

# CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was great seeing you all at the opening meeting of the season on September 8.

I want to thank the Event chairpersons and Committee heads for giving us an over-view of their planned activities for the coming season. Based on the information that they provided, and having gained your vote on the proposed amounts to be spent, we will be presenting an operating budget for the coming season at the next meeting. It will be held once again at the Whinstone Tavern in New Britain, on October 13.

As we continue to meet, priority will be given to the immediate activities and events at our regularly scheduled business meetings. First and foremost at the October meeting will be the member club orders for the ski vouchers. Your club's purchases will be due that evening, with a total check due from each club in the form of a certified check payable to the CT Ski Council (one check each for Southern orders and Northern orders.) Please urge all of your club members to plan the winter carefully, as we hope to reduce the end-of-season return totals. In addition, keep in mind that Okemo will allow purchases during the season at the voucher pricing, in minimum amounts of 25 vouchers. Please emphasize to your members that Okemo is using 'live' tickets, and pay attention to the manner in which these will need to be handled, including the ID requirements for club cards with stickers on Awareness Days. We have posted the Awareness Days list on the website, and also have posted them on the Council website calendar for your planning convenience.

We will distribute the 2015/2016 stickers at

the October meeting based on the club rosters submitted to the Council at the end of last season.

Our next event is the Snowball, to be held at the Hartford Windsor Marriott, November 14. Besides being a great night of fun, honoring your clubs' Ambassadors and Outstanding members, and dancing, and the opportunity to win some great prizes, it's a really good time! This is the major effort to raise funds for the Council which will support the activities we have throughout the season. Kris Mierney, our CS C Ambassador, Adela Martinez, our Vice President, and their committee have put in long hours to make this a very special night for all who attend. Your clubs' Ambassadors are selling tickets to the event – make sure you help them to promote it at your club meetings, and urge your members to support the Ambassadors and the Council through their attendance.

We will also hear more details about the Kids' Learn to Ski Day at Okemo on December 12, the upcoming Monday Night racing schedule and other race events, the On Snow Carnival at Sugarbush March 4-6, 2016, and hear a report on the national Ski Federation convention held at Lake Placid in Sept.

Also at the October meeting, we will be asking the Board to bring comments about the proposed Council By-laws and Constitution, which were distributed at the Sept.

## COUNCIL MEETING:

**Note Location**  
**OCT 13, 2015**  
**WHINSTONE TAVERN at**  
**Stanley Golf Course,**  
**New Britain, 7:30 PM**  
**Following meeting:**  
**Nov. 10, 2015**

meeting. This represents the first overhaul of these documents since 2003, and is the culmination of over a year of work on the part of the By-laws committee. We have included these proposed documents for your review attached to this newsletter. A vote on the acceptance of these documents will be taken at the November 10 meeting. This will be a vote by Delegates of the member clubs (delegates are determined by club size per the current constitution.)

I hope that you all found the change of meeting place to be a positive one, and I have received many positive comments about the facility and its easy access from the major highways. We will again meet there in October at 7:30. As you may know, the Whinstone Tavern does not charge us for the use of the room. However, they do staff it for our convenience. I urge all of you to come early, have something to eat or drink, and do a little socializing before the meeting. I look forward to seeing you at the Whinstone.

*Jonathan Houck*

*CSC President, 2015-2016*

## Bulk Ticket reminder

- All Southern and Northern tier bulk ticket orders are due at the October 13 CSC meeting - NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Each club must pay with TWO CERTIFIED BANK CHECKS – one for Southern tier orders, and one for Northern tier. Checks are payable to CT Ski Council.
- Indicate your current bulk ticket coordinator on the order form, and include club, name, address, phone and email address.
- Keep in mind the allowable number of returns per mountain, and DO NOT OVER-ORDER. Re-order dates for additional vouchers will be posted in the November newsletter.
- Questions? Contact one of the CSC bulk ticket coordinators.

Nancy Nolan and Ginny Ludwig, Southern Tier  
Cheryl Parmalee, Northern Tier

## Ambassador News

To All Clubs –

I would like to invite each and every one of you to the CSC Snowball, Saturday, November 14, at Hartford Windsor Marriott, from 6:30PM to 12:30 AM. This event is a huge fundraiser for the CSC and a great night to mingle, meet new people that love doing what you love, and jam out to some great music. This year, we will have The *Bird'n'Boys* playing the best in chick rock to keep you grooving. Tickets to the Snowball were picked up by your club at the last CSC meeting. The price is \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. If you need ticket, please contact me at [Krismierny@gmail.com](mailto:Krismierny@gmail.com).

Ambassador Day will take place in Branford at Donna Yarrick's house, 80 Flat Rock Road. That is the day to turn in your solicitation prizes to the Council.

Thank you all for your cooperation and your support.

Kris Mierny  
2015-2016 CSC Ambassador

## 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.

## [Kids' Day – Reserve a space for your kid now!](#)

Once again the CSC and its volunteer instructors are offering a super day of free skiing/boarding lessons (about 2 hours), a party, and a great opportunity to start off the ski season! Held in conjunction with Okemo's Council Awareness Day, this is a wonderful way to have the kids freshen up their skills, have fun, meet old friends and make new one, and, did I say, HAVE FUN????!!!

