

# CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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## GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

'Tis the last rose of summer,  
Left blooming alone;  
All her lovely companions  
Are faded and gone.  
- Thomas Moore

Greetings, lovers of snow season! As long summer days of summer fade from our reality, we savor spending the final warm days enjoying time on water, cycling, playing golf, and admiring the beauty of flowers within gardens everywhere. I hope you have had a healthy, relaxing, and enjoyable summer. Sadly, many of our friends and loved ones with roots in Vermont have endured another challenging and destructive summer due to Mother Nature's wrath. Summer is the season that brings light to our environment yet it has sadly cast a dark time upon many of the places and people we care for.

So; where does that leave the Connecticut Ski Council? In July, shortly after the rains flooded so much of the region around Okemo, the CSC sent \$500.00 to the Plymouth Memory Tree which supports people affected by the flooding. That is the full amount that an Officer is allowed to spend without a vote of approval from the entire body. When the Council is seated for its first meeting, on September 12, 2023, we can collectively decide to do more if that is what the general Council wishes to do.

The Council officially adjourned for the summer at our May 9, 2023 meeting; however, in addition to closing the "business" of the Council we prepared for our second Spring/Summer picnic. The event, on Saturday, June 24, was well attended. The food trucks offered us a variety from which to choose, the band kept us dancing, the weather cooperated, and the insects stayed away from most of us. The day was enjoyed by all and was led by volunteer Dave Zuraw and his team from the clubs of NAVA, Cronin, Double

Diamonds, Metroland, and Electric Boat. Thank you, Dave and team!

The CT Ski Council website has been renovated over the summer. Cheryl Parmelee has been working diligently throughout the summer updating and revising all of the information...and she has added color to it as well! It looks fabulous! Be certain to check it out at skiclub.com. Thank you, Cheryl!!

During the summer, a team of volunteers spent time together to review the current CSC By-Laws, and to recommend edits that are needed. The last time the By-Laws were updated was in 2015. The team consisted of: Mike Isko (Newington), Cheryl Parmelee (AE), Dave Zuraw (Danbury), Jane Suto (Hamden), and me. The team will present its recommended edits at the September 12 Council meeting.

Tad Stewart, our Treasurer, mailed invoices over the summer to the member ski clubs, requesting that their annual dues be paid at or before our first Council meeting of the season. If your President hasn't received the letter, kindly let Tad know before our meeting. Clubs that have paid their dues will receive their member stickers at this meeting. This is the result of coordinated volunteer teamwork from both Tad and our Recording Secretary, Jonathan Houck. Thank you, Jonathan and Tad!

Benefits...we do have many! There will be another Online (silent) auction (continued on page two)

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

**Sept. 12, 2023**

**7:30 PM**

**Back Nine at Stanley  
Golf Course**

**Following meeting:  
OCTOBER 10, 2023**

### Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the October newsletter is Sept. 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 Cheryl Parmelee at: [webmaster@skiclub.com](mailto:webmaster@skiclub.com)

### SNOWBOUND EXPO Nov. 3-5, 2023 at Boston Convention Center

Highlights include:  
Chiro Clinic by Beacon  
Chiropractic & Performance – helping to work through pain to return to the snow; Gear, apparel, tech support and resorts represented. Check media channels for ticket availability.

## **“Rise Up” for SnowBall 2023**

Yes! That's our theme for SnowBall 2023. “Rise Up” and be a part of the renewed energy that brings our CT Ski Council together. The semi-formal SnowBall will be Saturday, November 18, 2023, at the Hartford/Windsor Marriott Hotel. The band, “Juice Box”, will entertain from 8:00 to midnight. Complimentary appetizers will be served in the lobby during the cocktail hour, 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Raffle items will consist of \$100.00 gift certificates to a variety of merchants. Tickets are \$30. in advance, \$35. at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased only from your ski club representative. Hospitality suites and overnight guests attending the SnowBall get special CSC SnowBall pricing by indicating they are part of the CSC SnowBall block. Please call the Marriott at 860-688-7500 to make your reservations.

