

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Rise Up, and be In the Room Where it Happened!

Those familiar with the Broadway show *Hamilton* will recognize those words. We, the planning committee of the 2023 SnowBall, hope that you WILL be in the room with us at the Hartford/Windsor Marriott on Saturday, November 18, 2023. The team of Cheryl Parmelee (AE Ski Club), Marie Carparelli (Central CT Snow Snakes), Paul D'Attilio CAST), Joe Machowski (Newington), Janice Berry (Sterling), and Corrine Houle (Mt Laurel), comprise the team that has been working alongside me to reinstate our renowned SnowBall. If you have any questions about the SnowBall, kindly ask one of them or refer to the article later in this newsletter.

Among the other happenings in our busy CT Ski Council world is our auction, which opened for bidding on Sunday, October 22, 2023. The auction will only last for 3 weeks, so don't delay – check it out! The auction is our sole fundraiser and the items on our site are fabulous! We have received over 50 donations from various ski resorts, ski shops, and merchants to add to the quality of our auction. Please check it out, tell your friends, and take advantage of the great deals that are available to you. Items continue to come in and they are uploaded as soon as received. The auction website is:
<https://www.32auctions.com/CSCAuction2023>.

Exciting news for our racers with the return of the OnSnow Race Competition at Okemo!! How fabulous is that! Okemo race staff will conduct 5 races for us on Wardance slope, Saturday, March 2, 2024. It's up to us to fill that slope with our talented and enthusiastic racers to let Okemo and Vail know that the CSC is a force to be reckoned with!! Rob Dexter will give you more details so please adhere to the parameters and deadlines. I was informed that the second place winner from the previous OnSnow Carnival is

responsible for the celebratory "Wine Race" après ski...Rise Up!

Still more happy news with the expanding dates available to all current CSC members for discounted Council Appreciation ski dates at several ski resorts. Jiminy Peak, Killington, Pico, Stratton, and Magic all have come on board to offer dates with special pricing for our members. Please refer to the CSC website for details of dates and pricing. We're keeping Cheryl Parmelee busy with our website updates. Please know that for most of the mountains, you must pre-purchase your ticket online 24-48 hours in advance, and then go to a ticket window and present your current ski club member card with CSC sticker to get your lift ticket for the day.

That's it from me. This is our busy pre-season time to be active, get involved and help us to help you by getting involved. Prior to now, a team of volunteers congregated via Zoom to review and update our By-Laws. The official presentation and review of their proposals are scheduled for our November meeting...be there! Once the snow starts to fly we'll all be busy on the ski/snowboard slopes, so get your gear in shape, get your body in shape, and if you think you can lend us a hand, please do so. We are still in need of a Vice President, Chair for discounted Council ski dates, and assistants to every Chair and Officer in the Council. We can only do more for you if you'll do more for the CSC! Rise Up!

Kindly,
Marsha

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Nov. 14, 2023

7:30 PM

**Back Nine at Stanley
Golf Course**

Following meeting:

DECEMBER 12, 2023

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the December newsletter is November 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:
webmaster@skiclub.com

SNOWBALL RAFFLE PRIZES

Please bring all SnowBall raffle prizes to the Nov. 14 Council meeting so we can get a complete inventory. We are asking all clubs to purchase \$100 gift certificates from your favorite outfitter or ski/snowboard shop. Prizes received after the Nov. meeting cannot be accepted for the raffle. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the front desk and inside the Ballroom up to 15 minutes before they are drawn. Ticket prices are: 4 tickets - \$10, or 10 tickets - \$20. This is the Council's largest attended event of the year so help us make this year's raffle a winner for everyone. See you there!

2023 SnowBall – “Rise UP”

Saturday, November 18, 2023 is the date we want to see all of you “in the room where it happens” at the Hartford/Windsor Marriott for the return of our annual SnowBall. “Rise Up” is our theme and we do want all of you to rise up, be in the room, take a chance on the raffle of \$100 gift certificates, dance to the music of “Juice Box,” renew acquaintances and have a great time.

Each ski club is being held accountable to donate “at least one” \$100 gift certificate to the ski resort or vendor of your choice (no later than the CSC meeting on November 14). Each club is requested to bring your club banner to that CSC meeting to enable us to have them hung in the main ballroom of the Marriott on that evening. Advance tickets are available from your ski club representative for \$30. until November 14; after that date, attendees will pay \$35 cash at the door on the night of the event. Room reservations at the Marriott are available at the discounted rate of \$169. plus tax, by calling the dedicated reservation number 800-228-9290 and specify the CSC block. This rate expires on Nov. 3. So skiers...Rise Up (as Hamilton would say) and be in the room among your fellow CSC members to kick off our snow season in grand style! See you “in the room where it happens!”

