

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

*"Snowfall rouses your inner child to dream
And play once more." Angie Weiland-Crosby*

Winter is upon us, and with it the snow, wind, ice and cold temperatures. It is that time of the year for all of us snow lovers to tap into our inner child and get outside to play and frolic in the "white stuff." Whether you ski, snowboard, or snowshoe, our hills are finally alive with that white stuff that we wait all year for. Along with that white stuff, the members of your ski council are busy and making the best of their time on that snow. Our winter program is in full swing!

Our Monday Night race league is in season and those racers are braving cold temps to go out and earn points for their ski clubs as well as their own enrichment. Rob Dexter is once again burning the midnight oil to collate and distribute the race results to the representatives from all the race teams. Mount Southington sets our course every Monday evening and then hosts us in the Mountain Room for our "après ski social." Ron Kaprazewski negotiated a great discount for beverages. Lynn Swanson is doing a fabulous job awarding raffle prizes to our racers that Ron worked hard to acquire from our vendors.

Robert Kot has been working diligently with the Mount Southington administration to set the format and details for our annual Kids Learn to Ski/Snowboard Day. Deadline for registrations is January 24 – hurry – pre-registration is required. The event is Sat., February 3. Volunteers are welcome to assist Robert that day to ensure that our kids show up for their lesson on time! Mount Southington provides the instructors, which the CSC subsidizes.

The third event on our winter calendar is the return of our (formerly annual) OnSnow Winter race. The Wardance trail at Okemo Mountain will come alive with the sights and sounds of our CSC racers on Saturday, March 2, 2024. Our racers can once again put a cap on their ski season with a hard day of competitive racing amongst themselves in Vermont! Okemo has put together an enticing price package for our racers and Glenn Johnson from Newington Ski Club will coordinate the racers from our CSC teams. Mt. Laurel will arrange a fabulous Apres Ski Awards party, so listen for details (did someone say "wine race"??)

This is our busy time of the year. We are a ski council and despite the hard work that so many of us do all year long...this is the time we look forward to, to get outside and turn those plans, visions, and dreams into reality. So get out there, dress warmly, and enjoy our favorite season of the year. It's what brings us together and by all means...be joyful for snow!!

Kindly,
Marsha

**NEXT
COUNCIL MEETING:**

Feb. 13, 2024

7:30 PM

**Back Nine at Stanley
Golf Course**

Following meeting:

MARCH 12, 2024

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the March newsletter is February 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

All Race Team Captains

Please respond to Glenn Johnson to receive information for the OnSnow Day at Okemo, Saturday, March 2. Glenn, from Newington Ski Club, is running the one-day OnSnow event.

I have 68 people in my email for racing and all are not race captains. If you are a race captain, please indicate what club you are from, and please give your email to Glenn. Thanks.

Also, this next Monday night at Mount Southington
Rob Dexter

From Our Vice President

Our annual SnowBall will be held Saturday, Nov. 24, 2024 at the Hartford/Windsor Marriott, and this year it will be a dinner/dance. Final details are being worked out, and the clubs that are due to work on the SnowBall committee will be announced at the February meeting. The band will be "Rum Runners," who played at the 2019 SnowBall. They had a great time playing and are looking forward to joining us again this year.

Think snow!
Jane Suto
Vice President

OnSnow Race Day

Be there!!! Where?? Nowhere but on Wardance trail at Okemo Mountain, Vermont, on Saturday, March 2, 2024! The CT Ski Council will host the rebirth of our OnSnow racing that day. Be witness to and participate in one of the five races – Team, Women's, Club, Snowboard, and Youth (both Junior A and B) – that take place that day. Both experienced and inexperienced first-timers are welcome! If you've never raced before, then this is the time to get started!! All racers need to tell their ski club race chair that they will race, then register on Admin Racing, and sign up for the races in which they will participate. Registration deadline is Tuesday, February 20. Glenn Johnson of Newington Ski Club will organize the racer entry lists. Which club will be our next OnSnow champion?

Race entry costs \$35. through Admin Racing if you have an Epic pass with full benefits. Those without an Epic pass that is valid on a Saturday will need to pay \$65. for your race entry and lift ticket, also via Admin Racing. Please consult with your club's race team chair for details on how to register at Admin Racing. All racers will take one run on the race course for the race event in which they are registered. You can enjoy the rest of your day cheering on your fellow racers or skiing the trails at Okemo with your family and CSC friends. When your ski day is over, come and join us at the Apres Ski Race Awards party. Mt. Laurel is organizing the party and has the details, so check with them.

See you on the snow!

Marsha

2024 KIDS' LEARN-TO-SKI DAY

The CSC Kids' Day will be Saturday, FEBRUARY 3, 2024 at Mt Southington Ski Area in Southington. The mountain is limiting participation to 60 children. We will keep a waiting list until the deadline, JANUARY 24. Anyone dropping out before then will be refunded their registration fee, but please inform us immediately if this is the case.

Accompanying adults must purchase a lift ticket from the mountain. You will get a \$10 discount off the regular 8-hour lift ticket price if you tell them you are with the CSC and have a valid club membership card.

Rental equipment for kids is \$45. Helmets are extra. Please leave plenty of time to rent and put on your equipment.

