

# CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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## GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello, and welcome to the splendor of Autumn in New England! Mother Nature is preparing to spread her beautiful colors across the mountains and countryside we call home. We've been blessed with mild temperatures (lacking in summer humidity) as we turn our calendars from Summer to Autumn; what a gift!! I hope that all of you take time to hike, cycle, walk, or run outside to enjoy this fabulous autumn!

It's time to dust off the snow sports gear in preparation for the upcoming winter. Take time now to discover if your boots still fit, bindings are in good condition, and if those boards are tuned! Most ski shops and mountains are having their winter sales and ski swaps so check with your local ski shops and mountains to find out when their events occur. It's the best time to unload your outdated equipment and upgrade for this season.

The CT Ski Council will open our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Silent Online Auction fundraiser on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2024, at 9:00 AM. It will run for three weeks. Several new vendors have donated items to our auction this year including Dermatone, Obermeyer Jackets, Volkl, and Darn Tough Socks. If any of those items sound interesting to you, please go to our auction website to place a bid. We also have several mountain resorts that continue to donate lift tickets and season passes, including our home mountain, Mount Southington. The auction website is: <https://www.32auctions.com/CSCAuction2024>. Remember...you can't win if you don't bid! Good luck to all bidders!

Next on the calendar will be the Warren Miller '75 movie, shown at The Bushnell on Saturday, November 2, 2024. Online tickets are on sale at [Bushnell.org/shows-concerts/warren-miller-s-75](http://Bushnell.org/shows-concerts/warren-miller-s-75). The CSC will sponsor a vendor booth in the atrium, so take time to check us out. We will

market all of our CSC ski clubs so please let me know if you want to help us.

As November approaches, we will once again host our beloved SnowBall, on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024, at 5:30 PM. This year the format has changed to a seated semi-formal dinner-dance. We look forward to hosting this event in its new format. Although the price has increased to \$85.00, take a moment to think...when was the last time you were able to attend a semi-formal dinner-dance fundraiser for anything less than \$100.00??? The price is a great deal, and please be certain that you indicate your dinner choice when purchasing your ticket, and DON'T be late for dinner. Remember that it is the responsibility of every club in the CSC to donate at least one \$100.00 gift certificate to the merchant of its choice for the raffle – not actual merchandise. We altered the format of our raffle in 2023 and it was a huge success for all in attendance. We look forward to a fabulous evening and hope you'll join us!

After the SnowBall, it will be time to slip into those boots and hit the snow-covered trails and mountains. Our race league will kick off under the leadership of Rob Dexter once again, so get ready. We expect to have Killington/Pico vouchers available for our ski clubs this year and Nancy Nolan will keep us apprized of that. Ian Ellmore is working on discounted appreciation dates for us. Mark Robitaille has done a marvelous job with our new Ikon/Alterra Season Pass Benefit Program, and, of course, our

**NEXT  
COUNCIL MEETING:  
OCT. 1, 2024  
7:30 PM  
Back Nine at Stanley  
Golf Course  
Following meeting:  
NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

**Newsletter Deadline**  
Deadline for the November newsletter is October 20. Please send info to me at: [don.ludwig.45@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:cparmelee@aeski.com)

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

## From Our Vice President

### *President's Message, continued*

website is continually updated by our loyal webmaster, Cheryl Parmelee. Nancy Nolan and Ginny Ludwig are our Council correspondents, and thanks also to fellow executive officers, Secretary Jonathan Houck, Treasurer Tad Stewart, and Vice President Jane Suto. Remember, we are all volunteers in this organization...no one is paid to perform their tasks for the benefit of all members. Please thank them and offer to step up to help out. New ideas are always welcome, as are the volunteers to perform those tasks! Thanks and see you at our monthly meeting on October 1, 2024!

Kindly,  
Marsha

### **CLUB SNOWBALL TICKET COORDINATORS**

Please email me (Dave Zuraw: [dscwebmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:dscwebmaster@yahoo.com)) so I can email to you your club's SnowBall ticket log in Excel. Just complete the form and email it to me by November 12<sup>th</sup>. I have added a column so you can enter a "1" next to any name that a hotel room has been reserved under. The CSC needs to know if you reserved a hotel room, no matter how you reserved a room (through the hotel or through a 3<sup>rd</sup>-party website).

Thanks.  
Dave

### **SNOWBALL COMMITTEE**

Clubs responsible this year are: Danbury (tickets), Manchester (decoration), Norwich (door security), Sikorsky (door security), Hamden (raffle), and CT Soul (raffle), and Torrington (raffle). The following clubs are also responsible this year and need to be at the October meeting: Trumbull, River Hills, and Ski Bears.

### **"The Birth of Snowmaking"**

Jim Shay, a NAVA club member, has written a book on the history of Mohawk Mountain and the birth of snowmaking. If you contact him, a copy can be sent to you. Jim will also come to one of your club's meetings and give a presentation for your members.

Contact him at: [jamesd.shay@gmail.com](mailto:jamesd.shay@gmail.com)

### **CSC SNOWBALL**

Fall is upon us. Soon we will be getting ready for our winter fun. Our annual SnowBall is a great event to kick off the upcoming winter season. Our SnowBall, "Snow 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. If your club did not receive its packet, see Dave at the meeting. 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Next 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](mailto:bobski@snet.net). Phone & text to 203-314-9605

## It's Not Too Early to 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.