

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hard to believe, but it is time to think about the upcoming winter season. I hope that everyone had a great summer and made the most of the tremendous weather that we have been enjoying in New England.

The first meeting of the CSC will be held on Tuesday, September 8, and we will be hearing from the event Chairs and committee heads, as they present their plans for the season and ask for support in running their activities (in both time and funding.) Funds committed over \$1,000 need Board approval, so I ask that all the clubs of the Council be present and represented.

We hope to take the information presented, and put together an operating budget for the Council for Board's approval at the October 13 meeting.

In addition, all Member Club Presidents have received the proposed Council Constitution and By-Laws for review and for sharing with your club members. We will hear any comments and feedback at the September 8 meeting, and will present the documents for vote by the Board at the October 13 meeting.

We will also begin the process of ordering ski vouchers, and we have a tight time frame in which to have you take orders from your club's members, deposit the funds, and then turn in your orders with full payment at the October 13 meeting. We cannot emphasize strongly enough how important it is that any abuse of the vouchers or club cards will be dealt with immediately. The voucher program represents a valued benefit to us all, and the integrity of that program maintains a firm working relationship with the mountain

resorts that participate. With the amount of people participating in this program, we have done OK, but we have to bring the number of incidents to zero.

Nancy Nolan and I have been working hard to update the contact information for our member clubs. Of our 43 clubs, we still do NOT have proper contact information for 19 of those clubs. That is almost half! We will be contacting them to get the correct contact information for the 2015-2016 season. **WITHOUT YOUR CLUB'S PROPER CONTACT AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ORDER VOUCHERS FOR YOUR MEMBERS, OR OBTAIN STICKERS FOR THE SEASON.**

The various event committees are working hard to offer great experiences for your members. Dates will be set for the Snowball, Kids' Day, Monday Night Racing and On Snow Carnival at the September meeting. I especially want to put in an early plug for the Snowball, which will be held November 14 at the Hartford-Windsor Marriott. Kris Mierny, our Council Ambassador, and Adela Martinez, Council Vice President, are putting a wonderful evening together (details elsewhere in this newsletter), and their committee has met several times over the summer (while you have been at the beach). We hope to have a huge turnout for this event, so

COUNCIL MEETING:

Sept. 8, 2015
WHINSTONE TAVERN at
Stanley Golf Course,
New Britain, 7:30 PM
New Location

Following meeting:
Oct. 13, 2015

please urge your club members to attend for three reasons: **1) it's a lot of FUN, 2) it is the major fundraiser for the Council, and 3) it's a LOT of FUN!**

Let's all have a great season, and never forget that all of the hard work of the Connecticut Ski Council and our volunteers is to make winter sports more affordable and attractive for all of the members of our Council clubs.

Jonathan Houck
CSC President, 2015-2016

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the October newsletter is Sept. 20.
Email me at
donald.ludwig@sbcglobal.net

Bulk Ticket news

By now, all Southern tier bulk ticket coordinators should have received the amount of credits to be applied to ticket orders for 2015-2016. The Southern tier order form with this season's prices, the bulk ticket policy, and information regarding new procedures for Okemo will be mailed to club coordinators shortly. Please review the updated CSC bulk ticket policy and provide copies to your club members. The policy applies to both Southern and Northern tiers. All orders will be taken at the October meeting, and tickets will be picked up at the November CSC meeting. Contact me or Ginny with Southern tier questions, Mark or Cheryl for Northern tier.

Nancy Nolan
Southern Tier Bulk Ticket Coordinator

Ambassador News

Dear Club Presidents, Ambassadors, and members:
Here is a quick update on our 2015 Snowball. Peak to Peak is the theme this year. The Snowball will feature *The Byrd'n'Boys*, a fun local band that will keep you dancing. So get out your dancing shoes – it's gonna be a fun night.

There will be a meeting for the club Ambassadors at the September meeting, at 6:00 PM at the Whinstone Tavern at Stanley Golf Course. They will receive their packets for Ambassador Day, and your club's Snowball tickets. And I will have Snowball tickets for all the other clubs at the September meeting.

There is also going to be a Snowball committee meeting at 6:45 PM before our regular September meeting. Please be advised that if your club is not on a committee and was mentioned in May as one of the clubs due to participate this year and has not participated in planning the evening, the CSC will withhold your bulk ticket purchase.

This year's Ambassador Day will be held at Donna Yannik's house in Branford. All club Ambassadors will be provided with the address in their packet at the September meeting.

I would like to mention a couple of people who without a doubt do so much for this organization. It is a thankless job, but they put so much into it. Thank you for your help Adela Martinez, Jane Suto and all of this year's CSC Snowball committee members.

Thank you,
Kris Mierny

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 or snail mail to:
Alstom Ski Club, c/o Ralph Veenema,
446 Orchard St., Rocky Hill, CT 06067

NEW MEETING LOCATION

PLEASE NOTE!!!!!!

The CSC's September 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.

Kids' Day – Save the Date!

Back by popular demand, Kids' Day will again be held at Okemo. Save Saturday, December 12, which is also a Council Awareness Day, and bring your kids to get FREE ski or snowboard lessons. Day includes morning lessons and a post-ski (at about 2:30) party.

More details will be provided at our September CSC meeting, but for your planning – save the date! This is guaranteed to be a great start to a great ski year for our CSC families and friends.

Dave England and Sue Poirier
Kids' Day Coordinators

Let's Go Somewhere!

Some ski trips have already been planned – here are a few to consider.

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.

Breckenridge, Colorado Dates: 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 Killly lift pass ad\$250 adult; \$200 65+.
Contact: Charles Rubano, 860-463-3125, or at secondhillstudio@gmail.com

From the Treasurer

Dues are payable at the September CSC meeting.

If you need to know the amount that your club owes for dues for the 2015-2016 season, please email me at kim.d.roberti@snet.net with the subject "CSC dues & 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

Dues MUST be paid before your club can receive membership stickers or place bulk ticket orders. 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,
c/o Kim Roberti, 49 Stanton Road, Clinton, CT 06413.

Thank you,
Kim Roberti
CSC Treasurer

A Reminder to All Committee Chairs

from our President

All committee heads must present their plans for this season along with a budget for their activity at the September meeting. These must be in writing and will be presented verbally to the membership that night.

Vermont Celebrates Record Season

The Vermont ski industry celebrated a record-breaking season last year, with 4,670,903 skier/rider visits. The previous record was set in 2001. Epic snowstorms gave VT the most snow of any state in the continental US, and near-perfect winter weather kept the season going strong.

Thank you all for doing your part!

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BAD WEATHER

Bad weather may necessitate the
postponement of a CSC meeting.

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**DIRECTIONS TO 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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