

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

*"O the snow, the beautiful snow.
Filling the sky and earth below..."*
James W. Watson

Winter and snow have finally arrived in Connecticut! We sustained a winter snowstorm...unlike anything we've experienced in CT for a few years. It was a welcome sight and fun for those like us who embrace winter activities! Ski clubs have been traveling, ski racers have been racing, and recreational skiers (Alpine and Nordic) have been outdoors recreating. This is our time to "play in the snow!"

As I write this article for our monthly CSC newsletter, I, along with the Okemo Mountain race staff and Newington Ski club members Glenn Johnson and Ron Kaprazewski, are waiting for the final tally of registrants for our Okemo Race Day on Wardance trail. So many of our clubs expressed a desire to return to a race event at a ski resort in northern New England. We shared with you in October that Okemo came through for us by making their mountain open to us on Saturday, March 2, 2024. We are most appreciative of this opportunity, however; if our Council didn't produce enough registered racers by midnight on February 20 for the event, it wouldn't happen. So, as I write this, I hope we made the deadline!

Mount Southington has hosted our racers every Monday night, and let us cap off the evening with après ski socialization in their Mountain Room. Rob Dexter has loyally calculated and reported the results to everyone. New Haven is in first place with Newington holding second, Mt. Laurel in third place and Danbury in fourth. Ron Kaprazewski has acquired donations from many vendors to enable Lynn Swanson to faithfully conduct a raffle during the après ski socials.

This socialization following a competitive race at our host mountain is what keeps our Council clubs and members united.

Robert Kot ran our annual Kids Learn to Ski/Snowboard Day at Mount Southington on February 3, 2024. He alone registered 42 youth from within our Council, and the CSC paid for their lift tickets as well as for the professional instruction staff of Southington. The event was a great success thanks to the unselfish service from Robert Kot. Thank you Robert!

The Council thrives because of the volunteer service of the members of our thirty ski clubs. Please take time to thank your Council leaders when you see or communicate with them. Give some thought to offering your service to help them. The contact information for every officer and project chair is listed on the Officers Page of our website and at the end of this newsletter. Service to humanity is the best work of life, so give some thought and effort to how you can help the individual members and clubs of the ski council.

Stay safe and have fun together on the snow with the members of your ski council.

Kindly,
Marsha

**NEXT
COUNCIL MEETING:**
March 12, 2024
7:30 PM
**Back Nine at Stanley
Golf Course**
Following meeting:
APRIL 9, 2024

Newsletter Deadline
Deadline for the April newsletter is March 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

MONDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES

We have only one more Monday night CSC race left in the 8-week series at Mount Southington, CT as of this writing.

Monday night racing is into its 51st year of competition. We had great pizza nights every race night. Lynn Swanson handed out swag after every race by posting the winning bib numbers to make it much easier and not disruptive to socializing.

Club standings after 7 weeks are:

New Haven	4,427
Newington	3,630
Mt Laurel Skiers	2,826
Danbury	2,193
Hamden	1,780
NAVA	696
AE Ski Club	579
New Britain Falcons	274
Metroland	189

BIBS:

I do hope that everyone hands in their bib this last week. I have already had 23 bibs returned because people know they are not going to make the last night. Your club will be assessed a \$30. charge for any bib not returned by my deadline, which is the last CSC meeting this season, May 14. It is up to the club to track down bibs not turned in. I will send out an email to let you know which ones are outstanding. There is no time extension – there should be plenty of time to get them to me. Bibs may be dropped off at the mountain (to Andrea in the office) or sent to me (my address is on the racing page).

The (tentative) AWARDS PARTY will be at Mount Southington on Monday, March 11. I still have to confirm with the mountain. Like last year, we will start at 6:30 and go til whenever. The plan is to have the framed pictures done by artist Grant Doldge from New York, and 2nd and 3rd place awards will be mugs or glasses. If someone has another suggestion for 2nd and 3rd place awards, please let me know, and give me a vendor name. I'm open to suggestions.

It has been a great season. Mount Southington has done an excellent job setting courses even after all 400 high school racers were on the hill before us. Well, we did have some issues, but the race crew made things better.

Still great skiing out there – hope you can get to it!

Rob Dexter

CSC Racing Chairperson

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. 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.

Clubs due to work on the SnowBall committee are: CT Soul, Danbury, Hamden, Manchester, New Britain Falcons, North Haven, Norwich, River Hills, Sikorsky, Ski Bears, Torrington, and Trumbull.

Think snow!
Jane Suto
Vice President

Election of Officers

The Connecticut Ski Council will hold an election for the offices of President and Treasurer to serve for a two-year term. Elections will be held at the April 9, 2024 Council meeting.

Our current officers, President Marsha Baretta, and Treasurer Tad Stewart, will both run for re-election to their current positions. But if anyone is interested in being a candidate for either of these offices, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee as soon as possible.

They are:

Joe Machowski - 860-502-2500

Paul D'Atillio - 860-977-3633; or email at castskiclub@sbcglobal.net

Kevin Cronin - croninskiiclub@comcast.net

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!

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!

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.

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 mid-week March 21 & 22. Tickets are \$50 for 1 day; \$90 for 2-day. Weekend dates are March 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.

Awareness/Council Appreciation Dates for March, 2024

Date/Day	Resort	Price
3/4 -Mon. twilight	Jiminy Peak	\$69/8-hr; \$39
	Killington	\$101
	Pico	\$48
3/5 -Tues.	Berkshire East	\$40
	Catamount	\$40
	Jiminy Peak	\$69/8-hr; \$39twilight
	Killington	\$101
3/6 – Wed.	Jiminy Peak	\$69/8-hr; \$39twilight
	Killington	\$101
	Stratton	\$139/lodging
3/7 – Thurs.	Jiminy Peak	\$69/8-hr; \$39twilight
	Killington	\$101
	Pico	\$48
	Stratton	4139/lodging
3/8 - Fri.	Jiminy Peak	\$69/8-hr; \$39twilight
	Killington	\$101
	Pico	\$48
	Stratton	\$92/lift ticket
3/10 – Sun.	Whiteface	\$59
	Berkshire East	\$56
	Catamount	\$56
3/21 – Thurs.	Burke Mountain	\$50/1-day; \$90/2-day
	Stratton	\$106/lodging
3/22 – Fri.	Burke	\$50/1-day;\$90/2-day
	Stratton	\$77/lift ticket
3/23&24 – Sat. & Sun	Burke	\$60/weekend
3/24 – Sun.	Stratton	\$77/lift ticket
	Stratton	\$106/lodging

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.

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.

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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.

