

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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President's Message:

On Thursday, Sept. 28, Rich was involved in a traffic accident. Please take a minute to send him well wishes. We all hope he will be on the road to recovery soon.

Nancy Nolan

While on vacation in Greece I was reminded of the upcoming ski season as we toured the mountainous areas of inland Greece. Yes, they do ski in Greece. We were up over 6,000 feet, on narrow switchback roads, when we stopped for the night at a village right out of the Alps. (Or at least that was the atmosphere.) We came from 80+ temperatures to be greeted by cold and wet weather. Now back in the states with only 6-8 weeks before the start of ski season my thoughts are to the cold and snowy season ahead. (According to the Farmer's Almanac.)

Rich would tell you to get out the skis and give them a good tune up. Remember to pick up your stickers for your club membership card so you will be able to participate in the CSC Awareness Days. Be sure you have submitted your club roster to John Filakovsky before the meeting.

Volunteers are still needed to head committees. Be sure your club has participated in at least one of the CSC committees within

the past three years to maintain your eligibility to purchase bulk tickets. If you are not sure, check with Jane Suto, VP of the Council.

The CSC snowball "*Winter Mountain Powder*" will be here before you know it. The date November 11, 2006. See the Ambassador's Angle column for details. Eleven clubs have Ambassador's representing their clubs this year.

We have a new sponsor to welcome to the CSC— Action Sports. Action Sports is a year-round sports shop offering a wide variety of summer sports equipment—bikes—kayaks, etc and for the winter sports enthusiast skis, snowboards, ski boots, clothing, etc. They have shops in Branford, Cheshire and Old Saybrook.

Please be sure to visit Action Sports located in your part of the state and tell them you are a CSC member. Visit them on their web site at

www.actionsportsct.com for the latest information on sports equipment and special sales now being offered.

The CSC *Banff* trip scheduled for Feb. 10-17, 2007 has spots still available. See George Krampetz at the Oct. CSC meeting.

AGENDA

Oct. 10, 2006

7:30—Submit Bulk Ticket Orders-See Nancy
8:00—Monthly Business Meeting
Roll Call
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
2007 On-Snow Report
2006 Snowball Report
Bulk Tickets
Club Historian
New Business
Old Business

Next meeting Nov. 14, 2006

This year for the first time the "ski show" will be held at the Westfarms Mall from October 20th through October 22nd. Ski resorts, tour operators and the Connecticut Ski Council will be represented. Volunteers are needed to man the CSC booth at the show. Let Rich know at the Oct. meeting if you are available to man the booth. We look forward to seeing you at the *Snowfest at Westfarms Mall*.

Other events coming up—*CSC Kids Day at Okemo*, 12/17/06 (See article inside.)

Winter Carnival 2007, Mount Sunapee and get ready for *Monday Night Racing* at Mt. Southington.

Nancy Nolan, Editor
(Filling in for Ginny)



ASIA UPDATE

The new schedule is out for the 2006-2007 ski season. Certified members—don't miss the opportunity to refresh or just get out the early season kinks at the Dec. 2-3 refresher at Okemo. If you are not a certified member but would like to take the Level 1 Course, it will be offered at Okemo this year. The pre-course is the Dec. 2-3 weekend and the exam is Dec. 16-17. Registration deadline Nov. 17th. I will bring information to the October CSC meeting. Please see me if you have any questions. For more information go to ASIA web site at www.asiaski.com.

Nancy Nolan

IMPORTANT REMINDER -

When you get your newsletter this month—look at the number next to your name. If it is anything other than “6” that means your club has not updated your officers and that means the current officers are not getting the newsletter.

Please email your club's officers to nancynolan@snet.net so I can update the database. Thanks.

Nancy Nolan

AMBASSADOR'S ANGLE

The 2006 Snowball will be held November 11, 2006, at the Trumbull Marriott, 180 Hawley Lane, Trumbull, CT. The theme of the snowball is “**WHITE MOUNTAIN POWDER.**”

This year we have 11 Ambassador Candidates, who will be competing for the 2007 CSC Ambassador, my best wished to them all.

2007 Ambassador Candidates are:

- Athena Detlefs – Danbury Ski Club
- Jay Ciliberti – Hamden Ski Club
- Linda Morasutti – Meriden Ski Club
- Kay Leatherman – Mt. Laurel Skiers
- Enid Batista – NAVA Ski Club
- Kristine Johnson – Newington Ski Club
- Souki Tsialas – New Haven Ski Club
- Larry Daniels – North Haven Ski Club
- Lisa Nau – River Hills Ski Club
- Susan Drew – Sterling Ski Club
- Joan Gall – Top Notch Ski Club

Snowball tickets will be \$20.00 advance sale and \$25.00 at the door. Tickets and Snowball information has been distributed at the September CSC Meeting. Rooms have been blocked off for members who wish to stay at the Trumbull Marriott. Price per room is \$89.00 plus tax, this price is for Saturday Night Only. Be sure to mention the CSC when making your reservation to receive the discount. **Reservations must be made by October 12th**. Please note: if you call to make reservations for Friday and Saturday night the chances are that you will be told nothing is available, be sure to tell them that you want one of the rooms that is reserved for the CSC on Saturday night.

Final deadline for turning in ticket log, money and unsold tickets is November 3rd. The Snowball will take place before the CSC November council meeting. There will be a Hamden Ski Club meeting on

November 7th at the Playwright Pub & Restaurant in Hamden. I will accept tickets, log and money that night. For directions call me at 203-430-1591 (cell phone) or Jane Suto at (203) 288-7886 or e-mail me at antx22@hotmail.com.