In the event of cancellation, all registration money will be returned. Any changes due to weather will be posted in the Kids' Day section of the Council's website and CT Ski Council Facebook page.

All registration forms and other information are available on the Council's website.

Questions? Contact Robert Kot at 860-810-4238 or robertfk@hotmail.com.

Accounting Services Needed

Our treasurer, Tad Stewart, is looking for a new Accounting Service for the CSC. Here is a list of requirements:

- Knowledge of accounting for a non-profit organization;
- Filing of annual IRS 990-EZ report;
- Communicate financial findings to Treasurer;
- Work with Treasurer for timely financial reporting to State, Federal and Council;
- Complete a financial audit at end of fiscal year (May 1 for a May 15 filing).

All interested parties will need to present an RFP to our treasurer at: tstewartb2@gmail.com.

Also, Tad is looking for one more volunteer for the internal audit committee. Please see him if you are interested.

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 March. 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.

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.

CSC Member-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!

CSC Benefits – Show Your Card and Save

Please check out the benefits/discounts from many of our ski shops that are available to all of you with an active CSC sticker on the back of your club member card. CT ski shops and Northern Ski Works in VT are very generous to all of us with discounts on full-priced merchandise throughout the year - just show the card! The ski shops giving discounts are listed on the benefits page of our CSC website.

Mountains in VT, MA and NY offer a variety of discounted Council Appreciation days. You are required to show your card at the ticket window to get your discounted ticket and may need to preorder the ticket on line. Please check the requirements for each mountain on our website benefits page.

Several CT mountains offer discounts by presenting your member ID card as well. Mount Southington, Powder Ridge and Mohawk Mountain are among them. Check with the mountain ahead of time to verify specific days/dates/rates. Take pride in your ski club membership, promote participation in the CSC, and always ask if a merchant will offer a discount based on CSC membership. The more you use our benefits and promote the CSC, the stronger we become!

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 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.

Adaptive Sports at Mount Snow

Want to share the joy of skiing and snowboarding with those with disabilities?

Volunteers are welcome at Mount Snow’s adaptive program. Training is provided and you are required to donate a minimum of 6 days, midweek or weekends.

Contact information: volunteer@adaptiveatsnow.org by email, or go to adaptiveatsnow.org for more 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

Awareness/Council Appreciation Dates for February

Date/Day	Resort	Price
2/5 - Mon.	Whiteface	\$59
2/6 - Tues.	Jiminy Peak	\$69/8-hr.; 39 twilight
2/7 - Wed.	Berkshire East	\$40
2/7 - Wed.	Catamount	\$40
2/11 - Sun.	Berkshire East	\$56
2/11 - Sun.	Catamount	\$56
2/13 - Tues.	Burke Mountain	\$50/1-day; \$90/2-day

You must show your current CSC club membership card with valid CCSC sticker affixed.

Please go to the CSC website for purchasing instructions. Each resort will have its own requirements and instructions.

Burke Mountain, Vermont

Hosted by Meriden Ski and Snowboard Club

March 7-10, 2024

Includes: 3 nights at Burke Mountain Hotel/Conference Center; 4 days skiing at Burke. Space is limited. Outdoor hot tub, restaurant and bar on site. All rooms have cooking facilities. Check-in Thurs. at 4:00 PM but can pick up lift tickets early Thurs. to ski. Meet and greet Friday evening.

Cost: All rates include club membership. Cash/Check: \$461.per person.

PayPal \$478./pp. PayPal to treasurer@meridenski.com.

Checks to MSSC to Sharon Mann, 203 Chestnut Hill Rd., East Hampton, CT 0642.

Contact: Sharon Mann at sbmann2@comcast.net.

Or text 860-301-2778.

Jay Peak, Vermont

Hosted by Meriden Ski and Snowboard Club

March 20-24, 2024

Includes: 4 nights in Cottage lodging; 4 days skiing. Space limited. Cottages include 2 bedrooms w/ split king beds (splits into 2 twins); full kitchens and washer/dryer. 3-minute shuttle ride to mountain from cottages. Check in Wed. at 5:00 PM. Meet and greet Thursday evening.

Cost: All rates include club membership. Cash/check \$700/per person;

PayPal is \$726/pp. PayPal to treasurer@meridenski.com.

Cash/checks made out to MSSC and mailed to Sharon Mann, 203 Chestnut Hill Rd., East Hampton, CT 06424.

Contact Sharon Mann at sbmann2@comcast.net or text 860-301-2778.

National Ski Areas Association Responsibility Code

1. Always stay in control. You must be able to stop or avoid people or objects.
2. People ahead or downhill of you have the right-of-way. You must avoid them.
3. Stop only where you are visible from above and do not restrict traffic.
4. Look uphill and avoid others before starting downhill or entering a trail.
5. You must prevent runaway equipment.
6. Read and obey all signs, warnings, and hazard markings.
7. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
8. You must know how and be able to load, ride, and unload lifts safely. If you need assistance, ask the lift attendant.
9. Do not use lifts or terrain when impaired by alcohol or drugs.
10. If you are involved in a collision or incident, share your contact information with each other and a ski area employee.

If we all remember at least one of these codes while we're on the hill, we will all have a better day on the slopes!

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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.