Date: Saturday, December 12

Place: Okemo Main Base Lodge

Cost: \$46\* with valid CSC membership card. If your child uses ONLY the magic carpet and/or the lower quad chairs, the cost for the lower mountain ticket is \$20. AND, the first 75 kids to sign up will, upon proof of ticket purchase, receive a \$20 rebate. Also, between Nov. 1 and Nov. 29, CSC adult members can sponsor a non-CSC club member kid. There are limited spaces for non-CSC kids for the free lessons and party.

The registration form is posted on the CSC website and can also be obtained from your club. Deadline for registration is Nov. 29 – no exceptions. All participants must be pre-registered! Need more info? Contact Sue Poirier at [spcolby@gmail.com](mailto:spcolby@gmail.com) or 802-236-2683.

\*A one-time additional fee of \$5 per person will be charged at the time of lift ticket purchase. This is an Okemo fee (not associated with the Kids Day program) and is valid for the entire season. It can be used each time you purchase an Okemo lift ticket for CSC Awareness Days.

Dave England and Sue Poirier  
Kids' Day Coordinators

## NEW MEETING LOCATION

### PLEASE NOTE!!!!!!

The CSC's October meeting takes place in a new location. It will be at the *Whinstone Tavern at the Stanley Golf Course, in New Britain. Address is 245 Hartford Road.* The easiest route is via Route 9 (north or south), taking the Westfarms/Corbins Corner exit.

## MONDAY NIGHT RACE SCHEDULE

Must be young at heart and quick on your skis. 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! Come for the competition, camaraderie and fun.

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.

### Monday Night League Schedule

NEW THIS SEASON! December 14 pizza and registration night and filling out the CSC waiver/release form.

#### Races:

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)

## 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 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 Stowe Card (non-refundable) It is an RFID card specific to each participant.

## From the Treasurer

Reminder - Dues MUST BE PAID before your club can receive membership stickers or pick up bulk ticket orders. If your dues are not paid before the November meeting, you will not get your bulk tickets!

**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 prior to the meeting at: CSC, c/o Kim Roberti, 49 Stanton Road, Clinton, CT 06413.

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

Thank you,

Kim Roberti, CSC Treasurer

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## Outstanding Member Award

Nominations for your club's 2015 Outstanding Member Award must be submitted by the October CSC meeting.

The submittal must include the club name, the recipient's name and a paragraph stating why this person deserves the nomination. Also include your name and your contact information.

Please email your nomination to:

[ralph-v@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ralph-v@sbcglobal.net) or snail mail to:

Alstom Ski Club, c/o Ralph Veenema,  
446 Orchard St., Rocky Hill, CT 06067

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## 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.

## 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](mailto:gabeskier@gmail.com) or Judy Bernay at 203-507-5022, or at [judith\\_a\\_bernay@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:Bormio@MeridenSki.com)

### Cortina, Italy

With a pre-trip visit to Venice Winter Carnevale

Date: Feb. 3-14, 2016

Price: \$2,655 per person/dbl. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:drewster333@aol.com), or Steve Hassel at 203-252-9423 or [stevehassel66@gmail.com](mailto: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; 6<sup>th</sup>-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](mailto:wgineo@cox.net), or 860-463-5903.

## More Club-Sponsored Trips

### Sugarloaf, Maine

**Date: March 13-18, 2016**

*Price:* \$499/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](mailto:pgorczynski@snet.net).

John Hunter (Newington) at [mtholly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtholly@sbcglobal.net).

### Bus Trips and Weekends sponsored by Pinnacle Ski Club

**Stowe, VT – Dec. 4-6, 2015** staying at Golden Eagle Resort.

*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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mrfinick@yahoo.com).

### Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the November newsletter is Oct. 20. Email me at [donald.ludwig@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donald.ludwig@sbcglobal.net).

## Bits and Pieces

*Stowe Mountain* is offering a variety of lodging specials throughout the 2015-2016 season. Full details are listed on the CSC website, and will be included in the November CSC newsletter. Inns and lodges included are: Commodores Inn, Golden Eagle Resort, Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe Mountain Lodge, Stowe Motel & SnowDrift, Town %& Country, and Inn at the Mountain. Reservations must be made; please reference the CT Ski Council and Council Appreciation Days. More information to come.

### Awareness Days Notes

Attatash Mountain has been added this season. Okemo will be issuing a reloadable pass for a \$5 one-time-only charge that is reloadable all season. Stowe and Sugarbush “Appreciation Days” are not located on the Awareness Days schedule – info is found elsewhere in this newsletter.

*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.

### Race Captains

Race Chairman Rob Dexter NEEDS your email addresses! Please contact him at [skicouncil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skicouncil@sbcglobal.net) or 860-836-9304 pronto!

## By-Laws and Constitution Changes

Please be sure to read the attachments regarding the proposed changes to the Connecticut Ski Council’s Constitution and By-Laws. Discussion regarding these changes will take place at the October CSC meeting. Voting on the proposed changes will take place at the November meeting.

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**BAD WEATHER**

Bad weather may necessitate the  
postponement of a CSC meeting.  
Please check the CSC website at  
skiclub.com.

**Meetings at the WHINSTONE TAVERN at  
Stanley Golf Course, 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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