

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ANOTHER BANNER YEAR FOR EASTERN WINTER SPORTS COMES TO AN END!!!

The 2017/2018 season was a real roller coaster! What was a great beginning in December gave us some great holiday fun, and then yielded to 70+ degree weather and a fake "mud season". Once that settled down, March brought a never-ending series of storms and another 5-6 FEET of snow, allowing the mountain resorts to extend their seasons and give everyone some added Winter fun.

I sincerely hope that you all enjoyed every minute of it and enjoyed the high value that the CSC Awareness Days and Ski Voucher programs offer.

As I wind up my time as the President of the Council, I want to thank so many of you who have helped our great organization in extending our programs to bring affordable and fun Winter sports experiences to your club members. Many of them are mentioned every month in the committee reports, but there are a lot of unsung heroes, and I have enjoyed meeting so many new people in the past three years.

If I come away amazed at anything, it is that so many in the Council clubs work so hard to build your membership and bring so much joy to your club members. All of our clubs offer unique approaches to the joy on Winter sports activities, and there is no reason an interested potential member cannot find the "right" club for their experience.

I commit to support Ben in his new role as the CSC President, and stand ready to do everything possible to keep the Council a vibrant component of the New England Winter sports scene.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SKI VOUCHERS – Nancy Nolan (Southern tier) and Cheryl Parmelee (Northern tier) say: **THE MAY MEETING – absolute LAST DAY for VOUCHER RETURNS!**

AWARENESS DAYS – Once again – THANK YOU to **John Filakovsky** – amazing, amazing – AMAZING job! **PLEASE BE AWARE** that **Art Dutra** has expanded the Awareness Days program into summer with various mountains and businesses here in Connecticut and in the North Country that will offer significant discounts to Council members with the display of your valid CSC sticker. So – keep your stickers handy and keep track of the discounts posted on the Council website.

CSC SNOWBALL - **Melissa Patterson and Marsha Baretta** have booked the Windsor Marriott for Saturday, November 17, 2018. Let your club members know now and help them to help you have a great time while kicking off the 2018/2019 ski season.

NATIONAL SKI COUNCIL FEDERATION – Our new CSC President, **Ben Tomczak** will provide updates about the Federation and plans for the 2018/2019 season at our May meeting.

MONDAY NIGHT RACING – **Rob Dexter** is already planning for the next edition of the inter-club bragging rights in Connecticut. Dates will be announced for this 10-week program at the May meeting.

KIDS' DAY – Kids Learn-to-Ski Day will be held at Mt Southington on January 27, 2019. I will be organizing the event and look forward to working with all who wish to help.

OnSNOW WEEKEND – The next OnSnow Carnival will be held at the ski area chosen on May 5 at Ron Kaprazewski's home. We have sent our bids to six mountain resorts in Vermont and New Hampshire. The event itself will be held March 1, 2 and 3, 2019.

COUNCIL MEETING:

May 8, 2018

LOCATION:

The Back 9 at the Stanley Golf Course, New Britain

Following meeting: September 11, 2018

Newsletter Deadline

The next newsletter will be for September. The deadline is August 20.

MY NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!!!

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Thanks, Ginny Ludwig

CONGRATULATIONS BEN!

At the April meeting, the CT Ski Council elected a new President. **BEN TOMCZAK**, who served as our Recording Secretary for the past two years, is the Council's new President, and will serve for a 2-year term. Candidates for Treasurer will be announced at the May meeting.

The Nominating committee: **Kevin Cronin, Joe Mahowski, and Paul D'Attilio.**

President's Message, continued

CSC WEBSITE – Bill Leuze, our Council webmaster, does an amazing job in getting information about your clubs' activities posted to the CSC website. Please be sure to take full advantage of this service and encourage your members to check out what is happening with the CSC and the various Council clubs.

NEWSLETTER – This is the last newsletter to be sent out until September. Please be sure to thank **Ginny Ludwig** for her diligence in crafting a first-class vehicle for informing you all of the CSC events and activities.

ELECTION COMMITTEE – WE HAVE A NEW PRESIDENT!!

