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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

"Sharing the holiday with other people, and feeling that you're giving of yourself, gets you past all the commercialism." Carolyn Kennedy

Holiday Greetings from your President!

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Kwaanza, and Happy New Year to all of our CSC snow bunnies. Ski season is here, and we are preparing to bid farewell to 2024 and welcome 2025.

Our CT Ski Council has realized renewed vigor now that the Pandemic is in our hindsight. During 2024, we held a Spring/Summer picnic, a successful auction, the first dinner/dance SnowBall, and we are ready to initiate our 52nd Monday Night race series – before the calendar hits 2025! Additionally, we are planning the return of a Council Race Day, at Catamount Ski Area, on March 8, 2025!! The OnSnow Carnivals from years before the Pandemic are over, but with renewed vigor our Council race (and Apres Ski Party) at Catamount has the potential to ignite the overall camaraderie and competitive spirit that we always enjoyed during our OnSnow Carnivals! Did someone say...."Wine Race???"

Another new initiative in 2025 will be a guest lecture by a physical therapist who will deliver a presentation on physical conditioning for skiers and snowboarders. The presentation will occur on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 6:45 PM, immediately before the regular monthly CSC meeting. The presentation will not be shared on Zoom, so if you care to listen and learn, please be present in the Back Nine Tavern no later than 6:45 on that date.

Are you sharing our Discounted Council Appreciation dates within your ski clubs? Please go to the CSC website benefits page and take advantage of what is offered. Stratton is offering a \$99.00 daily, weekday ticket to all members of our CSC ski clubs if you adhere to the procedure on our website. Please take advantage of that, along with other benefits, or our partners in the ski industry won't continue to offer them to us. We will launch a few other benefits very soon so keep checking our website!

I am currently training in the PSIA/AASI Eastern Region Pro-Jam at Killington Resort. Over 500 PSIA instructors, trainers, and examiners are present in addition to the members of our PSIA/AASI National team. It's an honor and a pleasure to ski with and around such versatile and talented members of our snowsports industry. You might want to think about enhancing your ski/snowboard level by joining PSIA/AASI. The benefits and training are immeasurable! Tomorrow is my 5th and final day of the 2024 PSIA Eastern region Pro-Jam. It's time to get some rest.

I wish all of you a very safe and healthy holiday season, and I look forward to skiing with you somewhere on the slopes. Monday Night racing will start soon. Be there!!

Kindly,
Marsha

**NEXT
COUNCIL MEETING:**

JAN. 7, 2025

7:30 PM

**Back Nine at Stanley
Golf Course**

**Following meeting:
FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the February newsletter is January 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 Our Vice President

I hope everyone has been able to get out and ski or board. Hopefully, we will get some snow soon.

The SnowBall for 2025 is in the planning stage. I am also working on getting discounts from ski shops and will let you know soon.

I wish all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year!

Jane Suto
Vice President

More Kids' Day Info

It is impossible to predict what conditions related to weather will be in early February, but we are basing our information on last year's conditions.

We will communicate any changes in the Kids' Day section of the Council website and the CT Ski Council Facebook page. Please check these sites for updates and plan your participation accordingly.

The mountain is limiting participation to 60 children, as this is the capacity for group lessons. A waiting list will be maintained if we exceed this number of registrants. Anyone dropping out due to unforeseen circumstances up to the January 26th deadline will be refunded their registration fee. However, we ask that you inform us immediately if this is the case, so that we can open the spot to others on the wait list.

In the event of cancellation, all registration money will be returned.

To recap:

1. Registration forms must be sent to robertfk@hotmail.com.
2. The \$25 registration fee must be sent to me (address at right) to be received by the cutoff date of January 26.
3. Youngest age for participants is 6.
4. Adult lift tickets must be purchased from the mountain: let them know you are with the CSC.
5. Please allow plenty of time to rent and put on equipment.
6. Please monitor the Council website and Facebook page for any updates or changes.