Other Races

At this time, there will be no State Slalom, Giant Slalom, nor Cross Country races, but potentially a Downhill (Super G) race at Jiminy Peak on Monday, March 4. **The CT Senior Winter Games** (typically at Ski Sundown) is in the works, date still to be determined – but typically a weekday in the next to last week of February. The OnSnow Carnival, this year a one-day event, will be at Okemo on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Please stay safe out there.

Rob Dexter, CSC Racing Chairperson

CSC Racing

We will have an OnSnow event this year, but it will be fewer than 3 days. The CSC has set up a one-day OnSnow at Okemo, Sat., March 2. There will be a 1) team race, 2) women’s race, 3) club race, 4) kids’ race, and 5) snowboard race. This is similar to past OnSnow carnival events and format. The hill will be their race hill – the Wardance trail.

Racer registration will be through AdminSports; discount tickets will be available for those who do not have a weekend Epic pass - \$65 if you don’t. This includes racing registration and ski all day. It will be \$35 if you have an Epic pass valid on weekends. Their \$65 ticket is an amazing price with racing!!

We need to know how many people are interested in racing the one-day race at Okemo. Please take inventory of your clubs and get back to me by the next CSC meeting (Nov. 14) with your total racer numbers for March 2. This will make a difference as to the hill availability. If we have over 200, they will make the hill available for the day. If we have fewer, we will only race in the afternoon. Please get the word out and get back to me with a numbered response by club.

Also, we are talking about doing a downhill (Super G) at Jiminy Peak on Monday, March 4. Plans are still in the works for that.

Looking forward to our Monday Night race league this year. Last year was our 50th, and we continue to race! Some changes this year. We will not use AdminSports for racer registration and lift tickets – that will go through Mount Southington’s web page. **No exception** – registration will be through them. The deadline to sign up for racing is noon on the day of the race, similar to last year. Now everybody who purchased a ticket for racing will be in that night’s database, so fewer errors.

If you registered for a race, come to Southington to get your bib for the first time you race, or possibly get it on pizza night, Dec. 11. **CHANGE:** men’s age group 65-66 will go back to the younger men’s course (blue). Men born in 1958 (turn 66 in 2024) and older, women, and all snowboarders will have bibs 1-199 (blue course). Men born 1957 and younger (turn 67 in 2024) will have bibs 200-399 (red course). 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. Give yourself extra time when you get your bib on the first night.

BIBS: We will do as we did last year and hand out 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 at the end of the season (last race night) or their club will be charged for the cost of a replacement. We might have a pizza night on Monday, Dec. 11, 2023 to hand out bibs in advance. The lodge will be open to racers to put on their boots, but the current plan is for no bags allowed in the building.

Rob Dexter
CSC Race Chairperson

Discounted Council Appreciation Ski Days

Discounted ski days will be offered by many of our cooperating mountains once again this year. The Council is in need of a volunteer to step forward to coordinate these dates in a grid for the ease of use for our Council members. It would be “appreciated” if someone would take over this duty, as currently a variety of Council officers are each reaching out to one or two ski areas. The first requirement for all our CSC ski club members to understand is that you must present your valid 2023/2024 ski club member card at the ticket window when you pick up your ticket, and most likely you will need to pre-order the tickets online.

Killington and Pico have both made discounted days available in January and March. Killington also has days available in December. The pricing is different depending on date and mountain. Access to dates and pricing are found at:

<https://www.killington.com/ski-council>. You must purchase your tickets in advance online, and then go to a ticket window and present your valid ski club card to receive the lift ticket.

Stratton will offer discounted Council Appreciation days as well. You will need to order/purchase your ticket via the direct link on the Benefits pages of our CSC website. You will then need to go to a ticket window and present your valid ski club member card to receive the lift ticket. Discounted pricing for the Black Bear Lodge at Stratton is available surrounding the Appreciation dates as well. Please refer to the Benefits page of the CSC website for the document with the dates and links.

Magic Mountain will release its dates for discounted Council Days on November 1, 2023. We will keep you posted.

Jiminy Peak Resort is offering discounted Council Days to us this year. There is no need to pre-order your ticket...just go to the ticket window and present your valid 2023/2024 CSC member card. The dates are posted on the Benefits page of the CSC website. In addition, we might be able to schedule a Council/State Downhill (GS) race there on Monday, March 4, 2024. We will keep you informed.

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.

CSC Auction Time!

The CT Ski Council's second online Silent Auction opened for bidding Sun., Oct.22, and it will close on Fri., Nov. 10, 2023. All the items have been donated by ski resorts, merchants and ski gear manufacturers. The items are amazing!! Lift tickets to ski areas in CT, Vermont, New Hampshire and New York as well as Utah and Colorado! Lodging accommodations combined with lift tickets are available in CT, VT, Montana, and The Poconos! Gift certificates from ski shops and Krimson Klover (women's ski apparel designer), goggle covers, ski gloves, and Turtlefur items are on the auction site as well. The donors who contributed to our auction have been most generous to us.

