

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our On Snow Carnival this year was awesome! Our host, Mount Sunapee, did a fantastic job in tough conditions, especially on Friday. We had over 900 skier days making our first venture into New Hampshire a success. I would like to thank all the volunteers who made this event possible: Jackie, Dennis, Jane, Shawn, Kristine and Rob, to name just a few. Without you guys there would be no On Snow event!

Now it's time to think about On Snow 2008. We have six mountains bidding on next year's Carnival. They are Bromley, Loon, Mount Snow, Okemo, Sugarbush and Sunapee. We look forward to a successful bidding process and will announce the winning mountain at the May meeting. Next year's On Snow will be held Fri., Feb. 29, Sat. March 1 and Sun., March 2, 2008. Mark your calendars now!

We now have on-line storage to archive all our hard work. It has all the past meeting minutes, club director info, Snowball info, On Snow records and much more. If you would like to view this info, please send me an email and I will provide you with an account and password to access it.

We are trying to get a more accurate idea of how big the CSC is, so to help accomplish this, if you can, please bring a copy of your end-of-the-year skier lists to the May meeting.

We plan to have all our paperwork from our accountant in order at the September meeting so we can finish an official audit and get our bonding once and for all. It has been a long road but will show fruit soon.

We had a successful year with all your hard work. We know we are the largest council in New England and a powerful buying block. We need to continue to grow and I encourage every club to open up its membership to all skiers and snowboarders because there is strength in our numbers. We all need to be ambassadors of the CSC. There is no reason every skier and boarder in Connecticut is not a member of a ski club. The perception is that skiing and snowboarding are not affordable for the average family. We need to communicate that skiing and boarding are affordable by joining a club in the CSC. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas or
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AGENDA

April 10, 2007

- 8:00 - Monthly Business Meeting
- . Roll Call
 - . Secretary's Report
 - . Treasurer's Report
 - . Election of Officers
 - . Awareness Days Wrap-up
 - . 2007 Snowball Report
 - . Executive Committee Report
 - . New Business

Next meeting May 8, 2007

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
for the MAY newsletter is April 20. Please send any information to me at:
Donald.Ludwig@sbcglobal.net
Thanks, Ginny Ludwig

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IMPORTANT DATES

Election of officers for the 2007-2008 season; April 10

CSC Racing Awards Party
April 10, 7:00 PM, prior to the CSC meeting.

Membership rosters due at May 8 meeting for CSC "headcount"

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of new officers takes place at the April 10, 2007 meeting. Offices to be filled are President, Vice President and Treasurer.

Our slate for election is as follows:

President: Rich Cholewinski (The Goodmen club)*

Vice President: Jane Suto (Hamden)*

Treasurer: Kim Roberti (The Goodmen)*
Joelle Schmidt (Mt. Laurel)

*Denotes current CSC office-holder.

Nominations from the floor will be taken on election night provided the nominee is present to accept. If you wish to run for any of these offices, please contact any member of the nominating committee.

The Nominating Committee

Jackie Martovich, redzoomzoom@sbcglobal.net

Dennis Suto, jsuto@lesterusa.com

Nancy Nolan, nancy@cthealth.org

Gabe Cordova, riverhillsskiclub.org

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Join Danbury Ski Club on an exciting bus trip to the world famous Montreal Jazz Festival. Optional whitewater rafting on the Rouge River on Sat. Bus leaves Danbury 7 AM Fri., June 29, returning Sun. evening. Cost \$300; rafting an additional \$100, both approximate. Final negotiated price to come. Payments due May 24 but interest must be ascertained NOW. Contact David Zuraw right away at dscwebmaster@yahoo.com, or cell 203-232-9057. Or contact Rosemary Capalbo rodycap@sbcglobal.net.

AMBASSADOR'S ANGLE

Hi Everyone,

March has definitely come in like a lion with lots of snow, which is a nice treat after a winter of hardly any. It was especially nice to receive more than a foot of "White Mountain Powder" for the On Snow Winter Carnival. For those of you who made it up, I'm sure you'll agree that it was a really fun weekend with some terrific skiing. I would like to thank three people who assisted me at On Snow. As you know, one of the responsibilities of the clubs who have an Ambassador is to assist with scorekeeping during On Snow. Many thanks go out to Cheryl Skovran from the Sterling Ski Club, Fran Kasprzyński from Newington Ski Club, and Nanette from Meriden for your help with scorekeeping at the races.

