Britain**

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