

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello, and welcome to Autumn!

Our neighborhoods, hills, and mountains are a colorful palette, and the days are warm yet crisp. Mother Nature is putting on a splendid show of color for us this autumn as we prepare for the chill of winter and hopefully lots of white snow! It's time to prepare your snow gear and get your body conditioned for a safe season "on the snow."

In preparing you gear, please take time to check out the CT Ski Council's Online Silent Auction fundraiser! It opened for bidding on Sunday, October 20, with lots of ski gear (helmets, goggles, jackets, socks, neck gaiters), lift tickets, season passes, and several overnight accommodations, including Foxwoods Resort Casino and the Hartford Windsor Marriott! The time for bidding will close on Saturday, November 9, 2024 so don't delay ... place your bids today!! Auction fundraiser website: <https://www.32auctions.com/CSCAuction2024>,

The Council has a very busy calendar in November:

- Council booth at Warren Miller '75 movie at The Bushnell in Hartford on Nov. 2;
- Auction fundraiser bidding window – Oct. 20 -Nov. 9;
- CSC monthly meeting at Back Nine Tavern - Nov. 12;
- Deadline for SnowBall ticket sales – Nov, 12;
- Deadline to turn in Killington/Pico voucher order – Nov. 12;
- Deadline for all clubs to deliver \$100.00 gift certificates for SnowBall raffle – Nov, 12;
- "Ski Dreams" SnowBall – Nov. 23.

Check your calendar to ensure that you and your club members are apprised of everything that is happening in the Council this month.

We are excited To have a vendor booth at the Warren Miller movie showing on November 2. If you plan to attend, please stop by and say hello. Jane Suto has organized her team of club volunteers to ensure a successful SnowBall, so be sure to join us for our first combined Dinner/Dance event. Melissa Paterson-Meador volunteered as "point person" for an OnSnow race day for us. Mark Robitaille has wrapped up our first IKON Pass purchase program. Job well done, Mark – thank you! Nancy Nolan stepped up to oversee the voucher sales program for Killington/Pico. Ian Ellmore is working on coordinating discounted Appreciation Ski dates at mountains in VT, NY and MA. Cheryl Parmelee continues to maintain our CSC website and update it with information that is pertinent to the overall function of the Council. Ginny Ludwig continues to edit, consolidate and produce our monthly newsletter.

Do you have an idea for an event that would benefit the members of the CT Ski Council? If you do, please step up and let's strive to make your idea a reality. It's teamwork that makes things happen: TEAM = Together Everyone Achieves More! We look forward to having you as part of our CSC team by participation in or being at one of our many functions this month.

Kindly,
Marsha

**NEXT
COUNCIL MEETING:
NOV. 12, 2024
7:30 PM
Back Nine at Stanley
Golf Course
Following meeting:
DECEMBER 3, 2024**

Newsletter Deadline
Deadline for the December newsletter is November 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 with makeup dates of February 17 and 24.

SNOWBALL COMMITTEE

There will be a SnowBall committee meeting at 6:30 before the regular CSC meeting on November 12. Clubs responsible this year are required to have a representative at the SnowBall committee meeting. Final details will be discussed.

Killington/Pico Vouchers

A voucher order form has been sent to CSC club reps. If your club plans to take advantage of the program for 2024-2025, please let me know. Details are:

Killington - \$129, and Pico - \$69 per each voucher.

Blackout dates: Nov. 28 thru Dec. 1; Dec. 25 thru Jan. 3; Jan. 18, 19, 20; Feb. 15, 16, 17.

We would like to have orders and payment by the Nov. 12 Council meeting. Payment should be made payable to CT Ski Council. Questions: email me at nancynolan@snet.net.

Nancy Nolan

Norwich Ski Club's Annual SKI SWAP

Sat., November 9, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saint David's Episcopal Church

RT 12 and RT 214 in Gales Ferry, CT

(2miles north of Gales Ferry center)

- New and used equipment;
- New member applications available; current members can pick up their member cards;
- 50/50 raffle - \$2 per ticket, \$5 for 3;
- Trip sign-ups for Sugarbush and Smugglers' Notch;
- Equipment tune-ups;
- Used equipment sales – bring your useable gear between 9:30 and 10:00. No fee. Limit of 6 items per family. We will turn away unusable equipment.

Norwichskiclub.org, or membership@norwichskiclub.com, or 860-464-6595 for information.

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!

From Our Vice President

CSC SNOWBALL

There is a chill in the air and snow in the northern New England mountains. Our annual Snowball is a great event to kick off the upcoming winter season. Our SnowBall, "Ski Dreams", will be November 23, 2024, from 5:30 to 11:00 PM at the Hartford/Windsor Marriott. This year the SnowBall will be a dinner-dance, a new and exciting event. The dinner will start at 5:30 and will be a 3-course plated meal. Dinner choices are chicken, salmon, or vegetarian. Starting at 7:00 will be music by The Rumrunners. Ticket price is \$85.00. Looking forward to seeing everyone enjoying dinner and dancing the night away, and, hopefully winning some prizes.

The SnowBall is ADVANCE SALES ONLY. Any tickets sold at the door will NOT be entitled to dinner and will NOT be sold at a discount price. This is a semi-formal event. Dave Zuraw, the SnowBall ticket coordinator, passed out SnowBall packets for your club's ticket sales. Ticket sales deadline is the CSC meeting on November 12 (NO EXCEPTIONS.) All ticket sales MUST have the dinner choice for each member-ticket sold. Of not marked, that person will receive a chicken dinner and it cannot be changed.

Hartford/Windsor Marriott is offering a special group rate for a Double/Double or a King room at \$172.00 plus tax per night. Reservations must be made by individuals directly with the Marriott at 800-228-9290, or online to the group reservation link. Book your group rate for CT Ski Council SnowBall 2024. Cut-off date is November 1, 2024. Within the ticket packet was a club reservation list. Please complete this list of your club members who have made reservations through the CSC reservation link, or on their own. We need the name the reservation is under so that we get credit for rooms reserved for the CSC event.

All clubs have been requested to donate at least one (1) \$100.00 gift certificate for the raffle. Please give gift certificates to Dennis Suto by the November 12th CSC meeting.

Ski clubs that want their club banner displayed at the SnowBall please bring it to the CSC meeting. After the SnowBall, clubs can pick up their banner on Sunday morning.

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, except November.

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 Board!

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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CT SKI COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION:
The Back 9 Restaurant at Stanley Golf Course,
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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.