

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The waning days of summer are upon us and it has been hot, humid and rainy! Does that imply a snow-filled season is on the horizon for the East Coast? One can only hope!! I trust you have been enjoying your summer activities on land and water. We are so blessed in Connecticut to have such a variety of outdoor activities available to us all year round! Let's not overlook the fabulous work of our US Summer Olympians! What a truly magnificent performance from every one of them. Gold, Silver, Bronze, and yes, Runner-Up. It requires such intense training, skill, and performance to qualify for and compete at that level. Kudos to every US Olympian for the performance they gave on our behalf! Let's prepare to cheer on our Para-Olympians in the next few weeks.

The CSC kicked-off summer with a picnic held at Mount Southington on June 30. The rain dampened our spirits but we were fortunate to be able to use the Mountain Room so that everyone could socialize indoors and stay dry. There was quite a competitive game of dominoes being played at one table, and other enjoyed cornhole upstairs...inside! We expect to be able to offer grilled hot dogs and burgers at next year's picnic, so be certain to include that event on your summer calendar. Many thanks to Jane Suto and her team for coordinating the event.

Your CSC officers have been working diligently throughout the summer. The auction is shaping up to be our most lucrative one yet! Bidding will open on October 20, 2024. Jane Suto has been focused on the Snowball. It will be our first-ever dinner/dance and promises to be an exciting event for everyone. Tad Stewart was busy with the audit committee and will have a report ready for presentation at the September 3, 2024 CSC meeting. Tad will be sending out club dues invoices before our September meeting. Nancy Nolan has kept her computer busy by forwarding

updates and messages from the NSCF and me. Mark Robitaille has been busy managing the IKON Pass special purchase plan, and as a reminder, the special purchase option will come to a close on Monday, September 2, 2024 – Labor Day.

On the mention of Snowball, I need to address the concern about pricing and our Snowball. The cost of a ballroom alone without a meal has increased by more than 200% from what we paid before the pandemic. Ballrooms at locations other than the Hartford/Windsor Marriott would charge twice the amount that the Marriott is asking. For the Snowball to be solvent (without a plated dinner) we would need to charge at least \$50.00 per ticket for just the ballroom and band. Therefore, Jane and I reviewed all the numbers and decided that this is the appropriate time to transition to a dinner/dance if we continue to hold a Snowball. This is the year to join us as we kick off our new format – a semi-formal dinner/dance for the reasonable price of \$85.00. Come, join us in "Snow Dreams" at the Hartford/Windsor Marriott on Sat., November 23, 2024.

Our CSC regular monthly meeting night needs to change to the FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, and NOT the second for this year. Sadly, when I reached out to the Back Nine to reserve our site for the season, the Banquet and Terrace Rooms were already booked. Therefore, we need to move to the FIRST TUESDAY of every month from September-May

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

SEPT 3, 2024

7:30 PM

Back Nine at Stanley

Golf Course

Following meeting:

OCTOBER 1, 2024

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the October newsletter is September 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

Council Appreciation Ski Days

We officially have a CSC APPRECIATION DAY COORDINATOR!!!! He is Ian Ellmore, and his contact info is:

ian.ellmore@gmail.com.

Thank you Ian!!!

President's Message, continued

The ONLY EXCEPTION will be the month of November during which we will meet on the second Tuesday; however, we will convene in the Terrace Room of the Back Nine. We did our best to notify all of you as soon as possible to make adjustments in your calendars.

Enjoy these next few weeks of summer as students return to school and college, summer vacations come to a close, and the air and water temps start to cool off. Daylight is shortening and soon we'll be hiking in New England's autumn splendor! I look forward to reuniting with all of you as we open our 2024/2025 CSC season at our meeting in the Back Nine Banquet Room, on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. See you soon.

Kindly,
Marsha

ATTENTION: 2024-25 IKON PASS PRICING EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 6, 2024, so act now to save!

The CT Ski Council ('CSC' or 'Council') is partnering with Ikon Pass to offer CSC member-clubs ('Club')/CSC Members ('Members') the opportunity to purchase Ikon Base Passes and Ikon Passes at group rates. Special pricing for 2024-25 Ikon Passes is being extended to CSC members who purchase NEW PASSES using promo code being offered through this special program, which expires September 6, 2024. Members can save \$40-\$90 off online pricing per pass ordered through this program, depending on type of pass purchased.

Each club interested in extending this pricing to its members must identify a club coordinator ('coordinator') who will be responsible for identifying the members interested in obtaining special pricing. The coordinator will have the ability to acquire a code assigned to each member.

The Council is offering an incentive to the participating clubs. For every 15 qualified club purchases, the club will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a 2024-25 Ikon Pass. Number and type (i.e., Ikon Pass or Ikon Base Pass) of passes being offered will depend on meeting certain group revenue thresholds.

Each member using a CSC-based Promo Code will receive a discount off the online retail pricing. Members can save \$40-90 off online pricing per pass ordered through the program, depending on type of pass purchased. **NOTE: prices are to be shared with CSC members only and absolutely cannot be shared on a public forum (e.g., Facebook, Public Website, X).** Ikon Pass pricing is subject to change at any time and without prior notice.

Please contact Mark Robitaille, CSC Discount Voucher Director at CSCVouchers@gmail.com for additional details.