Congratulations **Ben Tomzsak** on being elected to a two-year term to lead us forward. Ben brings a positive attitude and the energy of youth (being a few years younger than I).

We hope to have the Treasurer's position filled at the May meeting so that we have a full and strong Board coming into September.

COUNCIL SUPPORT OF SKI-RELATED NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS - We will be voting on support for the Connecticut Adaptive skiing program at the May meeting.

LASTLY (BUT NOT LEASTLY) - As you hold your club elections, be sure to get the contact information to Nancy Nolan as soon as possible – she will also need your latest roster count, as this determines your vote total for certain Council decisions.

See you all at **The "Back Nine"** at **STANLEY GOLF COURSE** at **7:30 PM on TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018.**
Last meeting until September!

Jonathan

From The Treasurer

Dues are payable at the September CSC meeting. If you want to avoid the September rush, you can mail them to me over the summer, information provided below.

Dues MUST be paid before your club can receive membership stickers or place bulk ticket orders.

If you need to know the amount that your club owes for dues for the 2018/2019 season, please email me at kim.d.roberti@snet.net with the subject "CSC dues" and 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 changed, 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
151-200 members:	\$200.00
501 or more members:	\$250.00

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 September meeting, c/o Kim Roberti, 49 Stanton Road, Clinton, CT 06413.

I will be at the meeting in September at 7:00 PM to collect dues prior to the CSC meeting.

Thank you,
Kim Roberti
CSC Treasurer

BULK TICKET NEWS

ALL UNUSED BULK TICKETS must be returned at the May Council meeting, NO EXCEPTIONS! For Sugarbush vouchers, only return the unused paper voucher, not the RFID cards.

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

CSC Racing Age Classes

The 2018 racing season has ended. Next year the CSC is looking to change the age classes for Monday Night Racing, which will also reflect age changes for the State races. Historically, the CSC has tried to make the age classes never more than 15 people per class, based on the current racing year's participation. We have had increasing numbers of participants the last four years:

In 2015, there were 810 racer starts

In 2016, there were 843 racer starts

In 2017, there were 1165 racer starts

In 2018, there were 1070 racer starts

The last Monday night of 2017 peaked at 205 racers.

The racing league has been growing. It is great to see the competition! However, some of the age groups do not have sufficient participants to have competition. Example: Women Class E 43-50 only had 6 racers all season, and the first place winner only skied 3 times; therefore, the age group should expand. Some age groups should be adjusted smaller: Men M 61-63 had 20 participants. There is one group in which 12 guys have the same birth year – a very competitive group; the age group should be adjusted.

I will assemble a suggested age breakdown and present it at the first CSC meeting next season. Just a heads up.

Have a great summer!
Rob Dexter
CSC Racing Chairperson

Thanks go to all team captains for your work to make the CSC Monday night series the success that it is! Hopefully everybody picked up the CSC Monday Night awards (pictures and plaques) and the CSC State Awards (mugs) at the last CSC meeting. If you are missing any or there were mistakes on the award, please notify me.

Also, there were lots of Juniors who were "unattached" (no club). Most of these are Mt Southington racers; Juniors who are not part of a club can contact me for their mug pick-up.

All top 3 place finishers (there were many ties) receive a mug for their place in a State race participation (max one mug per person.) The results should be posted on the CSC webpage.

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Ambassador Time!

All ski clubs need to start thinking about naming their 2018/2019 ski season Ambassador. The current CSC Ambassador, Melissa Patterson-Meadow, and her crew are busy planning for the 2018 SnowBall, "Awesome Winter", to be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018, at the Hartford Windsor Marriott. In the meantime, all ski clubs should have an Ambassador to promote the CSC activities within their own ski club, and connect with each other at all of the CSC meetings throughout the year.

We are planning a fun Ambassador Day for the 2018/2019 Ambassadors at the Powder Ridge facility "Fire on the Ridge." That day will be Sunday, October 21, 2018. In the meantime, please identify your club's Ambassador ASAP and have them plan to attend their introductory meeting on June 12, 2018 at the Hartford Windsor Marriott at 6:30 PM. Dinner will be served and RSVP is mandatory. RSVP to Marsha Baretta, CSC Vice President (skimars93@gmail.com) with your Ambassador's name and contact information, no later than Memorial Day! Sign-ups also will be taken at the CSC meeting on May 8.