## ***From Your President, continued***

fundraiser this year so please check out the auction website and make a bid (or several!) on any of your favorite items. The SnowBall will return on November 18, so please check with your Council representative for tickets and details on the event. And, all members of ski clubs that have paid their dues and placed the current year's CSC sticker on their membership cards are entitled to discounts at cooperating ski shops in CT and VT...the list is on our website. In the upcoming season, there are several ski areas that will continue to offer our members discounted Club Awareness Day rates. Those dates are being finalized. A few mountains continue to offer discounted vouchers and Nancy Nolan along with Mark Robitaille will keep you apprised on that.

Our CT Ski Council thrives thanks to the volunteer efforts of some very faithful and capable people – our committee chairs, our officers...) Our door is open to anyone and everyone. These volunteers can't stand alone. Every leader would be thrilled to have any of you step up and activate yourself into a role within the Council. All the officers/leaders would welcome an assistant to help and learn what it takes to manage any area or activity. At this point, we are actively seeking volunteers to step up into the roles of Awareness Days chair, and Vice President.

In conclusion...during these waning days of summer, take time to savor the sunlit evenings, warmer temperatures, and all those warm-weather activities that we will soon put aside, and that last rose in your garden. The shorter and cooler days are approaching, so it's time to think about what you can do for your ski club friends to enrich their experience this coming season, as well as your own.

I, along with the other officers, look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at the Back Nine Tavern, as we open our minds to the commencement of our 2023-2024 CT Ski Council Snow season!

Marsha Baretta  
President

## **“Rise Up” for the 2023 SnowBall Raffle**

Note to ALL SKI CLUBS: In place of asking every ski club to solicit prizes (“pound the pavement”) for the SnowBall raffle, we are now asking that every ski club in the CSC donate at least one \$100. gift certificate. Your certificate(s) may be to any ski shop or merchant that would be of interest to other club members. Your club is welcome to donate as many \$100. gift certificates as you deem appropriate (think about how many of your club attendees want to win one!) The raffle will consist of \$100. gift certificates only!! Proceeds from the raffle will assist in offsetting the expense of the SnowBall.

## **SnowBall 2023 Planning Committee**

There will be a mandatory planning committee meeting for the SnowBall committee on Tuesday, September 12, at 6:30 pm, immediately before the regular CSC meeting at the Back Nine Tavern. The six clubs that are required to have their club representative attend are: AE (tickets); CAST (raffle); Central CT Snowflakes (decorations); Mt Laurel (door); Newington (raffle); and Sterling (door).

### **Ski Andorra with Danbury Ski Club**

Plus 2 nights in Barcelona, Spain

**January 19-28, 2024**

**Includes:**

R/T flight to Barcelona NY/JFK (Iberian Air); and Boston/Logan (Swiss Air – 10 people minimum); Deluxe motorcoach transfers, all taxes, surcharges, portage; 6 nights in Sport Hotel Village at Grandvalira Ski Resort; welcome wine & cheese reception; full European breakfast and dinner daily; 2 nights at Hotel El Avenida Palace, Barcelona (no dinner). Grandvalira is part of Ikon Pass – no charge for passholders. Buy an Ikon pass through Danbury Ski Club and get \$100 off for a FULL Ikon pass and \$50 off Ikon base pass. No Ikon pass – 5-day lift ticket is 280 euros (est.) DSC members get 1-year free extended membership; non-members given free membership.

**Cost:** \$2,545 pp/double; \$3,545 single.

Land only: deduct \$650. Boston departure add \$250.

**Questions:** [DSC.Andorra.2024@gmail.com](mailto:DSC.Andorra.2024@gmail.com).

Info at: [DanburySki.com/Andorra2024](http://DanburySki.com/Andorra2024).

### **CSC Silent Auction Online Fundraiser**

The second annual online (silent) auction fundraiser will be open for bidding from October 22 to November 10, 2023.

