

# CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### *Dear Fellow Constituents of the Council,*

A few quick items as our season gets cooking, and I'll start with the quickest.

I'm not particularly tech savvy, even for a Millennial, but it's my belief that our CSC officers' email account has been hacked for some time. Every once in a while a note from one of us to another will arrive, claiming to be indisposed but in need of gift cards, or some other similarly unlikely request. Readers of this address may have even received one of these from me, the most common source, but I used to get them from our President when I was the CSC Recording Secretary. I have even received one from our esteemed Media Chair!

In any case, these messages follow a clearly suspicious format, are typically pock-marked with sloppy grammar and spelling errors, and will generally be easy to spot. When in doubt, if the message sender doesn't have @skiclub.com as its web domain (i.e. any messages from me would be from [president@skiclub.com](mailto:president@skiclub.com)), you can be sure it's a fraudster. It's an old phishing scam, but unfortunately I've been told there isn't much that can be done. If you receive one of these, please just mark it as spam and ignore it – no need to forward it to me or anyone else.

Now for our second matter. As many of you already know, our Council is homeless for the time being. The powers that be at the Back Nine, our heretofore meeting place, have seen fit to begin charging a \$250. room fee for each time we would need their space, in spite of the generous patronage our organization has given to their business. Because of this, we will be temporarily meeting there only for our October meeting to exchange membership stickers, but we need a new venue that will not charge us for our meetings.

I have asked our Board to keep an ear to the ground and have empowered any member to approach a business if they think it might be a good fit for us. Ideally we're looking for a space that can accommodate 40-60 ski and snowboard enthusiasts, bonus points if there is food/drink available.

The venue should be central in the State (Southington, Plainville, New Britain, Newington, Rocky Hill, Cromwell, Middletown, Middlefield, Meriden or Berlin are towns that would be suitable), and there should be no or very little charge for us to use the space beyond patronage of the business. Ideally, it should be a space amenable to hosting us ongoing.

And those are our criteria laid out. I've received a few good suggestions already but nothing has clicked, so please feel free to ask your favorite haunt if you think the match might be good and let us know. I would encourage that any suggestions come directly to me at the aforementioned President's e-mail address. We appreciate all of your support in this matter, and let's find the CSC the new home it deserves.

Your brother in Winter,  
Ben

### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:**

**OCT. 11, 2022**

**7:30 PM**

**Back Nine at Stanley  
Golf Course**

### **Following meeting:**

**NOVEMBER 8**

**Location TBA.**

### **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  
Bill Leuze at:  
[webmaster@skiclub.com](mailto:webmaster@skiclub.com)

### **Club Membership Stickers**

Just a reminder to everyone that Club stickers will be ready for pick-up by your club's CSC representative at the October meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> at the Back Nine.

Be sure to have paid your annual CSC dues or bring a check for the dues with you. Without the dues being paid we will not release the stickers.

Jonathan Houck

## Greetings from the Vice President

Hello, and welcome to the onset of Autumn! As we prepare our clothing and gear for our favorite winter sports, do take time to embrace the beautiful autumn that New England is well known for. If you have kept up-to-date with our CSC meetings as well as the newsletters...you should know that during the May 2022 meeting, the entire Board (i.e., the CSC reps from every ski club) voted to cancel the November 2022 SnowBall due to uncertain conditions with the pandemic. The committee that was to have managed SnowBall 2022 will move forward to plan and present the 2023 Spring Picnic, under the leadership of Ambassador Dave Zuraw. Dave and I currently are exploring some options for fundraising that you will hear more about as we move forward.

I had the honor and pleasure to represent the Ct Ski Council at the Annual Summit Meeting of the National Ski Council Federation in September. There are currently 30 ski councils that are members of the Federation. One representative was present from most of the Councils, and we sat together for 2.5 days to interact with panels of representatives from the ski industry. There was much for me to absorb and conversely share about "our weekend warrior" style of skiing that is unique to New England. In a nutshell, for everyone in CT, you are eligible to create your own login to the National Ski Council Federation at [skifederation.org](http://skifederation.org) to review industry updates and take advantage of any or all of the discounts/benefits available through them. I will have Nancy Nolan distribute the monthly NSCF Newsbeat Newsletter to everyone on our CSC distribution list. Please let her know if you wish to opt out. Lastly, the National Federation will hold a lucrative online Silent Auction October 1-31, 2022. The link is on our CSC website ([skiclub.com](http://skiclub.com)).

Enjoy autumn in New England and I look forward to seeing most of you LIVE at our upcoming CSC meeting on Tuesday, October 11 at the Back Nine restaurant in New Britain. Stay healthy so you can enjoy a vigorous ski season. I understand we're prepping for a fabulous season of Monday Night Racing...I hope to "ski" you there!

Kindly,  
Marsha Baretta

## BULK TICKET NEWS

I have Killington ticket pricing I can pass on to you. Killington cost is \$99 each for both adult and youth tickets. **This year there are blackout dates: Nov. 24-27; Dec. 24-31, 2022; Jan. 1; Jan. 14-16; Feb. 18-20, 2023.** There will be a 15% credit on unused tickets that are returned. Pico pricing will also be the same price for both adult and youth. I do not have that pricing as of now. I also do not have signed contracts for either Pico or Killington. As soon as I have Pico pricing I will send the info to bulk ticket coordinators. Be sure to attend the October Council meeting for more information.

