

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TIME TO TALK ABOUT VOUCHER RETURNS!!

I hope that everyone has had a terrific time with your friends and family this season. There is still plenty of the white stuff up North as I write this, but it is that time when you let your members know that the voucher returns need to be tabulated. Get them all in to the voucher chair people at the May 9th meeting. There is still time to use the ones that you have, and you should, because the mountain resorts are getting tighter on their return policies. PLEASE LET YOUR CLUB MEMBERS KNOW.

MONDAY NIGHT RACING – A big THANK YOU!! To **Rob Dexter and Pat Moore** for the hard work and time put in to Monday Night Racing. Also much appreciation goes to the staff and crew at Mt. Southington. Mountain Laurel took first place by a whopping 24 points, followed closely by Newington. All of the results are posted on the Council website. For next year – for those clubs that are close enough – this is a tremendous way to boost your club spirit and attract new members. Think about coming out and joining the fun.

MEETING PLACE – We will be meeting again on **APRIL 11, 2017 AT THE POLISH CLUB IN NEWINGTON.**

BULK TICKETS – **Nancy Nolan** (“Southern tier”) and **Cheryl Parmalee and Mark Robitaille** (“Northern tier”), as mentioned above, will accept unused voucher returns at the May 9 meeting.

CSC STICKERS – Stickers for this year are still available. We are in the process of ordering the 2017/2018 stickers, so we will need all of the member clubs’ rosters and the names of their new officers by the end of June. PLEASE INCLUDE: Officers’ names, phone numbers and email addresses. We need the same information for your Council representative(s).

CSC AWARENESS/APPRECIATION DAYS – We will be posting the new Awareness/Appreciation days

schedule for 2017/2018 in October, 2017. A BIG THANK YOU!! to **John Filakovsky** for his superb effort in putting the schedule together for the enjoyment of all.

CSC EVENTS –

MONDAY NIGHT RACING – Finished for the year – A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!!

KIDS’ LEARN TO SKI DAY –

Dave England and Jenny Ebner did wonders in building up this event, and we thanked them in absentia at the March 22 meeting. They have decided to step down as this event’s coordinators, so we need some volunteers to step up to run the program in 2018. Let me know if you are interested.

THE CSC ON SNOW CARNIVAL - Dave

Zuraw and the Danbury Ski Club did a terrific job with ski events at the On Snow Carnival at Loon Mountain. Please take the time to thank him. **Adela Martinez** came up from Florida to coordinate with the mountain and get the word out about available lodging, as well as joining us for the event. Newington took overall first place, followed by Mt. Laurel and Danbury. All of the results are posted on the Council website. I urge ALL of our member clubs to consider participation next year. It is always a terrific time, and a way to make new friends. Bids for next year’s On Snow are being sent to 6 mountain resorts, and we will select the winner at the selection picnic meeting in May.

COMMUNICATIONS AND WEBSITE –

Articles for the May newsletter are due to **Ginny Ludwig** by the 20th of April. Thank you Ginny for giving us such a fine newsletter each month.

COUNCIL MEETING:

APRIL 11, 2017
Note Location
NEWINGTON POLISH CLUB
Following meeting:
May 9, 2017

Next Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the May newsletter is April 20. This will be the last newsletter of the season. Please email all items to me:

donald.ludwig@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks,
Ginny Ludwig

VICE PRESIDENT NEEDED!

The CT Ski Council Nominating Committee is looking for candidates for the position of Vice President. This elected position will be a two-year term. We would like to conduct this special election at the annual CSC meeting in April. Candidates who are interested should contact one of the following Nominating Committee members:

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Thank you.

Ambassador's Angle

Hello, Everyone! My name is Joy Dutra, and I am your new CSC Ambassador, and a member of Mt. Laurel Ski Club. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 18, 2017 for the CSC annual Snowball! It will once again take place at the Hartford/Windsor Marriott in Windsor. I look forward to meeting you and working with you throughout this year. Let me know if you have any ideas that could help make our Snowball extra FUN!

Also, it's not too early to start seeking raffle donations for the 2017 Snowball raffle. Thank you, and see you at our next meeting.

Joy Dutra
2017/2018 CSC Ambassador

OnSNOW WRAP-UP

January 22, 2017

Congratulations to Newington Ski Club for winning our annual On Snow Winter Carnival for 2017, at Loon. Mountain Laurel came in second and Danbury took third place overall. Newington also won the Team race, and will be running the racing events at On Snow next year.