This is the sole fundraiser for the CT Ski Council. It has replaced the massive, labor-intensive raffle that was once held during the CSC SnowBalls. The auction is open to anyone and everyone. We have items that originate from vendors/friends in Colorado, Utah, Montana, New York and New Jersey, as well as New England and of course Connecticut! You will need to login to the auction website to view and/or bid on items. The auction site creates a login “ID” number for everyone to maintain security with bidding. The auction website link: <https://www.32auctions.com/CSCAuction2023>. Please support our auction and invite your fellow ski club members, family, friends, and colleagues to view and bid on our items. There are some great products available at greatly discounted prices!

### **Ski Grindelwald, Wengen & Murren, Switzerland**

Hosted by Danbury Ski Club

**February 16-24, 2024 - President's Week**

**Includes:** R/T flight to Zurich from NY/EWR (Newark) and Boston/Logan on Swiss Air – skis fly free! 10 people minimum for Boston flight option. Deluxe motorcoach transfers, all taxes, surcharges, portage.; 7 nights at 3-star Hotel Derby in Grindelwald, the heart of the Jungfrau region; welcome wine & cheese reception; full European breakfast daily and dinner each evening. DSC members get their membership extended by 1 year; non-Danbury members get a free membership!

**Cost:** \$2,895 pp/double; \$3,345 single. Land only deduct \$750. Boston departure deduct \$100. Lift tickets are additional.

**Questions:** [DSC.Grindelwald.2024@gmail.com](mailto:DSC.Grindelwald.2024@gmail.com).

Info: [danburyski.com/Grindelwald2024](http://danburyski.com/Grindelwald2024)

### **Innsbruck, Austria**

Hosted by Metroland Ski Club

**February 16-25, 2024 – President's Week**

**Includes:** R/T air EWR (Newark) to Munich via Lufthansa, non-stop; meet & greet at Munich airport; private coach transfer; 7-nights at 4-star Grauer Baer; welcome drink at hotel; full breakfast buffet daily; 5 dinners (3-course) at hotel; optional day trip to Salzburg; transfer from Innsbruck to Holiday Inn Munich City Hotel for 1-night stay w/ breakfast buffet; portage for 1 luggage piece; all local taxes; air and air fuel surcharges (subj. to change); club membership.

**Cost:** \$2,359 pp/double occ; \$2,749 pp/single (space limited).

**Contact:** [metrolandskiclub.com](http://metrolandskiclub.com)

### **Hello, All -**

Our second annual summer picnic was held on June 24<sup>th</sup> at Falcon Field in New Britain, and a great time was had by all. Everyone was enjoying all the games, the food trucks were a big hit, and the band, Eight-to-the-Bar, was a huge draw – people of all ages were dancing up a storm. Speaking of storms, there weren't any. The weather forecast was a bit disconcerting leading up to the event, but it turned out to be a beautiful day,

How did we pull this off? Preparation and superb teamwork by a number of your hard-working CSC friends. Marsha Baretta was instrumental to the overall success of the event: Kevin Cronin (Cronin Ski Club), Karen Brown (Double Diamond Ski Club) and their teams along with a few others did a phenomenal job with parking; Mark Cohen/Brian Kweder (NAVA) and Amanda Aven Barber (AE Ski Club) did a great job collecting and selling tickets at the entrance; Brian McNamara (NY Metro Dki Club) organized the games which everyone enjoyed, especially the kids; and Marsha's grandkids sold lots of raffle tickets.

Special thanks to Tom Hedges (printing), Jonathan Houck (insurance), Robert Kot (Falcon Field), Mosquito Joes (exterminator), Taylor Rental Wallingford (tables, chairs and fans), Eight-to-the-Bar, Wayne's Wings and Things, Tacosmxt, Blue Chip Creamery, and Kevin Ziolkovski (security vests).

Even though the turnout wasn't quite as high as we had hoped (due to weather forecast) and we did not turn a profit, everyone had a great time and is looking forward to Summer Picnic 2024.

If anyone has suggestions on how to improve this event for next year, please let me know.

Dave Zuraw, 2023 Picnic Coordinator

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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.