

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

*"The beginning bears witness to the end,
And the end bears witness to the beginning."
Leo Baeck*

Another ski season has come to an end, and the CT Ski Council, like our New England ski resorts, has turned its thoughts to summer events as well as the beginning of the next ski season. It's time to plan for storing equipment, purchasing new equipment, buying season passes, and summer activities to maintain and prepare our bodies for another ski season. In line with that, the CSC is wrapping up its fiscal year and will soon embark on the beginning of fiscal year 2024/2025. So let's take a moment to look at our 2023/2024 CSC ski year.

We started our year with our second Spring / Summer picnic in June, 2023 at the Falcon's Nest in New Britain, and now we are preparing for our Spring/Summer picnic on June 30, 2024 at a new site, Mount Southington. Vice President Jane Suto is managing the event which should be a fun day for all with outdoor sporting games and use of the indoor Mountain Room. Be certain to bring you food and patronize our favorite bartenders in the Mountain Room!

In 2023, we accepted that the benefit of discounted vouchers to many ski resorts has come to an end, yet that has given rise to the beginning of our new initiative in partnership with Ikon/Alterra. Mark Robitaille is managing this new benefit where members of our CSC ski clubs may purchase new or renewed Ikon season passes at a special price, with a Labor Day deadline. This partnership with Alterra/Ikon is a benefit to individual members, a collective benefit to every club that participates, and to the Council. Each ski club needs to identify its coordinator, whom Mark will guide to enable club members to take advantage of this special benefit.

In November 2023, we participated in the return of our annual SnowBall. While the SnowBall was once our "annual fundraiser," the CSC brought in an online Silent Auction to serve as its fundraiser during the absence of the SnowBall, and it turned into a profitable and easily managed commodity. The Council is now planning to begin a new format for our SnowBall that is much easier to implement. The raffle has taken on less importance, as the focus is the socialization of our members in preparation for ski season. On Saturday, November 23, 2024, our CSC will host its first dinner/dance SnowBall. Be certain to learn the details for our newly revised SnowBall at our May 14 meeting.

A team of volunteers came together during summer, 2023 to review and revise the By-Laws, which subsequently led to a review and revision of the Constitution. Cheryl Parmelee spent much time during the summer revising and rebuilding our CSC website. She regularly updates information on the website as it is supplied to her. Another team of volunteers will come together this summer to audit the CSC financials...long overdue.

Robert Kot has continued to manage our CSC Kids' Day at Mount Southington every winter for the past three years, and has agreed to manage the event in 2025. He has performed this task single-handedly each year in partnership with Mount Southington. This is the Council's sole event in which we "give back" to sustain the future of our sport.

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**NEXT
COUNCIL MEETING:
May 14, 2024
7:30 PM
Back Nine at Stanley
Golf Course
Following meeting:
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the June newsletter is May 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: cparmelee@aeski.com

Election of Officers

Our current officers, President Marsha Baretta, and Treasurer Tad Stewart, have each been re-elected to their current positions. They will serve the CT Ski Council for the next two years. Congratulations - and thank you from all of us!

President's Message, continued

Once again, we witnessed Rob Dexter lead us in an eight-week competitive race season at Mount Southington. Racers from our clubs participated in the races and socialized afterward. Several of our racers capped off the ski season with a successful trip to NASTAR nationals in Aspen. Ron Kaprezewski and Lynn Swanson enriched each race night with a raffle that was supplied by donated ski products from a variety of ski product manufacturers.

Ginny Ludwig has continuously and steadily produced a monthly newsletter, and now with the adoption of the revised By-Laws, has added one more month to that task; going forward we will produce a June newsletter. Ginny regularly assisted Nancy Nolan with the sorting and distribution of ski lift vouchers to our member ski clubs. These two ladies, in conjunction with Rob Dexter, have served as the backbone of our CT Ski Council with their dedicated service for over 30 years each.

We were finally able to install a full slate of Executive Officers of our CSC in November, 2023. I am most grateful to our officers for their leadership and dedication to the overall management of our Council and its events. You may recall that when I needed to step up to the position of President in January, 2023, we were lacking a Vice President until Jane Suto volunteered to return to that position during our November meeting. Jane had served as the CSC Vice President for over 10 years before 2015. Jonathan Houck has diligently served in the offices of President, Past President, and now Recording Secretary. His knowledge of past practices and experience is invaluable. Tad Stewart, our Treasurer, is a "newbie" yet spent much time during his first year reviewing prior policies and researching financial records. He is now taking steps to modernize our financial management records and procedure.

I thank each of you for the selfless service that you have given and continue to give to our 30 ski clubs with their collective membership of approximately 10,000 individuals. I am honored to serve in the "elected" capacity as your President for the next two years. I ask, going forward, that as we look at our past and learn from it, please step up to help as a volunteer. Please assist our leadership with current initiatives and step up to expand our activities and events with new ideas. Our door is always open to new ideas and initiatives as long as volunteers are willing to come forward. I look forward to seeing you at the May 14, 2024 CSC meeting as we open the new 2024/2025 CSC year!

Thank you!

Kindly,
Marsha

From Our Vice President

CSC SUMMER PICNIC

Our 2024 summer picnic will be held at Mount Southington on Sunday, June 30, 2024, from noon to 7:00 PM (cleanup to start at 6:30). Rain or shine.

