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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

"Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse." - Henry Van Dyke

Hello and welcome to ski/snowboard season 2024-2025! Exciting and fun times await all of us "snow enthusiasts!" It was wonderful to see so many of you attend the November meeting in person...so much more meaningful than virtual via Zoom! Upon writing this, I'm thankfully sitting in a cozy room in a Vermont location still enjoying the peace and serenity from hiking in the hills and wooded countryside. All of us are waiting for the upcoming holiday of Thanksgiving, therefore, I hope you will find yourself among family and friends and find a reason to be grateful for all that you have!

We are on the cusp of our 2024 SnowBall, "Ski Dreams." Jane Suto and her committee have been working hard this season to prepare our first seated/plated dinner-dance event. Please remember to bring CASH to the raffle and to patronize the bar in the Ball Room (no credit cards or VENMO are accepted.) We request that you arrive in time to be seated for dinner and awards at 5:30 PM. Everyone, regardless whether they are a dinner guest or not, is welcome to join us for **a complimentary charcuterie table** immediately following the raffle! The band RumRunners will be there for our dancing pleasure and over twenty-five \$100.00 raffle gift cards await everyone to take their chances on winning! Door prizes are: One Season Pass to Mount Southington, and One Four-Day IKON Pass. You may still purchase an event ticket at the door for \$85.00, but you won't be seated until after dinner. It's an exciting evening that you need to be a part of as we kick off our snow season!

The Silent Auction fundraiser has come to an end. The CSC realized a gross income of \$5,735.23, and we anticipate more revenue as we attempt to sell-off the remaining items at "bargain basement pricing!" Please look for an e-mail that contains the remaining unsold items and their discounted prices.

Thank you to everyone who entered a bid, won an item (and promptly paid), or helped to spread the word about our auction fundraiser.

Nancy Nolan was kind enough to step up and oversee Killington/Pico voucher sales for us again this year. The order was finalized during our November 12 meeting, so a big thank-you to Nancy. Mark Robitaille did a fabulous job with our first-ever IKON Pass Special Benefit Pricing Program. There were several hurdles for Mark to overcome, along with clarifying the program to a representative from every ski club. He efficiently delivered a productive service to our membership that yielded complimentary passes for a few clubs, and the Council. Thank you, Mark! Robert Kot has been very busy this autumn; however, he has taken time to coordinate with Mount Southington to schedule our annual Kids' Instruction Day for Saturday, February 1, 2025.

Monday Night Racing will soon be here and Rob Dexter is hard at work organizing and informing everyone of the preparatory details. Be certain to attend the kickoff registration and pizza party at Mount Southington, Mon, Dec. 9, at 6:30 In the Mountain Room.

**NEXT
COUNCIL MEETING:
DEC 3, 2024
7:30 PM
Back Nine at Stanley
Golf Course
Following meeting:
JANUARY 7, 2025**

Newsletter Deadline
Deadline for the January newsletter is December 20. Please send info to me at: don.ludwig.45@gmail.com.
Thanks,
Ginny Ludwig

Webmaster's Email
Please send all information you wish to have posted on the CSC's website to Cheryl Parmelee at: cparmelee@aeski.com

**Council Appreciation
Ski Days**
Our CSC APPRECIATION DAY COORDINATOR is Ian Ellmore, and his contact info is: ian.ellmore@gmail.com.

Monday Night Racing – December 23 to February 10; makeup dates of February 17 and 24.

From Your President, continued

Your 2024-25 racer bib will be assigned and pizza will be served, along with a cash bar. You need to know your own personal CSC permanent number to receive your racer bib, so please check it out before you arrive!

Melissa Patterson-Meador is our point person for the return of our CSC OnSnow race day, Saturday, March 8, 2025, at Catamount, in Hillsdale, New York. The racing on that day will consist of 6 events (2 for the junior racers) and the day will finish with a banquet!! Sounds as though this will be the rebirth of the CSC Wine Race and a great opportunity for our clubs to commute via motor coach bus! Technology has greatly improved since our last OnSnow Winter Carnival (2020), so the transmission of race results will be much swifter and easier to record. Melissa will need help with preparation details, so please let her know if you can lend a hand.

