

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

"Spring skiing is a dance between the last gasp of winter and the first breath of spring."

-Author Unknown

The winter snow is melting, however, there is potential for spring storms. The slopes in Western USA are thriving as are the slopes in Europe. Our New England snow is melting but there is still lots of skiing the further north one goes. So keep those skis and snowboards waxed, and enjoy our favorite outdoor activity in slightly warmer temperatures!

Mount Southington has closed for the season. In conjunction with that, Rob Dexter led a very well-attended and enthusiastic group of racers at our annual Monday Night Race Season awards. The party atmosphere was in evidence as many wore their spirited St. Patrick's Day attire. Rob alone was responsible for managing and tabulating all the stats throughout the race season, and then he ordered and presented awards to the first, second, and third place winners in every race division (with their names engraved!!!). Framed prints were awarded to all first place winners, wine glasses to all second place winners, and beer mugs to those in third place. Plaques were awarded to the teams based on their overall stats, which put New Haven in first place for the third year in a row!

Mark Robitaille is managing the IKON Special Benefits Program for our Council again this year. Our contract with Alterra/IKON has been signed and the ski club presidents will receive direct communication from him soon. Remember...the very best benefit for any IKON pass purchase is to take advantage of the renewal offer that was emailed directly to all current IKON Pass-holders ASAP!

The April CSC meeting (Tuesday, April 1, 2025) is our Annual Meeting. There will not be a Zoom/virtual option for this meeting as physical attendance is required. Along with that, we will conduct our election for the office of Vice President. The current Vice President is Jane Suto. The election committee (consisting of Paul D'Atillo, Kevin Cronin, and Joe Machowski) are the individuals who will conduct the election and anyone who wants to run for the office of Vice President needs to contact one of those individuals ASAP!

Our current Vice President, Jane Suto, is working with her team to reformat our beloved SnowBall, held annually in November. The outcome of the 2024 SnowBall made it apparent that the format needs to be changed, because of loss of income and attendance. An event will continue to occur, however in a different format. It is now being referred to as the Fall Festival. Details will be forthcoming as the committee moves forward.

Please remember to attend the April 1, 2025 meeting as we have much to cover. Again...there will not be a virtual option. In the meantime...have fun in the snow and stay healthy!

See you on April 1!

Kindly,
Marsha

**NEXT
COUNCIL MEETING:
APRIL 1, 2025
7:30 PM
Back Nine at Stanley
Golf Course
Following meeting:
MAY 6, 2025**

Newsletter Deadline
Deadline for the May newsletter is April 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@aeskiclub.com

Council Appreciation Ski Days
Our CSC APPRECIATION DAY COORDINATOR is Ian Ellmore, and his contact info is: ian.ellmore@gmail.com.

2025-2026 CSC IKON Pass Program

OVERVIEW:

The CT Ski Council ('CSC' or 'Council') is partnering with Ikon Pass to offer CSC Member-Clubs ('Club(s)')/CSC Members ('Members') the opportunity to purchase Ikon Base Passes at special group rates. Group pricing for 2025-2026 Ikon Passes is being extended to CSC Members who purchase **NEW PASSES** offered through this special program. Members can save per pass ordered through this program compared to standard online pricing, depending on type of pass purchased.

There is no special group pricing for **Renewals** prior to the Ikon Pass Renewal Deadline (mid-April), however, members wanting to 'renew' passes after the Renewal deadline can benefit from the special group pricing. Renewals associated with the Council will apply to the Council's/Club's overall group revenue, provided they are inputted into the Club's tracking sheet.

CLUB INCENTIVE:

The Council is offering an incentive to the participating Clubs. Clubs participating in the Program will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a 2025-2026 pass. At the conclusion of the program, the Club will raffle off 2025-2026 Ikon Pass(es). Number and type (e.g. Ikon Pass or Ikon Base Pass) of passes being raffled will depend on overall Council's revenue thresholds. Additionally, Clubs meeting certain revenue thresholds may qualify to earn additional passes. So make sure to capture all your Club's activity (renewals and new purchases).

