

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday season, and had the chance to get outside for some Winter fun with friends and family. Conditions in Connecticut and up north have been good (much better than last year!), and the slopes have been very busy. Make sure that you take full advantage of the vouchers you purchased this past fall, and that you keep an eye on the CSC calendar for the Awareness Days that interest you.

MONDAY NIGHT RACING – We are halfway through the 8-week schedule due to the good early conditions. Thank **Rob Dexter** and **Pat Moore** for the superb job that they are doing in registering record numbers of participants, and ensuring that proper scores are posted for all. We are drawing almost 200 racers every Monday night, and everyone is having a grand time with the racing and camaraderie.

MEETING PLACE – We will be meeting on Feb. 14 at 7:30 PM, again at the Polish Club in Newington, where we met in January.

BULK TICKETS – As **Nancy Nolan, Cheryl Parmalee and Mark Robitaille** say – use ‘em or lose ‘em! And if you bump into one of these three on the slopes, at a party or at a meeting, take the time to thank them for the hard work they put into this program.

CSC STICKERS – For clubs needing additional stickers, we will have them available at all of the meetings – you will need to sign for additional numbered stickers, and you are responsible to see that they are used properly within the guidelines of the **Awareness Days program**.

CSC AWARENESS/APPRECIATION DAYS – Both are finalized and posted on the website, and on the website calendar. Be sure to let your membership know that incidents of abuse of the Awareness Days program or of the personnel working at the mountain resorts that support us with this program will be reported to me, and I will deal with the club involved.

CSC EVENTS –

MONDAY NIGHT RACING – As mentioned above, we are off and running!

KIDS' LEARN TO SKI DAY – Mt. Southington, Sun., January 22. **Dave England**, with the assistance of **Jenny Ebner**, have registered a record 115 children ages 5-16, to have a ski day and lesson on the CSC. Just a tremendous effort and a vast improvement in participation over past years! Just in case you did not know, Jenny's grandson, Nate, plays for the New England Patriots, and she has chosen to volunteer at Kids' Day even though Nate is playing that same day in the AFC Championship game. Talk about dedication to the Council!!

THE CSC On-SNOW CARNIVAL will be held at **Loon Mountain, March 3, 4 and 5, 2017.**

Please pay attention to the website, as lodging options are posted. This will be our first carnival at Loon – a great chance to explore a new mountain while having fun with your friends in your club and other clubs in the Council. **Adela Martinez** is heading the planning for the Carnival. Please contact Adela with any questions that you may have concerning the Carnival.

COMMUNICATIONS AND WEBSITE – Don't be like me and wait until the last minute to get articles submitted for the newsletter. Articles are due to **Ginny Ludwig** by the 20th of each month. Ginny does a wonderful job with the newsletter, but she can't include what she doesn't have. **CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO USE THE WEBSITE TO STAY INFORMED OF ALL OF THE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES.** It is frustrating that I still get calls asking for information from your members because they are unaware of the new website.

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COUNCIL MEETING:

FEB. 14, 2017

Note Location

NEWINGTON POLISH CLUB

Following meeting:

March 14, 2017

Next Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the March newsletter is February 20. Please email all items to me: donald.ludwig@sbcglobal.net. Thanks, Ginny Ludwig

Smugglers' Notch CSC Deals

Lift ticket rates at ticket window: Adults \$56; Youth \$44.

Stay and Ski Specials:

BrewFest Weekend: \$199 pp including 3-day pass; 2-night slopeside lodging; admission to BrewFest on Sat.

Available Mar. 31-Apr. 2.

Heart-of-Winter Special: (non-holiday only)

\$239 pp includes: 2-nights slopeside lodging; 3-day lift pass; use of resort facilities. Group vacation packages available. Youth ski/board rental - \$25/day; adult ski/board rental - \$30/day. 2-hour group lesson - \$35. Full-day children's ski camp - \$79.

Contact Ben Childs at 802-644-1282.

Ambassador's Angle

Our new Ambassador, **Joy Dutra**, is looking for your input as she begins to plan next year's Snowball. If you have any ideas that would make this great evening even better, please contact Joy as soon as you can. Her email is apdutra3@sbcglobal.net. She can also be reached at 203-238-9063. It's not too early to start planning!

