

# CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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## GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

*Rain, rain, go away...*

*Please bring some snow this way!*

2023 has been the “year of rain” and as I’m writing this, rain continues. We are all looking forward to some sunshine and hopefully colder temperatures so the “Snow Gods” above will fulfill the dreams of our outdoor winter enthusiasts. It is time to “Think (and pray) Snow!! The New England mountains are all open and recovering with manmade snow, and right here in CT our local mountains are doing a fabulous job of covering their hills. Let’s get out there and support our local economy.

Our CT Ski Council is going out of 2023 with many things accomplished, and I am so proud to lead this groups of snow enthusiasts! Together our SnowBall was brought back to life, the By-Laws are nearing revised completion, we are planning for the return of our OnSnow competition at Okemo in March, 2024, the revenue earned from our auction increased this year, the quantity of Discounted Appreciation Ski Days from our MA, VT and NY mountains has increased greatly, our website has been revised and updated, and, finally, we have a full slate of Officers on our Executive Board!

Many of you reading this may or may not have been a part of our revitalized projects, but I thank those who were a part of these initiatives, and those who encouraged our members. The By-Laws team worked on the revisions throughout the summer and the delegates who attended the December meeting sat through our discussion of the revisions to peacefully amend and approve them. Thanks to everyone who took part in that!! We will vote to fully approve and adopt the revisions at the January, 2024 meeting.

Along with our revitalized projects, none of this would have happened without the loyal support and work from the members of our Council who continually work in the background to maintain our unity! Ginny Ludwig produces our monthly newsletter, Nancy Nolan ensures that everyone receives documents and notices electronically, Rob Dexter has faithfully, in both good and poor health continued to lead our entire race program, and Jonathan Houck has faithfully served as recording secretary for many years in conjunction with his role as Past President. Mark Robitaille, Cheryl Parmelee, and Nancy have served for so many years to oversee the “lift ticket voucher” program that is now fairly a part of history yet they continue to serve the Council in other ways (it’s no secret that Cheryl is/was the sole force behind our reinvigorated website.)

It’s time for me to sign off and bid adieu to you and 2023! Our Council is strong and getting stronger. Tad Stewart, our treasurer, is looking for volunteers to serve on the audit committee in Spring, Jane Suto is working on revising the format for SnowBall 2024 as we expect to transition to a dinner/dance event. Rob Dexter is anxiously prepping details and “bib numbers” for our Monday Night racing series, and there is a silent team working on our March 2, 2024 OnSnow event at Okemo. It’s time for everyone to step up and be a part of the revitalized energy that makes our CT Ski Council the strong force that it is! Happy New Year and see you soon....on the snow!

Kindly,  
Marsha

**NEXT  
COUNCIL MEETING:**

**Jan. 9, 2024**

**7:30 PM**

**Back Nine at Stanley  
Golf Course**

**Following meeting:  
FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

### **Newsletter Deadline**

Deadline for the February newsletter is January 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)

### **SAVE the DATE!**

*Kids’ Day will be  
Saturday, February 3,  
at Mount Southington.  
Details to come soon!*

## Monday Night Race Series

The Monday Night race series at Mount Southington for 2023-2024 is scheduled to start January 8 – but I'm not sure if it will be held. The dates after that are: Jan. 15, 22, 29, and Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 with NO make-up dates.

Monday Night racing is celebrating 51 years of competition. We had a great pizza party on Dec. 11 – with 35 pizzas served and Mount Southington footing the bill. We will use Southington's web page for registration and lift tickets. An RFID card will be issued (cost \$5) which must be displayed or shown EVERY TIME prior to riding the lift. Deadline to sign up for racing is noon on the day of the race. Now, everyone who purchased a ticket will be in that night's database, so there should be fewer errors. You will need your CSC perm # prior to signing up. Look at last year's results to find it, or new racers can contact me at [skicouncil@gmail.com](mailto:skicouncil@gmail.com) to have one issued. I ask ANY NEW RACERS that once I give you a number, make sure you put it in your RFID database after your first race.