The staff at Loon Mountain did a wonderful job with all of our activities and provided many wonderful prizes for the raffle. Of course, it wouldn't have been possible without all the participants, and especially the dozens of volunteers who helped out at the starting gate, scoreboard, bib-collection, and coordination of all the events and activities.

Special thanks to Ron Kaprazewski for all of his support and guidance on the racing events, Rob Dexter for the coordination of all the state races, and of course Adela Martinez for an amazing job keeping everything organized.

Dave Zuraw

President's Message, continued

COUNCIL WEBSITE – Bill Leuze has brought our website to a level of information for our members that we only could have dreamed about just a short time ago. PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO USE THE WEBSITE TO STAY INFORMED OF ALL THE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND BENEFITS.

THOUGHTS ON EXPANDING OUR ROLE IN THE SPORT:

We are looking for ideas to expand the Council's role in supporting efforts to expand winter sports awareness and participation. ALL IDEAS WELCOME!

WE NEED A NEW COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT – As mentioned before, **Adela Martinez** stays with us in spirit, but has moved to take a new position in Florida. Please let the Elections Committee know if you wish to run for this office.

WINTER TRIPS – NOW! Is the time to plan your winter trips for 2018. If you wait until fall, your chances for a high value trip are greatly diminished! If several clubs want to combine their efforts and run a Council trip, please let us know. Remember that if Bill Leuze and Ginny Ludwig know about your club's trip, they will post it.

**I hope everyone had a great season, and don't forget –
VOUCHER RETURNS!**

Jonathan

BULK TICKET NOTES

The calendar says Spring, but Mother Nature treated us with storm Stella and more than a foot of snow! Now is the time to use your bulk tickets and enjoy some great spring skiing. HOWEVER, should you have any unused bulk tickets by the end of April, get them to your bulk ticket coordinator, who must return them for credit at the May 9th Council meeting – NO EXCEPTIONS. We will only accept unused tickets from bulk ticket coordinators and NOT from individual members. I will be sending out the return forms in early April to the club coordinators. If you have any questions, please contact me at nancynolan@snet.net. Hope to see you on the slopes!

Nancy Nolan and Ginny Ludwig
CSC Bulk Ticket Coordinators/Southern Tier

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.

Thank you,
John Filakovsky,
Awareness Days coordinator

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.

Boston Ski and Board Expo 2017

Wednesday, May 20, 6:30-9:30 PM
Andover Country Club, 62 Canterbury St., Andover, MASS

Great Events and Escapes will again sponsor roundtrip motorcoach transportation and private reception featuring prizes, for CSC guests.

Resort and Mountain exhibitors from the U.S. and Canada will be available to meet with you and share information about the upcoming season. This is a fun night with fantastic prizes, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Complimentary transportation and private reception for CSC guests are provided.

This is a great event for club trip leaders and/or club presidents to talk with representatives and tour operators.

"Andover Show Coach" – reservations required. Contact Jane Suto for reservations and bus pick-up schedule. Only 4 guests per club are allowed.

Pick-up schedule:

New Haven – 3:00 PM at IKEA parking lot

Meriden – 3:30 PM at Bee Street Commuter Lot

Bloomfield – 4:00 PM at 91N Exit 35A & 35B/ Rte. 218 Commuter Lot 4

Vernon – 4:30 PM at 84E Exit 67 Commuter Lot

Contact Jane Suto at jsuto@lesterusa.com.

New Jersey Ski Travel Show

Sunday, May 7, 2017

1:00 – 4:00 PM, Marriott Hanover, Whippany, NJ

Reception at 4:00 PM; Prizes at 5:00 PM

If your club is more convenient to New Jersey than Boston, come to this travel show and meet with representatives from Western, Canadian, Local, and European resorts, along with tour operators. Plan your club's 2018 ski trip now – as Jonathan Houck suggests!

Contact Drew Berescik of Pinnacle at drewster333@aol.com, or PRW Travel Shows at PRW@PRWtravelshows.com.

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**CSC MEETING LOCATION:
NEWINGTON POLISH HOME
140 Wilson Ave., Newington**

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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.

BAD WEATHER

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

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