KIDS' LEARN TO SKI DAY

WHEN Saturday, February 1, 2025 at Mount Southington

SEE Registration form containing rules and regulations for the event is in the package and on the Council website

FOR WHOM

- ✓ Participation is limited by Mount Southington to 60 kids
- ✓ Kids from 6 (turn 6 before 1/1/2025) through high school senior (graduate in 2025)
- ✓ Kids sponsored by identified Council Club in good standing
- ✓ \$25 registration fee per child to be sent in with registration form

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ Kids' Day lift ticket, good from 2:00 PM to closing!
- ✓ Registration sign-in from 2:00-4:00 PM. Free lesson from 4:00-6:00 PM.
- ✓ Adult lift tickets available for \$10 discount for 8-hour Flex Ticket with CSC Club card and this year's sticker.
- ✓ Kid's equipment rentals (skis, boots, and poles) available for \$45.00. Helmets are additional.
- ✓ Food is available at the mountain.

FILL OUT The registration form with skill level – MUST be filled out and emailed to me. The \$25 registration fee must be sent to my address and made payable to Connecticut Ski Council.

SEND TO Robert Kot
126 Hidden Valley Drive
Meriden, CT 06451
robertfk@hotmail.com
860-810-4238

BY Registrations and payment must be received by Wednesday, January 26, 2025.

MONDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES

We had a very successful pizza night on Monday, December 9 at Mount Southington. We had 23 new skiers sign up. My apologies as I did not have access to the access database that night. People got bibs but I was not able to hand out their CSC Perm #; those missing include: bib 37, Adam El Khalfi; bib 55, Jim Tompkins; bib 274, Esther Vasarhelyi. If you know them please have them email me for a Perm #. If anyone does not have a CSC Perm #, they will not show up on race results. NASTAR is free to all who have NASTAR #s (you need to report your number at the start). NASTAR race is held at the lower start (far skiers right). Make sure you know what your NASTAR number is.

We will have pizza on Monday nights!

Club pizza orders must be in prior to midnight Sunday night, the day before the race. The email address has changed – I will send it to team captains prior to the first Monday night race.

STEP 1: Lift ticket/race sign-up. This must be done every week and is available from Friday up until noon on Monday of the weekly race. Sign-up is on the Mount Southington Monday night racing web page. Costs are indicated. Make sure you sign up for the CT Ski Council Monday Night series. **No racer will be allowed to show up the day of a race and race without the weekly pre-registration.**

STEP 2: The yearly registration (just before you do final checkout) asks for bib number and CSC Perm number. Please enter that information. If you get your bib number on your first race night, please make sure for the following race week you enter your bib number. If you are brand-new to Monday Night racing, please apply for a CSC Perm number to my email.

BIBS: We hand out CSC bibs for the year at either the first time a racer shows up or at the pre-season pizza party. Racers are responsible to bring their bib each week. First come, first served to get your bib; however, as in the past, each week we will pull a lottery number to determine who runs the course first. Each week will be in sequenced bib order starting with the lottery number, so the first racer number will vary. Racers MUST turn in their bibs at the end of the season or your club will be penalized \$30.

Men born in 1957 and prior (67+), women, and all snowboarders (bibs 200-299) are red course and will ski on skier's right.

Men born 1958 and after (age 66 and under) will have bibs 1-199 and are blue course skiing on skier's left.

Again this year: the top 2 oldest classes: Men N (73-77), Men O (78+) and Women H (69-75), Women I (76+) will run first on their course in the order they arrive at the start, prior to the lottery start number.

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.

Rob Dexter, CSC Race Chairperson
skicouncil@gmail.com.

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: ctsnownsakes.org under trip flyers.

It's already snowing at Jay!

REMEMBER -

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

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Council Race Day - the old OnSnow Carnival - takes place on March 8, 2025, at Catamount Mountain in New York.

Details to come.

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.