I hope all of you enjoy a peaceful and plentiful Thanksgiving holiday. The holiday offers everyone an opportunity to enjoy people, food, football games, and for some, a road race. Whether you choose to spectate, cook, or host, I hope you find the opportunity to give thanks for your surroundings, and for those who are with you. We live in the "Land of the Free because of the Brave." Thank you to all reading this who help to keep our Connecticut Ski Council a vibrant organization that benefits snow lovers of Connecticut.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Kindly,
Marsha

From Our Vice President

CSC SNOWBALL

In just a day, the annual SnowBall "Ski Dreams" takes place. All the committees have been hard at work to make this SnowBall a great event. Doors will open at 4:45 PM and dinner will be served at 5:30. Dancing begins at 7:00. There will be a door prize, a raffle and a cash raffle throughout the evening with many great prizes to win.

Looking forward to seeing you on Saturday.
Jane Suto
Vice President

REMEMBER -

Our regular meetings this season will be held on the FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, at the Back Nine Tavern.

Killington/Pico Vouchers

I am in contact with our Killington rep and will notify all club ticket coordinators when the vouchers are available. Questions: email me at nancynolan@snet.net.
Nancy Nolan

NEW TRIP OFFERING

Jay Peak

Martin Luther King Weekend

Host: Central CT Snow Snakes

Three nights at either Tramhaus or Stateside Hotel; 3-day lift ticket, and club dinner. Stateside includes breakfast too! All information on the website: ctsnowsnakes.org under trip flyers.

It's already snowing at Jay!

MONDAY NIGHT RACING INFO

Monday Night Racing is celebrating 52 years of competition. Mount Southington will be open, and it should be very similar to last year. **We plan to have a pizza party on Monday, December 9** – Mount Southington will foot the bill for the pizza!

We will continue to use the Mount Southington database for ski ticket and race fees – it will all go through Mount Southington's web page. An RFID card will be issued to each racer. That card must be displayed or shown EVERY TIME prior to riding the lift. The deadline to sign up for racing is noon on the day of the race, similar to last year. Now, everybody who purchased a ticket for racing will be in that night's database, so, fewer errors.

You will need your CSC permanent number prior to signing up on the web page. Look at last's year's results to find it, or, if you are a new racer, contact me at skicouncil@gmail.com to have one issued. Your permanent number stays with you forever. Also, your bib number should be entered into the database (issued each year.) Southington said they will delete all of last year's bib numbers in the database (2023-2024). (I hope this happens.)

Typically we will have 2 runs on the main courses, but they will NOT count as NASTAR runs. If you want to qualify for NASTAR you may run on the NASTAR course (skiers' right) and there will be no extra charge. Unfortunately, there will be NO NASTAR Nationals this year – Outside Magazine (NASTAR owners) announced it will not be held.

If you have registered for a race, come to Southington to get your bib the first time you race, or, possibly, get it on pizza night December 9. If you do not make the pizza night, make sure you come early to your first night of racing to get your bib, and there is typically a back-up that night, so plan ahead.

Age is based on your age on December 31, 2024 (for the ski year 2024-2025.)

RED course (old) men born in 1957 (and turn 67 in 2024) and older, and all women and all snowboarders will have bibs 1-199 (red course).

BLUE course (young) men born 1958 and younger (turn 66 in 2024) will have bibs 200-399 (blue course.)

Any woman racer older than 69, or any man older than 73 may run first on their course; these are the oldest two age classes. Last year there were 10 men and 9 women.

Bibs will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis – and since we have a lottery for race bib order each night, a lower number is not necessarily an advantage. Give yourself extra time if you get your bib your first night.

The Monday Night Race series at Mount Southington schedule for 2024-2025 is: December 23 and 30; January 6, 13, 20, 27; and February 3, and 10 (8 weeks). Makeup dates are February 17 and 24.

BIBS: We will do as we did last year: hand out CSC bibs for the year. Racers will be responsible for bringing their bib each week. Each week will be the same sequence bib order, but the first racer number will vary. Racers MUST turn in their bibs at the end of the season (racers' last race night) or their club will be billed for the missing bib.

TICKETS: On-line ticket sales will eliminate money/credit card interaction. Ticket/racing prices will be shown on the Southington web page, and NASTAR will be free to all. ONLY on the skiers' right course.

OTHER RACES: There will be no State Slalom nor Giant Slalom, nor Cross Country race. We should have an **OnSnow** event this year, and it will be a **ONE** day event. Stay tuned for those details.

Please stay safe out there, and pray for LOTS of snow, or at least cold weather!

Rob Dexter
CSC Racing Chairperson

Time to Plan This Season!