Some clubs did not pick up their tickets at the September Meeting please contact me so that I can make arrangements to get the Snowball Tickets and Information to your club. The clubs are Fairfield County Flakes, Manchester, Norwich, Sikorsky and Winterset.

Remember, this is the CSC's only fundraiser of the year, your donations of as many raffle prizes you can contribute ensures that everyone goes home a winner. Ask your favorite businesses or donate one yourself. All clubs use our benefits so even if your members do not attend this wonderful event, support of the Council with your club's donation is essential. Please contact the solicitation chairperson, Celeste Polley at cappolley@aol.com or see her at the meeting.

See you in October.....

Shawn Suto
CSC Ambassador
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“**WHITE MOUNTAIN POWDER**”
November 11, 2006

Kids Day

If you're a member of the CSC, "Kids Day" has a special meaning. For the past 10+ years, the CSC along with a sponsoring ski area, hold a day that kids can receive 2 hours of free ski/boarding lessons and join each other at the end of the ski day for a gathering of fun, food and give-a-ways donated by both the sponsoring ski areas and the Council itself. This is a perfect example of the Council and the Ski Areas working hand in hand to promote snow sports and also promote family fun at an affordable price ... often less than \$30 a day!

Who can get these lessons?

Kids from CSC member clubs and sponsored kids ages 6—18.

Ability:

Never—ever (skied/boarded) to expert.

Who gives these lessons?

Volunteer ASIA and PSIA certified instructors (often shadowed by some other enthusiastic volunteers.) By the way, I am recruiting volunteers to help with instruction. Please ask your club for ASIA and PSIA volunteer instructors for both skiing and snowboarding instruction. The Council will pay for their lift ticket. If anyone is interested (I'm begging), please contact me at spcolby@gmail.com or call (802) 228-3308.

When:

Sunday, December 17, 2006

Where:

Okemo—Ludlow, VT

Cost: - Only \$29

Free lessons, party, give-a-ways for kids. Lift ticket cost \$29 with proof of CSC club membership. Tickets to be bought at the group sales window.

How do I sign my kids up?

Fill out a registration form found on line at www.skiclub.com and send no later than Dec. 8, 2006 to:

Sue Poirier

2357 Kingdom Road

Ludlow, VT 05149

Bulk Tickets

Orders for 2006-2007 bulk tickets will be collected at the Oct. 10, 2006 CSC meeting. That is the final deadline for all bulk ticket orders. Please have one club check made out payable to the CSC for the full amount of the club order. No individual checks will be accepted. If your club has not paid its dues or has not participated in a CSC function (worked) for the past 3 years, your club will not be eligible to purchase bulk tickets. You know who you are and so do we! Don't wait until the night of the meeting to pay dues or commit to working on a committee. Mail your dues to the CSC Treasurer and contact Jane Suto, CSC Vice President to check your eligibility status.

Nancy Nolan

Please note: I will arrive at the CSC meeting early—about 7:30 p.m. and I would like to take as many bulk ticket orders before the meeting begins. Please have your order ready,

SKI TRIPS -

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Winter Carnival in Quebec City, Canada—1/31/07 to 2/4/07 offered by **The Goodmen Club**. It includes 4 nights lodging at Le Chateau Frontenac (5 Star Hotel) 2-day lift ticket at Le Massif or Mont Sainte Anne, wine & cheese party, luggage service, R/T motor coach to Canada and ski areas, includes all taxes and fees. **Cost: \$665 pp dbl. Occupancy. Contact Jo Mustaro** (203) 488-7671 / vtskier27@snet.net

Megeve, France via Geneva, Switzerland—1/19/07 to 1/27/07 offered by the **Top Notch Gang Ski Club**. It includes R/T air from JFK to Geneva via Swiss Intl' Air Lines, R/T transfers to hotel via motor coach, 7 nights in 3 Star Hotel La Grange D'Arly, buffet breakfast and dinner daily, welcome cocktail, gratuities for hotel staff and bus driver, resort & lodging taxes. Not included US and French departure taxes, immigration fees, airport charges and security fees, currently \$177. **Cost: \$1,495 pp dbl. Occupancy. Non members add \$35 each, \$60 per couple.** For more info **contact James Reilly**, (203) 255-8541/ jbgray@optonline.net

Please note:

If your club is running a ski trip and you would like to open it up to other CSC clubs, please send the information to Ginny Ludwig no later than Oct. 20th to be printed in the November newsletter.



CSC 2006-2007 SKI SEASON WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT. GET READY!

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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
both on and off the snow, and teach
skiing and ski safety skills to others.
The Council offers discounts on lift
tickets, lodging, ski trips, competitive
racing, Nordic programs, ski
instruction, social and sporting
events, community involvement,
physical conditioning, meeting people
and having fun.*

DIRECTIONS to Polish American Club, Union City, Connecticut
From Route 8 North take Exit 28 (Union City). Go straight off the exit ramp through light and take left at next light onto Rt. 68 West. Take left at stop sign and first left on Pulaski Walk. From Rt. 8 South take Exit 28. Take right off the exit ramp. Go apx. 0.1 miles and take left on Golden Court (follow signs to Rt. 68). Take right on Rt. 68 West and follow directions above. PAC is at the end of dead end street on the right.

**Connecticut Ski Council is proud to welcome our new
Silver Sponsor for 2006—2007 -**

ACTION SPORTS

Other sponsors include:

OKEMO MOUNTAIN RESORT—Platinum

STRATTON / INTRAWEST RESORT—Silver

MOUNT SNOW—Silver

BURKE MOUNTAIN RESORT—Silver

**Newsletter deadline: October 20, 2006 Send to Ginny
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