MEMBER BENEFITS:

- Exclusive group pricing
- Extended timeframes for purchasing at reduced rate
- Members not renewing passes by the online deadline (mid-April) can still benefit from the special pricing
- Other Ikon Pass offers still valid (e.g. Child Passes, payments plans, pass protection)

RESTRICTIONS (including, but not limited to):

- Program runs March 13, 2025 through September 2, 2025
- Ikon Pass special pricing only available to 2025 CSC Members
- Ikon Pass pricing subject to change at any time without notice

CLUB PARTICIPATION:

Each Club interested in extending this pricing to its members must identify a Club Coordinator ('Coordinator') who will be responsible for managing the Club's activity and tracking. The Coordinator will share details and track activity with their Club's members.

CONTACT:

Please contact Mark Robitaille (CSVouchers@gmail.com) for further details and to register your Club.

ELECTIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT

WHEN At the April 1, 2025 CSC meeting

WHAT Election of a new CSC Vice President

INFO This is a two-year term. Jane Suto currently holds this position.

Anyone who would like to be considered should notify the nominating committee to be placed on the ballot. Contact one of us directly, or make a nomination in private in the chat at next month's zoom meeting.

CONTACT

Joe Mahowski (Newington Ski Club)
Kevin Cronin (Cronin Ski Club)
Paul Dattilio (The CAST Ski Club)

From Our Vice President

Hello to everyone!

The Fall Festival committee has been hard at work to find the right venue. Many event spaces are too expensive or will only hold the event if there is a buffet or dinner, and that price was expensive. If we do not have a buffet or dinner, the rental cost would be increased, and it was more than we would want to pay. Some venues had a corporate package that was affordable but was only available Sunday through Thursdays; these venues only do weddings on weekends. We checked wineries and breweries but some did not host private parties or were too expensive (one brewery wanted \$100 per person!) and did not allow outside music. None of these venues allowed food or alcohol from outside.

We did find some venues that are promising. The committee will be getting together to decide.

There will be a committee meeting at 6:30 before the regular April CSC meeting.

Jane

Greetings from Web Land!

Our website is only as good as the content we post. While I try to get a little creative, I encourage clubs to submit fun pictures and events that you all have, to make our site more engaging.

In addition, I am looking to create a cloud site where a personal name is not attached and we can house documents or XLS spreadsheets. Sometimes we like to share information, however under our current host, we are only allowed to upload PDF format. This means we cannot collect information via XLS without using google forms. Google forms is a challenge for people trying to access from their workplace and some clubs are based from their employer.

Please share any content with cparmelee@aeskiclub.com and I will do my best to make timely updates to our site. Many thanks, and shred 'til you're jelly.

Cheryl

April 2025 – Racing Review

It was a great season, with one of the earliest starts of our racing season ever, and we got all 8 weeks of our Monday Night racing completed. Mount Southington did a great job.

We had a great awards party on St. Patty's Day, Monday, March 17, 2025. The first place picture awards, by painter Grant Dolge, had a green painted skier – how appropriate for St Patty's Day. We had engraved wine glasses for second place, and engraved beer mugs for third place.

MONDAY NIGHT RACING FINAL CLUB RESULTS

<i>Club</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Place</i>
New Haven Ski Club	5,448	1
Newington Ski Club	3,384	2
Mt Laurel Skiers	2,574	3
Danbury Ski Club	2,183	4
Hamden Ski Club	1,775	5
NAVA Ski Club	1,111	6
AE Ski Club	930	7
New Britain Falcons SC	288	8
Metroland	221	9

All of the first place age winners are: Brenden Lynch, Andrew Silhavy, William Kresic. Michael Misencik, Michael Balduino, Michael Greenberg, Chris Kelly, Thomas Klinga, Mace Rattet, Robert Cushman, Pieter Coenraads. Bruce Diamond, Elliot P. Cyr, Ken L. Martin, Rob Dexter, Bill Schumann, a tie between Kevin Blagys, and Peter Kim, Abbey LiPuma, Sara Baker, Katherine Nowicki, Maria White, Joy Dutra, Marti Brueckner, Jane Moller, Joanne Murphy, Ellen Restivc, Veronica Lavierc.

I am still lacking 18 bibs that have not been turned in – don't forget this next CSC meeting is the deadline or your club will be assessed \$35 for each one missing!

There is still some snow on the northern slopes – I hope you can get some final runs in.

Have a great summer!
Rob Dexter, CSC Race Chairperson
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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.