Come spend an enjoyable Sunday afternoon with all your CSC friends. There will be sand volleyball, bocce, Kan jam, cornhole and ladder ball. Bring your competitive side with you. Unfortunately, for safety reasons, people are not allowed to hike or mountain bike on the trails. During the summer the mountain has many projects all around the mountain.

Bring your own picnic. No grills are allowed, but chafing dishes with contained burners are acceptable. There will be a cash bar available in the Mountain Room; no outside alcohol is allowed. Bring cash for the raffle.

Tickets are: Adults - \$10.; children 12 and under are \$5.; tickets at the event are \$15. (cash only) for all. John Saresky, the ticket coordinator, will be at the meeting in May to distribute tickets and/or collect sold ticket payments. Payments should be in cash or a club check payable to Connecticut Ski Council. Please, NO PERSONAL CHECKS; clubs are to collect payments from members and issue one check to the CSC. If you have any questions, you can contact John via email at johnski103@gmail.com.

Deadline for tickets is June 11th. Picnic chairpersons will be at the Back Nine to receive checks and return unsold tickets.

SNOWBALL

The SnowBall will be a dinner/dance, to be held November 23, 2024 at the Hartford/Windsor Marriott, with music by Rumrunners. The theme is "Ski Dreams", and tickets are \$85.00. Last year, the ATM machine at the hotel was not in service, so to be safe, bring cash for the raffle and cash bar.

Clubs responsible for 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. There will be a committee meeting at 6:30 PM before the May Council meeting. Please have a representative attend. The committee duties are on the Council website – please review them before the meeting.

Jane Suto
Vice President

MONDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES

BIBS ARE STILL MISSING! Please mail them to me no later than the May 14 Council meeting.

Bib	Name	Team Name	Perm #
8	Reilly, Sean	Hamden	1687
12	Fiorillo, Frank	New Haven	1677
27	Ruggiero, John	New Haven	1747
45	Borris, Daniel	Hamden	1774
49	Morgan, Mark	unk	1775 (what club?)
66			
68	Levy, Andrew	MTL	1651
69	Connors, Scott	AE	1733
70			
73	Chicarilli, Damien	Hamden	992 (no email)
91	Grabowski, Jerry	New Haven	91 (club?)
94	Hale, Paul	New Haven	1783
201	Carotenuto, Arthur	New Haven	45
222	Wenning, Tracy	New Haven	1759
223	Vallejo, Reyna	New Haven	1654 (no email)
227	Crosby, Maryjame	Newington	1761
251	Roccapriore, Jim	Newington	200
252	Moller, Jane	Newington	289
261	Kim, Peter	New Haven	1685
264	Griffing, Sherwood	AE	803
273	Murphy, Joanne	New Haven	787

Don't forget – your club will be assessed \$30 per missing bib if not turned in by the last meeting, the cost to replace it.

Have a great summer all.....

Rob Dexter

CSC Racing Chairperson

Discounted Council Appreciation Ski Days

The Council is still in need of a volunteer to step forward to coordinate these dates. It would be appreciated if someone would take over this duty, and help us provide a benefit for all the members of the Council.

New Jersey Ski and Travel Show

Sunday, May 5, 2024, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Reception at 3:00; Door prize drawing at 4:00

DoubleTree by Hilton, Fairfield, NJ at 690 US 46 East, Fairfield, NJ
973-227-9200

Registration required. No individuals – group registration from your club only.

Deadline April 29, 2024.

Time to Plan Next Season!

Meriden Ski & Snowboard Club offers this trip!

Soldeu, Andorra and Barcelona, Spain

January 11-21, 2025

Grandvalira is the largest ski resort in the Pyrenees, Andorra.

Cost: \$2,199. Per person/double occupancy

\$2,699. Single

Add \$200 for checked bag OR skis and bootbag

Lift tickets are included on the Ikon pass, or about

60 Euros a day.

Includes:

R/T air from Boston; R/T transfers between Barcelona and Andorra; 7 nights at 5-star Park Piolets Mountain Hotel & Spa in Soldeu, Andorra; 2 nights accommodation in Barcelona at a 4-star hotel TBD; breakfast buffet daily; 5-course buffet evening meal with cooking stations in Andorra; complimentary shuttle to lifts; complimentary WiFi in hotel; all local and air taxes; Meriden Ski & Snowboard Club dues for 2024/2025.

Deposit of \$1100. Due upon registration; balance due 9/15/2024. Register at Meridenski.com. Each traveler must complete registration on website so info can be sent to travel agent and airlines.

Contact: Bob Curry, bobski@snet.net. Phone & text to 203-314-9605

It's Not Too Early to Get on Board!

Danbury Ski Club has a great trip on the books!

Val d'Isere and Tignes, France

January 18-26, 2025

Cost: \$3995. Per person/double occupancy

\$ 4595. Single

Land only: deduct \$800.

Includes:

R/T air Geneva via JFK (non-stop), or Boston/Logan (1 stop)

All transfers, taxes, surcharges, portage;

7 nights at the new 4-star Club Med in Tignes, France;

Ski in/ski out; Full European buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner daily; g pool and wellness center; Nightly entertainment,

changing each night; 6-day lift ticket to Tignes and Val d'Isere;

5 days of lessons or ability grouped mountain guides;

One-year membership in Danbury Ski Club.

Deposit due on registration; balance due Sept. 15, 2024.

Questions: DSC.Tignes.2025@gmail.com

Details: <http://DanburySki.com/Tignes2025>

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CT SKI COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION:
The Back 9 Restaurant at Stanley Golf Course,
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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.