From Our Vice President

CSC SNOWBALL

Our annual Snowball, "Snow Dreams", will be November 23, 2024, from 5:30 to 11:00 PM at the Hartford/Windsor Marriott. This year the Snowball will be a dinner-dance, a new and exciting event. The dinner will start at 5:30 and will be a 3-course plated meal. Dinner choices are chicken, salmon, or vegetarian. Starting at 7:00 will be music by The Rumrunners. Ticket price is \$85.00. Looking forward to seeing everyone enjoying dinner and dancing the night away, and, hopefully winning some prizes.

The Snowball is ADVANCE SALES ONLY. Any tickets sold at the door will NOT be entitled to dinner and will NOT be sold at a discount price. This is a semi-formal event.

Hartford/Windsor Marriott is offering a special group rate for Double/Double or a King room at \$172.00 plus tax per night. Reservations must be made by individuals directly with the Marriott at 800-228-9290, or online to the group reservation link. Book your group rate for CT Ski Council Snowball 2024. Cut-off date is November 1, 2024.

SNOWBALL COMMITTEE

There will be a Snowball committee meeting at 6:30 before the regular CSC meeting on September 3. Clubs responsible this year are: Danbury (tickets), Manchester (decoration), Norwich (door security), Sikorsky (door security), Hamden (raffle), and CT Soul (raffle), and Torrington. The following clubs are also responsible this year and need to be at the meeting: Trumbull, River Hills, and Ski Bears.

SUMMER PICNIC

The summer picnic was quite the event. With severe thunderstorm warnings and high winds, we had to take down the ticket tent for everyone's safety. But the storms did not keep hardy picnickers away. We had a good turnout considering the weather. The mountain workers moved the cornhole inside. During the afternoon we did get a break from the rain and a few clubs started a volleyball game, but unfortunately it lasted about 20 minutes when the clouds decided to burst again. All in all, those who attended had a good time. Hope the weather is good for our 2025 picnic!

Jane Suto
Vice President

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>

More Trips on the Books!

Courmayeur, Italy

February 14-22, 2025 Host: Metroland Ski Club

Cost: \$2,892. Per person/doub occ. \$3,759, pp/single

Includes:

R/T air from JFK and Milan via Air Emirates; R/T transfers via private coach; 7 nights at 4-star Hotel Cresta Et Duc; breakfast buffet and dinner daily at hotel; complimentary wellness area; optional ski day to Lathuille or Chamonix; all current US and Italian taxes and fees; all fuel surcharges; club membership; ski & boot bag plus 1 checked bag free.

Contact: Brian at Metroland Ski club;

metrolandskiclub@gmail.com

Canazei, Italy

February 21-March 1, 2025

Canazei is part of the Dolomiti Superski area (Ikon pass) in the heart of Val di Fassa.

Host: Meriden Ski Club

Cost: Superior room - \$2,775. PP/doub occ; \$490 single supplement. Junior suite - \$2,879. PP/doub occ.

Includes: R/T transfers Meriden/JFK; R/T air JFK and Milan via Air Emirates; R/T ground transfers; 7 nights at 4-star Hotel Astoria (all rooms brand-new w/WiFi, etc.); Continental & Italian breakfast daily; a la carte dinner menu with starter & dessert; Skiers snack buffet daily 3:30-5:30 PM; weekly gourmet gala dinner w/ live music; free spa, swimming pool, Jacuzzi; hotel shuttle to ski lifts; weekly activities program for non-skiers at special price; all local & air taxes; Meriden Ski club dues. Deposit \$1500 pp due at signing; balance due 12/1/2024. Contact: John Roarty, 860-919-1801, Roartyj@aol.com.

Meribel Mottaret, France

March 14-22, 2025 Host: Metroland Ski Club

World's largest ski area – The Three Valleys – spring skiing at its finest (Epic pass).

Cost: \$3,105. PP/doub occ, in Comfort deluxe room; \$3,199 PP in Prestige double.

Includes: R/T air JFK and Geneva via Swiss Air; skis fly free; 7 nights at Hotel Mottaret (1 lift to Courchevel, 2 to Val Thorens); daily breakfast; 5 dinners. Snow-sure resort w/ warm powder days, and terrain for everyone.

Contact: Brian at metrolandskiclub@gmail.com.

Here's A "Local" Trip!

Sunday River, Maine

Feb. 23-28, 2025

Host: NAVA Ski Club

Cost: Lodging and Lift Ticket rates are as follows:

Lodging rates at the Jordan Hotel are PER NIGHT, and include tax and fees.

- Standard Room \$193
- Studio Superior \$181
- Studio Deluxe \$193
- 1-bedroom suite \$366
- 2-bedroom suite \$698
- 3-bedroom suite \$1284

Lift Tickets

Sunday River will create a booking link for members to purchase lift tickets directly. Ikon pass holders are welcome to use their pass. Sunday River Resort will provide discounted lift ticket rates to the group for the contracted dates. Sunday River requires ski group members to purchase lift tickets, rentals and lessons directly from the resort via the group discount online link. Lift ticket purchases are non-refundable and non-transferable. Discounted rates are:

	3-day	4-day	5-day
Adult (19-64)	\$213	\$264	\$308
Teen (13-18)	\$170	\$210	\$245
Junior (6-12)	\$144	\$179	\$204
Senior (65-79)	\$170	\$210	\$245

Super Senior (80+) and Child (5 and under):

No group rates available – please purchase online in advance:

1-day \$5; 2-day \$6; 3-day \$7; 4-day \$8; 5-day \$9.

Ikon Passholders pay zero for lift tickets.

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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.