As we start looking forward to the 2007 Snowball, I am pleased to announce that "Steppin' Out" has been selected as our band. Steppin' Out plays a variety of dance music and was chosen as #1 Party Band by Connecticut Magazine. I have seen them play a few times and each time they had everyone dancing to a wide variety of music. I am sure that it will be the same at the Snowball. I'm looking forward to a fantastic night!

As you know, clubs are expected to participate on a Snowball committee every three years in order to receive bulk ticket privileges. At this time, I have commitments from the following clubs for committees: AE - Ticket/Door Security; The Cast - Ticket/Door Security; Snow Snakes - Decorations; Winterset - Ticket/Door Security, and Mt. Laurel - Ambassador Day. The committees for Outstanding Service Award, Solicitation/Raffle, and Program are still available for the remaining clubs, which are: Goodmen, Grunman, Hamilton Sundstrand, Manchester, Newport, Norwalk, Nutmeg Outdoors, and Swedish Ski Clubs. Please email me at kjo408@aol.com to let me know which committee you would like to be a part of.

Have a great month, and make time to enjoy the snow!

Kristine Johnson
CSC Ambassador

BULK TICKET RETURNS - PICO ONLY

Pico Mountain will be closing on March 25, 2007. As you know, both Pico and Killington have been sold by American Skiing Corporation, the finalization of which will take place in April.

As a result - **IN ORDER FOR THE CSC TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE RETURN OF UNUSED 2006-2007 PICO VOUCHERS, WE MUST RETURN THEM NO LATER THAN MARCH 30.**

PLEASE get a count of the total number of vouchers that will NOT BE USED by the March 25 closing date from all your club members. Please call Ginny Ludwig ASAP with that number, and then mail them to her RIGHT AWAY. Phone: 203-250-1560 (message MUST include the name of your club and the total number of vouchers.) Address: 45 Wintergreen Lane, Cheshire, CT 06410. Any vouchers not reported by March 30 WILL NOT BE CREDITED towards next season.

THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO KILLINGTON, which will honor vouchers until the close of the season.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONTINUED

comments at president@skiclub.com. I would love to have feedback from everyone. Ask to be put on the president's distribution list and get monthly updates on what is happening.

I and the current officers plan to run once again for office. We plan to finish what we started 3 years ago. We have accomplished a lot starting with organizing an Executive board, directors and officers liability insurance. We introduced CSC validation stickers to cut down on fraud, and the formation of our sponsorship program, which to date has brought in over \$10,000, used to redesign our website. We also formed a trip committee, which has run two great trips so far!

I look forward to continuing as your president and to working together to provide the best benefits of any council in the country! Thank you to all the clubs who have invited me to speak at their meetings. It has been great to get out and speak about all the great things we are doing with the Council. I look forward to attending your club meetings, so send me an invite.

Looks like a great end to the season so get out and ski!
Rich Cholewinski, president

2007 On Snow Carnival

By all accounts, this year's On Snow Carnival was one of the best ever for the Connecticut Ski Council! A blast of natural snow on Friday started the weekend off with a jolt and since we had all but written off this season as a non-snow year, we were psyched!

The snow meant that Friday's downhill would have to be rescheduled for Saturday, but the staff at Mount Sunapee stepped up and did an awesome job of reprogramming. And what a race - who needed to see the gates anyway - just go for it!

Skiers and boarders from CSC member clubs totalled 900, not counting any Okemo/Sunapee pass holders who were there. Congratulations to every participant for coming out and having a great time. And thanks for every volunteer who pitched so everyone could enjoy the weekend.

Jackie Martovich, Carol Sweeney and Rob Dexter, race chairmen, extend a BIG BRAVO to the staff of Mount Sunapee/Eastman XC for their enthusiasm and for getting the job done - you were super!

All On Snow results are available on the CSC website - www.skiclub.com.

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DIRECTIONS:

Polish American Club, Union City, CT

Rt. 8 North to exit 28 (Union City).

Go straight off exit ramp through light;

go left at next light onto Rt. 68 West.

Take a left at stop sign and first left onto
Pulaski Walk.

From Rt. 8 South take exit 28.

Take right off the exit ramp. Go approx.

1 mile and take a left onto Golden Court

(follow signs to Rt. 68). Take a right onto

Rt. 68 West and follow directions above.

Polish American Club is at the end of the
deadend street, on the right.



When bad weather necessitates the
postponement of a CSC meeting, please call
the Polish American Club at 203-723-5047
after 4:00 PM on the day in question, or
check the CSC website at skiclub.com.

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The purpose of the Connecticut Ski Council is to foster and encourage organized amateur skiing, 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.