Items for bidding will continue to be added when they arrive, however the bulk of them already have been received and uploaded to the auction site. Take a moment to view all the items, make a bid, and spread the word about this amazing auction to your friends, family and co-workers. This auction is the sole fundraiser for our Council. We spend a lot of money on our projects that benefit you, your friends, and the youth in CT. This is the one time when we ask you to help us raise money for the Council. Please take a moment, go to the auction site, and make a bid on an item for yourself or a surprise gift for someone close to you! Auction website: <https://www.32auctions.com/CSCAuction2023>.

Winning bidders may pick up their items at our SnowBall. If a person desires to have their item mailed, we can do that and directions appear with every auction item. A winning bidder from the Council who wishes to get their item at the CSC regular meeting on November 14, may do so by contacting me ahead of time. Check out the site and make your bids!!

Benefits

Please refer to the CSC website “benefits link” to see all the benefits that every CSC member is entitled to - only if they present their valid club membership card with a 2023/2024 CSC ID sticker. Stickers will be available at the November meeting. Our CT ski shops, CT mountains, and Northern Ski Works in Vermont offer discounts on full-priced items. In addition, if you log onto the NSCF website you will be entitled to the many online merchant discounts that appear there; for example, Bern helmets at 50%; Neve Ski Wear at 50%; Auclair gloves at 25%; Sierra Nevada Resort at 30%; and there are more!

Go to the CSC's website for other club-sponsored ski trips this season.

Sugarloaf, Maine

Hosted by Central CT Snow Snakes

January 7 - 12, 2024

This is a drive trip.

Includes: Lodging in condos or Sugarloaf Hotel.

Lift tickets rates available.

CT Snow Snakes membership is required; \$30 for individual; \$60 for family.

Deadline is Oct. 15; late fees apply after that date.

Contact: ctsnowsnakes.org

Chris Warren is the coordinator.

Loon Mountain, New Hampshire

Hosted by Meriden Ski & Snowboard Club

February 1-4, 2024

This is a drive trip.

Includes: 3 nights at Kancamagus Lodge; 3 days skiing at Loon. IKON pass holders can purchase just the hotel room.

Check-in from 3:00-9:00 PM on Feb. 1. Hotel is 1 mile from Loon and has an indoor pool. Junior/Senior discount available. Checks to MSSC by mail.

PayPal to treasurer@meridenski.com.

Cost: All rates include club membership.

PayPal - \$581/pp, doub. occ.: Cash/check - \$560/pp, doub. occ.: PayPal for

IKON passholder - \$265/pp, doub. occ.: Cash/check IKON passholder - \$255:

Subtract \$35 if already a 2023/2024 member.

Contact: Neil Young at young.nd@comcast.net or 860-808-6989. Mailing address for checks: 12 Alscot Dr., East Lyme, CT 06333.

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.

Info at: DanburySki.com/Andorra2024.

Kitzbuhel, Austria, with Munich

Hosted by Metroland Ski Club

March 1-10, 2024

Only 4 spots available!

Includes: R/T air Newark to Munich nonstop; transfer to hotel; 7 nights at 4-star Q Hotel Maria Theresa; welcome drink; full breakfast buffet daily; 4-course dinner on 6 nights; complimentary gym and sauna use, ski lockers & wi-fi; 1 night at 4-star Holiday Inn Munich city center with breakfast; airport transfer; local & air taxes; club membership.

Cost:

\$2899/pp, doub. occ at 4-star hotel. \$2579/pp, doub. occ. at Pension Hotel.

This is an IKON pass resort

Deposit at: <https://metroland-ski-club.square.site>

Contact: Brian at metrolandskiclub@gmail.com.

Burke Mountain offers CSC members STEEP discount!

Save 15% on your hotel stay with ski-in/ski-out accommodations. Burke Mountain Hotel & Conference Center features 116 suites ranging from studio to 3-bedroom units. Relax and enjoy the hot tub, on-site pub, coffee shop, cafeteria, fitness center, arcade, and shopping. Use promo code: SKICLUB.

Ski Club Appreciation Days at Burke are: midweek on Dec. 19, 21, 22; Jan. 19; Feb. 13; Mar. 21 & 22. Tickets are \$50 for 1 day; \$90 for 2-day. Weekend dates are Jan. 20 & 21; Mar. 23 & 24. Tickets - \$60 for weekend. Purchase tickets with proof of current membership at Sherburne Base Lodge ticket windows.

SEE CSC WEBSITE FOR ALL DETAILS.

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.

Info: danburyski.com/Grindelwald2024

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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.