RACING DATES AND INFO

Monday Night racing – Mt. Laurel and Newington clubs are neck-and-neck as of this posting, with the lead changing every week. All other clubs – get out and give them some competition!

A reminder from Mt. Southington – “Participants with tickets purchased through Liftopia or online on the Mt. Southington website are subject to the \$17 race fee.” This is also noted on the Mt. Southington web page. For only \$31, CSC racers get both a lift ticket and NASTAR timed racing.

Race hotline: 860-628-0954 x243 for weather questions.

CT State races are open to all CSC members or CT residents.
Slalom is Wed., Feb. 8 (rain date Feb. 15), same time/place.
Super G is Fri., Mar. 3 at Loon, NH at 9:30 AM (On Snow)
Snowboard is Sat., Mar. 4 at Loon at 10:00 AM (On Snow)
Cross country is Sun., Mar. 5 in NH (location TBA) at 9:00 AM

Senior Games are scheduled for Tues., Feb. 21, starting at 8 AM, at Ski Sundown.

Rob Dexter, CSC Race Chairman

North Haven Ski Club Bus Trips

Sat., Feb. 4 – Killington - \$80**

Sun., Feb. 26 – Stratton Mountain - \$80

Sun., Mar. 19 – Okemo Mountain - \$75

Sun., Mar. 26 – Mt. Snow - \$70

Price includes round trip bus and lift ticket.

Bus leaves North Haven at 5:30 AM; for Killington at 5:00 AM

Pick-up locations: Exit 21 on I-91N at Cromwell Commuter Lot at 5:50 AM (Killington, 5:20 AM);

Exit 47E on I-91N at Enfield Commons at 6:20 AM (Killington at 5:50 AM)

Contact: Annette at 203-927-3071, or dapdmurph@aol.com.

President's Message, continued

THOUGHTS ON EXPANDING OUR ROLE IN THE SPORT:

At the January meeting, we were given a \$500 check in support of this year's Kids' Day from Constance Greene and Greta Stifel, as they follow through on their pledge to support the Council. We thank them for their generosity and for this wonderful way in which to remember Constance's husband, "Papa Joe."

HUGE LOSS TO THE COUNCIL –Adela Martinez, our current Vice President, has taken a position in Florida. Adela's contribution to our Council has been tremendous and her departure will mean that we have big shoes to fill. At the same time, this will be a good move for Adela, and will get her closer to her family. Please take the opportunity to thank Adela for her hard work and dedication to the Council.

We will be holding a special election for Vice President this Spring. Please let us know if you are interested in joining the Board in this capacity.

Just a final thought – I encourage all of the club Presidents and Representatives to log on to your own websites periodically, pretending to be a person interested in finding information about your own club. I recently had a member of one club ask me to help with information on whom to contact for bus trip information for a club that they had joined. It was impossible to locate the information, and the individual was (understandably) upset with how difficult it was to contact anyone – to the point that they wished to get their membership refunded. Check out your own website!

Have fun out there in the winter wonderland of New England!

Jonathan

Special Lodging Discount

The owners of Grunbery Haus Bed & Breakfast Inn in Waterbury, VT are offering a 10% lodging discount to all CSC members. There are no restrictions or blackout dates. Offer expires May 31, 2017.

When booking online, select the 10% ski club discount. Upon check-in, members must present their valid ski club ID with current CSC sticker. Cooked breakfast entrée is included in your stay, from 8:00-10:00 every day. Coffee and self-serve breakfast items available prior to 8:00 AM.

To contact the inn, go to info@grunberghaus.com. Your hosts are Leah and Duane Beck.

SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE ON THESE CLUB TRIPS!!

Indian Head Resort, Lincoln, NH

Feb. 5 – 10, 2017

Host: NAVA Ski club

Cost: \$605/pp doub occ; \$540/pp triple; \$510/pp quad \$150 non-skier discount

Includes: 5 nights, 5 breakfasts, 4 dinners; 5-day pass to Cannon, Loon, Bretton Woods, Waterville Valley; apres ski wine and cheese party

Contact: Enid Batista-Gendron 203-723-1071, or enidgary@yahoo.com

Eastern Townships, Quebec, Canada

Sun., Feb. 19 – Fri., Feb. 24, 2017 *Host: Danbury Ski Club*

Cost: \$965/pp single occ; \$705/pp doub occ; \$635/pp triple occ; \$600/pp in quad occ. Children 18 and under – ask for rates.

