

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

*"What good is the warmth of summer,
Without the cold of winter to give it sweetness."
John Steinbeck*

The summer of 2025 did not lack heat, and as we write this, we are encountering our first days of moderate temps in the 70s, with the sun setting before 8:00 PM. The days of swimming, kayaking, golf, and cycling will soon give rise to hiking, and subsequently, our time "on the snow"! The summer of 2025 challenged us with the heat and we, as members of our CSC clubs, lost several members due to death, members who were vibrant participants at our meetings, racing competitions, and events. I know that each of you will join me in extending our condolences to the families and ski clubs that lost those individuals, Newington Ski club in particular.

The first meeting of the CSC 2025/2026 season will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 7:30 PM in the main ballroom of the Back Nine Tavern in New Britain. Happily, we've been able to return our CSC monthly meeting night to the second Tuesday of every month from September to May. The "Fall Gala" (formerly known as the SnowBall) team members will have a pre-CSC meeting at 6:00 PM on September 9. The race captains will have a pre-meeting at 6:30 PM as well. Annual club member dues are requested to be paid in full at that same meeting, or before.

During the summer, your Executive council officers busily prepared for this upcoming season. Our treasurer, Tad Stewart, conducted a financial review. The Fall Gala team, led by vice-president Jane Suto, conducted a site visit and finalized details for our upcoming Fall Gala, which will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Elks Club in Middletown, CT. I, your president, got solicitations underway for our upcoming On-line Auction fundraiser (auction dates: October 26 – November 9, 2025.)

At the meeting on September 9, Fall Gala tickets will be available for club representatives to take to their ski clubs and sell. It is imperative for everyone to understand that the Fall Gala (this year) will occur prior to the CSC regular monthly meeting in November. For that reason, it is important to obtain your Fall Gala tickets in September, sell them, and get your club's sales proceeds back to the committee on or before the cutoff date, which will be announced September 9. Any tickets sold after the cutoff date for advance sales will be subject to a ticket price increase of \$10. In conjunction with that...the "Ski Club President's Outstanding Member Award" nominations must be submitted in writing no later than Tuesday, October 14, 2025. Any award nominations submitted after that date will not be eligible to receive an award at the 2025 Fall Gala.

On the matter of awards, the loss (through death) of a loyal and earnest CSC representative this past summer motivated your executive officers to establish a new Council award. While the presidents of every club are requested annually to nominate a member from their club to receive an outstanding service award at the Fall Gala (if their club participates in the Fall Gala), the Council has yet to award an individual from among all of you. All of the attendees at regular functions of the CSC (monthly meetings, SnowBall, OnSnow Carnivals, Monday night racing, expos, Kids' Days) know that Bruce LaRoche routinely attended and contributed to all of these events and more on behalf of his ski club, Newington, for well over thirty years, (continued on page 2)

**NEXT
COUNCIL MEETING:
SEPT. 9, 2025
7:30 PM
Back Nine at Stanley
Golf Course
Following meeting:
OCTOBER 14, 2025**

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

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT, continued

Bruce was never an officer of the Council, yet he served the Council on behalf of his ski club faithfully and selflessly. It is for that reason that the executive officers chose to establish an Honor Award given to a member-at-large who demonstrates the loyalty and service to our Council that Bruce did. The Honor Award will be named the "Bruce LaRoche Service Award," and will be presented annually to an individual at the Fall Gala. The recipient will be selected by the three elected executive officers of the Council (the executive officers cannot receive the award.)

I look forward to seeing all of you at our CSC 2025/2026 season commencement meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025!! Please remember to patronize the Back Nine inside our ballroom area, as the golf community occupies the Bar & Tavern area. We have a dedicated waiter/waitress who services us in our room.

Enjoy the remaining days of your summer!!

Kindly,
Marsha

From Our Vice President

Welcome to the 2025/2026 winter season. Hope you all had an enjoyable and adventurous summer.