Typically, we will have 2 runs on the main courses, but they will **NOT** count as NASTAR runs. If you want to qualify for NASTAR you may run on the NASTAR course (skiers' right) and there will be no extra charge.

Some of you got your bib for the season at pizza night. If you DID NOT, you will get one on your first race night. When you have registered for a race, go to the ticket window to check in.

**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 200-399 (blue course – skiers' middle on large starting ramp)**. Men born 1957 and younger (turn 67 in 2024) will have **bibs 1-199 (red course – skiers' left)**. 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 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 at the end of the season (racer's last race night) or their club will be billed for the missing bib.

**TICKETS:** On-line ticket sales will eliminate money/credit card interaction. **Ticketing/racing prices will be shown on the Southington web page, and NASTAR will be free to all, ONLY on the skiers' right course (lower start).**

I hope everybody wished for snow for Christmas!!

Rob Dexter

CSC Race Chairperson

## From Our Vice President

I would like to thank everyone for all the well-wishes I received on my Vice Presidency. Hope your holidays were enjoyable.

Mark your calendar for the annual SnowBall, which will be held November 23, 2024. The SnowBall will be different this coming year. It will be a semi-formal dinner/dance. As of this writing, we are checking on different venues.

Check our website for the many benefits you can take advantage of this season. Cheryl has done a great job updating it!

Happy New Year!! See you on January 9, 2024.

Jane Suto

Vice President

## OnSnow Race Day

Okemo Mountain will once again host an all-afternoon OnSnow competition for the CT Ski Council, Sat., March 2, 2024. We will race on their fabulous WARDANCE trail!! There will be 5 different races throughout the afternoon: team race, women's race, club race, snowboard race and youth (both Junior A and Junior B categories).

Registration for all individuals will be through AdminSki and you will need to state which race and which ski club you will race for (please verify with your club's race captain.) Registration will open after Jan. 10, 2024. Use the filter "Northern" within AdminRacing NOT "Tristate" which we have used for Monday Night racing.

You must coordinate your race entry with your ski club's race captain. The club's final entry list must be submitted to Rob Dexter on or before Tues., Feb. 13 – no exceptions! Further details will be announced at the Jan. CSC meeting and at Monday nights. Those with valid Epic season passes will pay \$35. via Admin Racing to race. Those without a valid Epic pass (weekend or otherwise) will pay \$65 via AdminRacing for race entry and lift ticket. Be a part of our revitalized CSC energy!

Let's show Okemo (aka Vail) how strong our Council is! CSC OnSnow is back!

## 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. 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.

## 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!

## National Ski Areas Association Responsibility Code

1. Always stay in control. You must be able to stop
2. or avoid people or objects.
3. People ahead or downhill of you have the right-of-way. You must avoid them.
4. Stop only where you are visible from above and do not restrict traffic.
5. Look uphill and avoid others before starting downhill or entering a trail.
6. You must prevent runaway equipment.
7. Read and obey all signs, warnings, and hazard markings.
8. Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
9. You must know how and be able to load, ride, and unload lifts safely. If you need assistance, ask the lift attendant.
10. Do not use lifts or terrain when impaired by alcohol or drugs.
11. 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!

### **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).

### **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)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:young.nd@comcast.net) or 860-808-6989. Mailing address for checks: 12 Alscot Dr., East Lyme, CT 06333.

### **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](mailto:treasurer@meridenski.com). Checks to MSSC to Sharon Mann, 203 Chestnut Hill Rd., East Hampton, CT 0642.

**Contact:** Sharon Mann at [sbmann2@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sbmann2@comcast.net) or text 860-301-2778.

### **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](mailto:volunteer@adaptiveatsnow.org) by email, or go to [adaptiveatsnow.org](http://adaptiveatsnow.org) for more details.

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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.