Included: 5 nights at Villegia Manoir des Sables; 5 full American breakfast; wine and cheese welcome reception; 3 sit-down dinners; 5 days skiing – 2 at Mont Sutton, 1 at Mont Owl's Head, 2 at Mont Orford; access to on-site ice skating, cross country, snow shoeing (skis and shoes free of charge); spa.

NOTE: PASSPORTS REQUIRED

Contact: Greg and Mary O'Hara at 203-791-8565 or at weskisnow@gmail.com.

Solden, Austria

Mar. 3-11 (14th with extension), 2017 *Host: AE Ski Club*

Cost: \$2350 pp, doub occ; extension to Vienna add \$460/pp; all lift tickets extra.

Included: R/T air from JFK to Zurich on Swiss Air; baggage fees; motorcoach transfers airport to hotels; 7 nights at Hotel Tyrolerhof; full European buffet breakfast and 4-course dinner daily; wellness oasis with pool, sauna, steam bath; pre-trip party; welcome party; hotel taxes, fees and gratuities.

NOTE: PASSPORTS REQUIRED

Contact: AE Ski Club, aeskiclub.com

Eastern Ski Tour

Mar. 15-19, or Mar. 17-19, 2017 *Host: Goodmen Club*

Ski Stowe (\$44 Appreciation Days), Mad River Glen (\$17 St. Pat's Day), Bolton Valley (\$35 Awareness Days) and Sugarbush.

Cost: \$133/per night, doub. occ.: \$16 per extra person at The Commodores Inn.

Includes: breakfast, tips and gratuities, Friday night happy hour food, and Saturday night pizza party.

Contact: Donna Yanick, 203-641-8599, or thegoodmenclub@gmail.com.

Big Sky, Montana

Mar. 11-18, 2017

Host: Meriden Ski & Snowboard

Cost: Big Horn Condos - \$1709pp/doub occ (6 people in 3 bedroom/ 3 bath condo); \$1809pp/doub occ (5 people in 3 bedroom/3 bath condo). Stillwater Condos - \$1750 pp/ (4 per 2 bedroom/2 bath condo). Huntley Lodge - \$1990/ pp doub occ hotel room (w/ full buffet breakfast daily at Huntley only.)

Includes: R/T air Hartford to Bozeman; air to hotel transfers; 7 nights' accommodations; 5-day lift pass; baggage handling; welcome reception; all current taxes.

Additional cost info: No air/transfers deduct \$590; no lifts deduct \$360; additional day lift pass add \$75.

Contact: Wayne Gineo, 860-463-5903, or wgineo@cox.net.

Sugarloaf, Maine

March 12-17, 2017 *Host: Newington Ski Club*

Cost: \$495/adult ages 16-69; \$469/senior ages 70-79; \$395/senior ages 80+; \$363/child ages 6-15.

Deduct \$100 without lift ticket. MAX pass honored.

Pricing based on minimum occ – 2 per bedroom.

Includes: 5-and a half day lift ticket; 5 90-minute group lessons; access to sports and fitness center; welcome party; all taxes and fees. Limited to first 30 people.

Contact: John Hunter at mtholly@sbcglobal.net, or 860-635-3257.

Banff/Lake Louise, Canada

March 14-21, 2017

Host: Metroland Ski Club

Cost: \$1335/pp doub occ; \$1265/pp triple; \$1235/pp quad; \$100/pp 1-day Kicking Horse; \$325/sing supp; deduct \$495 no-air; deduct \$230 no adult lifts; senior rates available

Includes: R/T air LaGuardia or Newark to Calgary; 7 nights at Banff Ptarmigan Inn; 5-day 3-mountain lift including transportation to area; daily buffet breakfast; R/T airport – hotel transfers; baggage handling; taxes.

NOTE: PASSPORT REQUIRED

Contact: Brian McNamara at 210-262-7588, or Metrolandskiclub@gmail.com

Big White, British Columbia

March 18-25, 2017 *Host: Danbury Ski Club*

Cost: \$1624/pp doub occ. Deposit - \$300. Optional Fri. night (Mar. 17 at Marriott Newark Airport \$128.)