The 2025 "Crystal Gala" will take place Saturday November 8, from 6:00 to 11:00 PM, featuring "Rumrunners." It will be held at the Elks Crystal Ballroom, 44 Maynard St., Middletown. Advance tickets will be \$50. and \$60. at the door. Appetizers will be served at the beginning of the Gala at 6:00, during band break at 9:00, and there will be coffee and dessert at the close of the Gala. Tickets will be available at the September CSC meeting.

All CSC member clubs are required to provide \$100. gift certificates for the raffle at the Gala. Please give all certificates to Kevin Cronin from Cronin Ski Club. Banners can be given to Marie Carparelli from CT Snow Snakes.

The Gala is before the CSC November meeting, so ticket sales, gift certificates and banners must be in at the October meeting. There will be a committee meeting at 6:00 before the September CSC meeting.

See you there!
Jane Suto

Ski Racing

Monday Night Race Series:

Last year was a great snow year – we had all 8 of our Monday night races. This year, Mount Southington will continue to use their RFID cards for racer sign-ups like last year, and will again have registration on the Mount Southington racing website. As in the past, once you sign up and enter your Perm #, you can also enter your bib number on-line. If you are new to the system, there will be a \$5 charge for the RFID card or if you have last year's card, you can avoid the \$5 charge.

We will do an early season pizza party to get your RFID cards to you, as well as get your season bib to you. The date is still to be confirmed (tentative date is Monday, December 1 at Mount Southington).

This Monday night season series will be 8 weeks: December 15, 22, 29; January 5, 12, 19, 26; February 2, with make-up nights of February 9 and 16. Racing dates will be shown on the CSC racing web page. Racing dues update (including what club(s) did not turn in bibs) will be sent in an email before the first meeting.

There will be a race team captains' meeting at 6:30 before the September 9 CSC regular meeting to discuss any issues or improvements that could be suggested for our Monday night series. All race captains are invited. Please make sure any new race team captains get this notice.

Start thinking about a big snow year.

Rob Deter
CSC Racing Chairperson

LAST CHANCE: IKON Pass Program

This is a last call to purchase special priced Ikon passes for the 2025-26 season (up to \$90 off online prices). The program ends September 2, 2025 at 11:59 PM MST, after which members will have to pay full price for passes. Renewing last season's passes is no longer available, so members who have not renewed their 2024-25 pass will qualify for the group pricing. Following are the details of the program; for questions please email CSCVouchers@gmail.com.

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 (CSCVouchers@gmail.com) for further details and to register your Club.

Check Out These Trips for Next Season!!

Sun Valley, Idaho, January 24 to January 31, 2026

Cost: \$2428. per person/dbl occ/IKON pass

\$3048. per person/dbl off/4 of 6-day lift pass

\$3178. per person/dbl off/5 of 7-day lift pass

AE Ski club is hosting a trip to Sun Valley, Idaho that includes RT air from Bradley; Limelight Ketchum hotel; full breakfast buffet daily, and is an IKON location. Membership in a CSC club will be honored for the 2025/26 season by AE Ski Club; no extra club membership fees required.

Contact: Mark Chester, 860-849-7769, or ChesterM@cvshealth.com.

QR code available on CSC website.

Ischgl, Austria, February 27 to March 7, 2026 Cost: \$3850.

AE Ski club may have spots remaining for its Ischgl, Austria trip - brand new to IKON. The hotel is a 4-star superior and the Apre Ski is incredible. It is known as the Austrians' favorite resort. Get it early and while it's hot. The sign-up will appear only after you have secured membership but you can view our flier without membership.

<https://aeskiclub.com/index.php/events-trips/week-trips/ischgl-2/>

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.



And From the Meriden Ski Club

Zermatt, Switzerland

March 13-21, 2026

Cost: \$3375 per person, double occupancy; \$425 for single supplement.

Includes: RT transfers from Middletown to JFK; RT air on Air Emirates from JFK to Milan direct; RT transfers to Tausch, Austria & cog rail to Zermatt; 7 nights at 4-star Hotel Alex; breakfast & dinner daily; Zermatt is an IKON resort (base pass = 5 days) interlinked to Cervinia, Italy (lift tickets extra); fitness area & pool; WiFi; taxes; Meriden Ski & Snowboard club dues. Deposit of \$1500 per person due at registration.

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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.