In the meantime, think Spring!

Marsha Baretta
CSC Vice President

Congratulations to One of Our Own!

Mark Vining, lifetime Hartford Ski Club member and a CSC representative for many years, was recently awarded a National Appointment to the National Ski Patrol, at the NSP's Connecticut Region Awards Ceremony and Banquet.

Only 2% of National Ski Patrol members have ever been awarded National Appointment. Mark is the seventh Hartford Ski Club member to be so awarded. His list of accomplishments is impressive. He began patrolling in 1976, and has been a trainer, first aid instructor, ski and toboggan instructor, CT Region Treasurer, and CT Region Administrator, all for the National Ski Patrol.

Way to go, Mark!!!

AMBASSADOR'S NEWS –

2018 Snowball Planning and Meeting Update

Spring is in the air and the 2018 Snowball planning is in full swing. The 2018 Snowball Leadership Team consists of Marsha Baretta, CSC VP, Melissa Patterson-Meador, CSC Ambassador, Bob Lewis first runner-up and Sandy Hansel second runner-up. We've had a steering committee help from Jonathan Houck, current CSC President and the newly elected CSC President Ben Tomczak. Here are the important dates and activities already planned:

May 20, 2018, Friday – We request all Club Presidents send in the names and contact information for their 2018 Club Ambassadors. (Contact information to include cell/telephone number and email address.) Please email information to Melissa Patterson-Meador at 2018.CSC.Ambassador@gmail.com. and Marsha Baretta at skimars93@gmail.com.

June 12, 2018, Tuesday – Meeting of the 2018 Snowball Committee Club Leaders and the 2018 Club Ambassadors at the **Hartford Windsor Marriott**. Meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Below is the list of this year's Snowball Working Clubs, each should send their designated committee leadership representative to this meeting.

2018 Snowball Working Clubs

CE Ski Club	Fairfield County Flakes	Meriden Ski Club	New Haven Ski Club
Cronin Ski Club	The Goodmen Ski Club	Metroland Ski Club	Pinnacle Ski Club
Double Diamonds	Hartford Ski Club	Montachusett Ski & Snowboard Club	
Electric Boat Ski Club	Hopmeadow Ski Club	NAVA Ski Club	UCONN Ski Club

September 11, 2018, Tuesday – Club Ambassador and Club Representatives for Ticket Sales (for clubs without Ambassadors) Meeting at 6:30 – 7:20 p.m. at the Back Nine Restaurant at the Stanley Golf Club in New Britain. Snowball Working Committee will also meet from 6:30 – 7:20 p.m. at the Back Nine both meetings just prior to the first 2018 Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the same location.

October 9, 2018, Tuesday - Club Ambassador Meeting and Snowball Committee meetings at the Back Nine Restaurant, 6:30 – 7:20 p.m. prior to the monthly CSC Council meeting.

October 21, 2018, Sunday – Ambassador Day Reception at Powder Ridge Ski Area, Middlefield. All 2018 Club Ambassadors are invited and should plan to attend. The judging for the 2019 Ambassador will take place during this event.

November 13, 2018, Tuesday – Club Ambassadors and Snowball Committee meetings, 6:30 – 7:20 p.m., just prior to Council meeting. Last Council meeting prior to the 2018 Snowball. Last call for Club Banners to be hung at the Marriott for the Snowball.

November 17, 2018, Saturday – The main event – **2018 Snowball Awesome Winter**, 8 p.m. to midnight at the Hartford-Windsor Marriott Ballroom featuring the popular Connecticut band – the Rumrunners.

See the CSC website and future newsletters for more details.

Melissa Patterson-Meador, 2018 CSC Ambassador and Marsha Baretta, CSC VP this year's Snowball Co-Chairs.

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BAD WEATHER

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

CT SKI COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION:

**The Back 9 Restaurant at Stanley Golf Course,
245 Hartford Avenue, 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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