Includes: R/T air on Air Canada Newark to Kelowna; R/T motorcoach transfers; 7 nights at White Crystal Inn (rooms have 2 queen beds); 6-day lift ticket; ski-in/ski-out; hottub.

NOTE: PASSPORTS REQUIRED.

Contact: Ray Hepburn at 203-364-9808 or 631-834-2198; Rayhep51@yahoo.com.

More Club Trips this Season

Sunday River, Maine

March 19-24, 2017

Host: NAVA Ski Club

Cost: \$429-\$519 based on number of guests per room and/or type of accommodation

Includes: 5 nights; 5-day lift ticket; 5 daily clinics; taxes

Contact: Enid, 203-723-1071; enidgary@yahoo.com

Mount Snow, VT

March 24-26, 2017

Host: Pinnacle Ski Club

ReggaeFest weekend at Mount Snow.

Cost: \$159/pp, doub occ.

Includes: 2 nights at Snow Lake Lodge; 2-day lift ticket; daily continental breakfasts; Friday night welcome party.

Contact: Mark Delgado, 203-846-4076, mdel44@aol.com.

Jay Peak, VT

March 24-27, 2017

Host: AE Ski Club

Cost: \$332/pp, quad in golf course cottage;

\$410/pp, doub occ in Stateside ski in/ski out hotel

Includes: lodging; 3-day lift ticket good at Jay Peak and Burke; 1-day water park pass; all taxes and fees.

Contact: Cheryl Parmalee at cparms@aeskiclub.com, or 860-322-0137

Sunday River, Maine

March 30 – April 2, 2017

Host: AE Ski Club

Cost: \$414/pp. doub occ – 3-day lift ticket option

\$372/pp, doub occ – 2-day lift ticket option

Includes: 4-day/3-night lodging at Grand Summit Hotel (check-in at 6 PM); 3-day lift pass, or 2-day lift pass options; adult Perfect Turn clinic each day; all taxes and fees; get-acquainted party.

Options: Daily breakfast - \$18/pp, per day; \$80 dining card (\$100 value) limit 1 per person.

Deposit: \$200 plus AE membership dues required

Contact: sandy.aeskiclub@gmail.com or 413-789-3702.

KILLINGTON, VT

Feb. 24-26, 2017

Host: Pinnacle Ski Club

Cost: \$299/pp, doub occ.

Includes: 2 nights lodging; 2-day lift ticket; daily breakfast buffet; Friday night welcome party.

Contact: Mike Finick, 203-218-7282, or mrfinick@yahoo.com.

Connecticut Ski Council 2017 LAKE TAHOE SKI TRIP HAS BEEN CANCELLED

OnSnow Updates

We need volunteers at the races! To volunteer, go to the On Snow page on the CSC website and you will find the volunteer info.

All forms are on the website. **NOTE: All waivers, rosters and dinner reservations are due at the February meeting.**

Race Clinic subsidy – the CSC has agreed to subsidize the cost of participation in the Friday race clinic. Each racer will pay no more than \$20 to take the clinic.

For more information, contact Dave Zuraw at 203-729-9060 or at 203-232-9057.

Awareness Days Update

Remember – YOU MUST HAVE A CURRENT CSC STICKER ON YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD TO PURCHASE AN AWARENESS DAY LIFT TICKET. ONLY ONE TICKET WILL BE SOLD PER STICKER – EACH PERSON MUST HAVE HIS OWN CSC STICKER!

The CSC recommends that your club NOT POST the Awareness Days calendar on your club's website. Please create a link to the CSC's website instead. Because the schedule may change throughout the season, your own calendar may not reflect the updated information. However, the CSC's website will post any schedule changes. We urge this so that none of your club members are disappointed if they do not have the correct schedule.

So far this season, over 500 attended the Jan. 8 day at Okemo, and more than 900 skiers/riders went to Mt. Snow on January 2, 2017. We're off to a great start.

Thank you,
John Filakovsky,
Awareness Days coordinator

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BAD WEATHER

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

**CSC MEETING LOCATION:
NEWINGTON POLISH HOME****CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL**Visit our website at skiclub.com.

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.