Nancy Nolan

## Ski Racing

Looking forward to our Monday night race league this year. Monday night is celebrating 50 years of racing! We should be operating similarly to last year at Mount Southington. We will again use AdminSports for racer registration and lift tickets. **No exception** registration will be through them. To make sure there are no exceptions for AdminSports, we will extend the deadline to sign up for racing to noon on the day of the race. If a racer did not purchase a ticket through the AdminSports database last year, it required a manual input of that racer which made more work for the racing crew. Now everybody who purchased a ticket for racing will be in that night's database, so fewer errors.

If you have registered for a race, come down to Southington and get your bib on the first time you race.

Men born in 1958 and prior, women, and all snowboarders will have bibs 1-199. Men born 1959 and later (under 64) will have bibs 200-399. **Bibs will be handed out on a first come, first served basis – and since we have the lottery for race bib order each night, a low number is not necessarily an advantage. Please give yourself extra time to get your bib on your first night.**

**BIBS:** We will do as we did last year and hand out CSC bibs for the year. Racers will be responsible to bring their bib each week. Each week will be the same sequence bib order, but the first racer number will vary. Racers **MUST** turn in their bibs on their last race night or their club will be charged for the cost of a replacement bib.

**LODGE:** The plan is to have the lodge open to racers to put on their boots – however the current plan: **NO BAGS will be allowed in the building.** The mountain will follow CT Covid guidelines, so the mandate will depend on what the mandates are at that time.

**OTHER RACES:** At this time, there will be no State Slalom nor Giant Slalom, nor Cross Country races. Also, the CT Senior Winter Games (typically at Ski Sundown) have been cancelled for this year. The OnSnow Carnival (no location determined as yet) might be reduced to a one-or-two day event – we will update as soon as we have the proper information.

Please stay safe out there...

Rob Dexter

CSC Racing Chairperson

[skicouncil@gmail.com](mailto:skicouncil@gmail.com)

## **Oh, the Places You Can Go!**

Check out these trips sponsored by CSC member-clubs for this coming season.

### **VAL GARDENA, ITALY**

Jan. 6-14, 2023      *Host:* Meriden Ski Club

*Cost:* \$2625. pp/double occ.; \$2890. single.

Includes \$400 fuel surcharge.

*Includes:*

Round-trip air Boston to Innsbruck; airport transfers in US and Italy; 7 nights at Hotel Oswald; breakfast & 4-course dinner daily. [Hoteloswald.com/en](http://Hoteloswald.com/en)

*Contact:*

[Meridenski.com](http://Meridenski.com)

### **BURKE MOUNTAIN, VT**

Jan. 20-22, 2023      *Host:* Pinnacle Ski club

*Cost:* \$295, per person, double occupancy

*Includes:*

2 nights at Burke Mountain Hotel; 2 breakfasts; 2-day Burke lift ticket; Fri. night welcome social.

*Info:* \$100 due at sign-up; bal. due Dec. 28 (payable to Pinnacle Ski and Sports Club). Deadline: Dec. 28, 2022.

*Contact:* Drew Berescik, [drewster333@aol.com](mailto:drewster333@aol.com).

### **JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING**

Jan. 21-28, 2023      *Host:* Metroland Ski Club

*Cost:* \$1129/pp double occupancy

*Includes:*

Roundtrip air LGA to Jackson Hole; airport transfers; 7 nights at 49er Inn; welcome drink; breakfast daily at hotel; BBQ dinner; free ski shuttle to mountain; optional day tour to Yellowstone or Grand Targhee Ski area; local taxes; current air fuel surcharges and taxes. IKON pass resort.

*Contact:* Brian McNamara, [metrolandskiclub@gmail.com](mailto:metrolandskiclub@gmail.com)

### **PARK CITY, UTAH**

Feb. 12-19, 2023      *Host:* AE Ski Club

*Cost:* \$1810.

*Includes:*

Round-trip air Hartford to Salt Lake City; day trip to Snowbasin; 7 nights deluxe accommodations at Peaks Hotel; heated indoor/outdoor pool/hot tub; daily full breakfast; pre-trip gathering; welcome party.

Lift passes NOT INCLUDED – Epic day passes start at \$354.

*Contact:*

Mark Chester, 860-342-4271, [chesterm@aetna.com](mailto:chesterm@aetna.com).

John Baker, 860-558-1113.

### **FERNIE & LAKE LOUISE/BANFF, CANADA**

Feb. 4-11, 2023

*Host:* Pinnacle Ski Club

*Cost:* \$2489/pp, double occ. Discount for: IKON passholders; persons 65+; persons skiing only 2 of 3 days at Banff.

*Includes:*

R/T nonstop Newark to Calgary; ground transport; taxes; 3 nights at Fernie Slopeside Lodge; 4 nights at Banff Aspen Lodge; 3-day lift ticket at Fernie; 3-day interchangeable lift ticket to Norquay/Sunshine/Lake Louise; 2 group dinners; daily breakfast; parking & bus transport to Newark.

