

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

*Again the blackbirds sing; the streams
Wake, laughing, from their winter dreams,
And tremble in the April showers
The tassels of the maple flowers.
-John Greenleaf Whittier*

Welcome to spring and the close of ski/snowboard season 2024/25. It's time to put a heavy coat of wax on the skis and snowboards for storage over summer and break out our spring gear: bicycles, kayaks, hiking shoes, golf clubs, tennis rackets, and, of course, time to change the wardrobe. We were fortunate to have received a lot of good New England snow this winter, and for those who traveled to the Western USA or Europe, the snowpack was plentiful!

Several of our New England resorts are on sale (Ragged Mountain and Jay Peak among them) and others are in the throes of operational enhancements. Killington, for one is removing its old Superstar lift, but part of the mountain will remain open for skiing as long as it can hold snow. The new chairlift is part of the overall enhancement to complement the Women's World Cup (in conjunction with the new K1 Base Lodge.) The World Cup will move to Beaver Creek for 2025, and is expected to return to Killington the following year.

Our Council is now preparing for the newly introduced "Fall Festival" replacing the annual SnowBall. Newly re-elected VP Jane Suto is the overall chair of the event, and her committee is hard at work planning the event to accommodate budgets and calendars appropriate for all. Her committee will soon lock in a date, so as soon as it is finalized, let's get all of our clubs on board to support the event for 2025.

I sent an email to all ski club presidents requesting some pertinent information about the trips that their ski club took this past year. Several clubs responded immediately, and I am most grateful. To those that have yet to respond...you'll be receiving a reminder from me very shortly. The National Ski Council Federation (NSCF) has requested that each council supply this information to them so that they can have a better understanding of our needs and interests when we communicate with our friends and partners in the travel industry. The NSCF is our parent organization. Please remember that all members of your ski club are entitled to the benefits offered by the Federation by logging into the NSCF website, skifederation.org.

Our final meeting for this year will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 7:30 at the Back Nine Tavern in New Britain. The virtual option will be available, and a link will be distributed before the meeting. The CSC meetings for 2025/2026 have been established, and we will be able to return to holding our meetings on the second Tuesday of every month starting September 9, 2025. We will be faced with a monthly meeting room charge of \$100. during 2025/26. We will not be encumbered by that fee at the May 6 meeting; however, we graciously request that you patronize the facility and order a beverage and/or a meal in the Banquet Room. Thank you, I look forward to greeting all of you on May 6 as we wrap up our meeting calendar until September!

Kindly,
Marsha

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

MAY 6, 2025

7:30 PM

**Back Nine at Stanley
Golf Course**

**Following meeting:
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

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@aeskclubi.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.

From Our Vice President

FALL FESTIVAL

I am excited to announce there will be a "Fall Festival" - a new social event for friends to come together for an evening of fun and dancing! This evening is new for the CSC, and replaces the annual SnowBall.

The date is not set at this time, but it will be in November. A decision between two dates needs to be finalized and we are waiting confirmation regarding the band.

The event will be held at the Elks Club in Hamden. There are two inns each about ½ mile from the club, and are situated near the entrance to Route 15. It will be a cash bar (no outside alcohol is allowed), but the drink prices are very reasonable.

There will be a committee meeting at 6:30 before the regular May CSC meeting and it is imperative that a representative from each club serving on the committee attend.

Sincerely,
Jane Suto

Thank you to Jane Suto for taking on the position of CSC Vice President for the next two years. One vote was cast by the Secretary at the April meeting.

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

Check Out These Trips for Next Season!!

Hosted by AE Ski Club

Please check the AE website at [AE Ski Club.com](http://AE-Ski-Club.com) starting in mind-May for all the details.

Mammoth, California

January 31 to February 7, 2026

Flight from Bradley; Staying at Mammoth Mountain Inn

Sun Valley, Idaho

January 24 to January 31, 2026

Flight from Bradley; Staying at Limelight Ketchum Hotel

Ischgl, Austria

February 27 to March 7, 2026

Flight from JFK



Hosted by Danbury Ski Club

Contact Ridgefieldskier@gmail.com for more information on all trips.

Lillehammer, Norway

January 30 to February 8, 2026

Cost: \$2295 per person, double; \$2675 for single. Deduct \$800 for land only.

Includes: R/T from Newark; ground transportation to hotel; 6 nights at Clarion Collection Hotel Hammer w/ daily breakfast & dinner; 2 nights in Oslo at Scandic Oslo City; welcome party; 1-yr Danbury club membership.

NOT Included: R/T to Newark; ski pass (est. \$250 pp)

Madonna di Campiglio, Italy

February 13 to 22, 2026

Cost: \$3099 per person double (upgrades available); \$4049 single. Land only deduct \$900.

Includes: R/T JFK to Milan; ground transportation to hotel; 7 nights at Savoia Palace Hotel; breakfast & dinner daily; welcome party; one night in Verona; 1-yr Danbury club membership.

NOT Included: transportation to JFK; ski pass. The resort is an EPIC member; est. cost \$450.

Andermatt, Switzerland

February 27 to March 7, 2026

Cost: \$3249 per person double; \$3749 single; land only deduct \$900.

Includes: R/T air JFK to Zurich; ground transfers to hotel; 7 nights at Hotel Piz Badus; welcome party; breakfast & dinner daily; 1-yr Danbury club membership.

NOT Included: transportation to JFK; ski pass (resort is an EPIC member) est. cost \$425.

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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.