Meriden Ski & Snowboard Club offers this trip!

Soldeu, Andorra and Barcelona, Spain

January 11-21, 2025

Grandvalira is the largest ski resort in the Pyrenees, Andorra.

Cost: \$2,199. Per person/double occupancy

\$2,699. Single

Add \$200 for checked bag OR skis and bootbag

Lift tickets are included on the Ikon pass, or about

60 Euros a day.

Includes:

R/T air from Boston; R/T transfers between Barcelona and Andorra; 7 nights at 5-star Park Piolets Mountain Hotel & Spa in Soldeu, Andorra; 2 nights accommodation in Barcelona at a 4-star hotel TBD; breakfast buffet daily; 5-course buffet evening meal with cooking stations in Andorra; complimentary shuttle to lifts; complimentary WiFi in hotel; all local and air taxes; Meriden Ski & Snowboard Club dues for 2024/2025.

Deposit of \$1100. Due upon registration; balance due 9/15/2024. Register at Meridenski.com. Each traveler must complete registration on website so info can be sent to travel agent and airlines.

Contact: Bob Curry, bobski@snet.net. Phone & text to 203-314-9605

Get on Boards!

Danbury Ski Club has a great trip on the books!

Val d'Isere and Tignes, France

January 18-26, 2025

Cost: \$3995. Per person/double occupancy

\$ 4595. Single

Land only: deduct \$800.

Includes:

R/T air Geneva via JFK (non-stop), or Boston/Logan (1 stop)
All transfers, taxes, surcharges, portage;
7 nights at the new 4-star Club Med in Tignes, France;
Ski in/ski out; Full European buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner daily; g pool and wellness center; Nightly entertainment, changing each night; 6-day lift ticket to Tignes and Val d'Isere; 5 days of lessons or ability grouped mountain guides; One-year membership in Danbury Ski Club.

Deposit due on registration; balance due Sept. 15, 2024.

Questions: DSC.Tignes.2025@gmail.com

Details: <http://DanburySki.com/Tignes2025>

More Trips on the Books!

Canazei, Italy

February 21-March 1, 2025

Canazei is part of the Dolomiti Superski area (Ikon pass) in the heart of Val di Fassa.

ONLY 12 SPACES LEFT!!!

Host: Meriden Ski Club

Cost: Superior room - \$2,775. PP/doub occ; \$490 single supplement. Junior suite - \$2,879. PP/doub occ.

Includes: R/T transfers Meriden/JFK; R/T air JFK and Milan via Air Emirates; R/T ground transfers; 7 nights at 4-star Hotel Astoria (all rooms brand-new w/WiFi, etc.); Continental & Italian breakfast daily; a la carte dinner menu with starter & dessert; Skiers snack buffet daily 3:30-5:30 PM; weekly gourmet gala dinner w/ live music; free spa, swimming pool, Jacuzzi; hotel shuttle to ski lifts; weekly activities program for non-skiers at special price; all local & air taxes; Meriden Ski club dues. Deposit \$1500 pp due at signing; balance due 12/1/2024.

Contact: John Roarty, 860-919-1801, Roartyj@aol.com.

Sunday River, Maine

Feb. 23-28, 2025

Host: NAVA Ski Club

Cost: Lodging and Lift Ticket rates are as follows:

Lodging rates at the Jordan Hotel are PER NIGHT, and include tax and fees.

Standard Room \$193	Studio Superior \$181
Studio Deluxe \$193	1-bedroom suite \$366
2-bedroom suite \$698	3-bedroom suite \$1284

Lift Tickets

Sunday River will create a booking link for members to purchase lift tickets directly. Ikon pass holders are welcome to use their pass. Sunday River Resort will provide discounted lift ticket rates to the group for the contracted dates. Sunday River requires ski group members to purchase lift tickets, rentals and lessons directly from the resort via the group discount online link. Lift ticket purchases are non-refundable and non-transferable. Discounted rates are:

	3-day	4-day	5-day
Adult (19-64)	\$213	\$264	\$308
Teen (13-18)	\$170	\$210	\$245
Junior (6-12)	\$144	\$179	\$204
Senior (65-79)	\$170	\$210	\$245

Super Senior (80+) and Child (5 and under):

No group rates available – please purchase online in advance:

1-day \$5; 2-day \$6; 3-day \$7; 4-day \$8; 5-day \$9.

Ikon Passholders pay zero for lift tickets.

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

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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.