

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

"We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

I'm sitting here on the eve of Martin Luther King Day, the eve of the Inauguration Ceremony of our 47th President, and the falling of snow for our first snowstorm of 2025. What a combination...may we learn from the past, embrace the present, and face the future with an open mind. Let's take a moment and draw a correlation to our Connecticut Ski Council.

We have learned that the days of a \$30.00 ticket to a SnowBall are history, but we also know that the SnowBall is a great kickoff to our "snow season." It's time for us to embrace the economy as it is, and go forward with a plan that will accommodate the energy and enthusiasm that our members exude at the SnowBall, yet meet today's economic standards. Compromise isn't easy, but flexibility is an attribute that leads us there.

The auction that the CSC initiated in 2022 was a step forward to reignite the fundraising component of our Council when the pandemic threatened it. We have enjoyed 3 successful auction years, and each year proves to be more lucrative than the past. Our Council is not alone in hosting an online auction in our format; the National Ski Council Federation provided the model for us, and, most recently, PSIA Eastern Region has added one as well! Our CSC is striving to be fluid with the status of our economy as it is today.

Our Kids' Instruction Day continued to move forward as we've successfully "tweaked" it over the years. Robert Kot is doing a fabulous job

with the overall management of the event on behalf of our Council. It is the only "give back" to our sport to sustain its future. Our fundraising benefits it. This year's event will occur on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at Mount Southington. We hope that many of you will come out to assist Robert and support the Council in this initiative.

Monday Night Racing has been and continues to be the sustaining event that binds us together throughout every age. Our Monday Night racers range in age from 18 to 70+. Rob Dexter, along with the racing staff at Mount Southington, creates a fabulous event every Monday night for eight weeks to benefit the Council.

Let's take a closer look at those among us who come out to join us during our beloved "snow season" in every age category. Our active core at Monday Night racing along with the youth who learn to ski and snowboard during Kids' Instruction Day: how many of these individuals take advantage of our Discounted Council Appreciation Days? Are they utilizing our discounts at Stratton on weekdays, at Burke on their dates, Killington/Pico, and the newest addition, Ragged Mountain? Have you as a Council representative shared that information with your members? These are the ski areas that want our business, so let's show them our appreciation and patronize them via their discounts. The same holds for the shops willing to give

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

FEB. 4, 2025

7:30 PM

**Back Nine at Stanley
Golf Course**

Following meeting:

MARCH 4, 2025

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the March newsletter is February 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@aeskclubi.com

Council Appreciation Ski Days

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

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

From Our Vice President

Thank you for all your emails. I received many suggestions for a more lucrative SnowBall. I am searching through them and reading all the opinions given to me.

This year, the clubs due to serve on the 2025 SnowBall committee are: Cronin, Central CT Snow Snakes, Double Diamonds, Meriden, New Britain Falcons, New Haven, and Trumbull. I would like to meet at 6:30 before the February 4, CSC meeting with the representatives from these clubs, so we can discuss our options.

Think snow.
Jane Suto
Vice President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, Continued

us discounts. Show your CSC member ID card and save!!!
If our Council is to thrive and grow it will take a positive collective effort from every one of us to make use of the discounts, benefits, and activities within our Council, or they will disappear. The same holds for our annual kickoff...the SnowBall in whatever format it takes place going forward.

All of your CSC Board members are open to new ideas and events as long as you can present your idea with a feasible way to manage it. So...think of a new event or initiative, formulate a plan as to how to implement it, and bring it forward. Remember, it takes volunteers to make an event or project happen. President John F. Kennedy once said: "Ask not what your Country can do for you...rather, ask what you can do for your Country!" That statement holds for our Council..."Ask not what your Council can do for you...what can you do for your Council?"

There is much joy to behold in our mountains and hills, whether if be skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, or hiking. The next time you take to the snow-covered hills and mountains, take time to reflect on how and when you were exposed to that joy and what can you do to sustain its future.

See you at our February meeting as well as on the slopes. Stay safe, and have fun!

Kindly,
Marsha

KIDS' LEARN TO SKI DAY

WHEN Saturday, February 1, 2025 at Mount Southington

BY Registrations and payment must be received by Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

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
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860-810-4238

CSC RACING

We have had 4 nights of Monday night racing in our 52nd year of competition.

After 4 weeks, the current standings are: 1) New Haven 2,724; 2) Newington 1,919; 3) Mt Laurel 1,335; 4) Danbury 943; 5) Hamden 941; 6) NAVA 607; 7) AE 471; 8) New Britain Falcons 133; 9) Metroland 97; and 10) Manchester 22.

The snow was good except week 33 on January 6. The race hill had snow guns running while we raced. Visibility was bad, ruts were too big, and we ran after the high school was on the hill. The CSC will not run a race again when those snow guns are running: the mountain has said that in the future they will allow us to race over on hill #4 if the guns are running. They will have to put in wires for timing on that hill. When it is cold, the mountain has to make snow to keep racing going, but we will make sure it is safer in the future. We had only 7 DNFs, but 2 of us were injured – Chip Simplicio and myself. Chip messed up his knee, and I bruised a rib.

The cold is settling in, and week #5 has fresh snow (this is written before the race). I am still missing info (CSC perm #s) for 3 racers: bib 81 – Raymond Bejnart (week #1); bib 104 – Austin Papp (week #3); bib 94 – Thomas Fulton (week #4). Their results will not appear until I have their information.

Please note: our webmaster will be on vacation and not able to update racing from Jan. 19 to Jan. 30. I will complete the results, but they will not be posted on the web page. I will still send out to all team captains. Team captains, please forward to your racers.

It seems like the cold is settling in – this could be winter! Some great skiing out there!

Rob Dexter, CSC Race Chairperson
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Trips Still 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.

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**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.