*Contact:* Drew Berescik, 203-572-2401;

[drewster333@aol.com](mailto:drewster333@aol.com) . Steve Hassel, 203-252-9423, [stevehassel66@gmail.com](mailto:stevehassel66@gmail.com).

### **ZERMATT, SWITZERLAND**

Feb. 17-26, 2023 (President's Week)

*Host:* Danbury Ski Club

*Cost:*

\$3098./pp double; \$3545./single;

Land only deduct \$650. Family pricing & more pricing info at [DanburySki.com/Zermatt2023Register](http://DanburySki.com/Zermatt2023Register)

*Includes:*

Round-trip non-stop JFK to Geneva; transfers, taxes, surcharges, portage & tips; 7 nights at Hotel Ambassador adjacent to lifts & train; indoor pool; welcome wine & cheese party; full European breakfast daily; nightly dinner; final night in Geneva.

No additional charge for IKON pass holders. 6-day lift ticket \$475.+/-.

Suites available for families with children.

*Contact:*

[dsc.zermatt.2023@gmail.com](mailto:dsc.zermatt.2023@gmail.com).

### **RED MOUNTAIN RESORT, BC, CANADA**

March 4-11, 2023

*Host:* Winterset Ski Club

*Cost:*

\$2300. Double Occ. 3-bed condo

IKON passholders deduct \$381.

*Includes:*

Round-trip air Newark to Spokane; ground transfers; 5-day lift ticket; 7 nights at 5-star Slalom Creek Condos (each w/ private hot tub); ski in/ski out; welcome breakfast Sunday; mid-week event; farewell dinner.

*Info:*

5-peaks; 300" average snowfall; tree skiing; \$10 inbound CAT skiing; \$89 for 6<sup>th</sup>-day pass.

Must be Winterset member to participate.

*Contact:*

Peter Gorczynski, [pgorczynski@snet.net](mailto:pgorczynski@snet.net).

### Membership Info Update

I have received 2023 membership forms from many clubs, but some are still missing. The form helps to keep the database current so that Council announcements reach the correct persons, and so that the correct number of membership stickers is distributed to each club. If you do not have the form, email me at [nancynolan@snet.net](mailto:nancynolan@snet.net) and I will email it to your club.

### “Anywhere From Here” Ski Film

Presented by Danbury Ski Club at Danbury Palace Theatre on Main Street, on Sat., Nov. 26. Doors open at 7 PM, film at 8 PM.

Tickets on sale now for \$20 – general admission only. Many door prizes including: skis, ski and snowboard bags, heated ski boot bags. Raffle for an IKON pass!

RSVP on Facebook at <https://fb.me/e/1NvcAnhsQ>.

### Ski New Hampshire 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Passports

This program grants any 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader access to a single-use day ticket at each of the Ski NH ski areas - there are 32 in all! Purchase price is just \$59. This is NOT LIMITED to NH residents. Quantities are limited. Go to [info@skinh.com](mailto:info@skinh.com) for information, rules and regulations and to enroll.

### And This Fall!

Don't miss the newly formatted SNOWBOUND EXPO coming November 18-20, 2022 at the Hynes Convention Center, Boston. Times vary.

Features include an indoor dry slope, Rider's Lounge, Shred Stage, Skate Mini Ramp, and Alpine Apres Bar with live music. Also: latest gear, equipment, and products. Ski passes available.

**FREE TICKETS WITH CODE: TDALTON –**  
<https://invt.io/1exbc5ty3z9>

Check it out at [snowboundexpo.com](http://snowboundexpo.com).

### SnowBall 2022

Snowball 2022 has been cancelled. Spring Picnic 2023 planning has started. I'd like to begin some preliminary brainstorming soon. To do so, I would like to have the name and contact info of the person from each of these clubs who will be on the team: Double Diamonds, CE, Cronin, Electric Boat, Goodmen, Hartford, , Meriden, Metroland, Montachusett, NAVA, New Haven, Pinnacle, and UCONN. I've only heard from a couple of these clubs.

Dave Zuraw  
CSC Ambassador  
[dscwebmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:dscwebmaster@yahoo.com)

### OnSnow Winter Carnival 2023

We can't have a traditional CSC OnSnow Winter Carnival weekend in 2023. Magic, Bromley, Sugarbush, Killington, Stratton, and the “Epic” mountains all have declined to bid. We are currently working on a day-trip to one of the Massachusetts mountains with racing (Berkshire East, Catamount, and Jiminy Peak.)

If this effort is not successful, we will pivot once again to a CT mountain, perhaps for some evening racing. In either of these cases, it would probably be best to hold the event in February.

Dave Zuraw  
Chairperson  
203-729-9060, or (cell) 203-232-9057  
[dscwebmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:dscwebmaster@yahoo.com).

### Many USED Items for Sale

Skis and ski boots, snowboards and snowboard boots, ski jackets and pants, boot dryer, boot and ski bags, and a barely used large Thule Cascade XT. Just let me know what you are interested in, including sizes, and I'll send you detailed info and pictures. No reasonable offer refused.

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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.