

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

*In 1492 Columbus sailed the Ocean Blue...in 2025
Marsha flew over the Ocean Blue to Iceland...all
on October 12!*

Yes, "hello from Iceland!" When you read this I will most likely be on my way or soon to be on my way home. I've had a wonderful time here for nine days, that enabled me to travel the entire 189 miles of the Ring Road around the country and learn about the culture, taste the food, mingle with other people from all parts of the USA (none of them are skiers!), see animals and sights that can only be found here in the country of Iceland. So refreshing and enriching!

Now then, snow season is quickly approaching for all of us who reside in CT. It's time to tune your gear, check your supplies of wax, socks, hand warmers, batteries, hats, gloves, season tunes, and anything else that will keep you warm and ready to go as soon as our trails and resorts are ready to embrace us! Ski swaps are all around us and Warren Miller is at The Bushnell, so support your favorite ski merchants and patronize them. Don't forget: CSC Club Night at Suburban Sports is Thursday, November 13.

I have a whole new appreciation for Jon Snow from the Game of Thrones, as many scenes were filmed here in Iceland and believe me...the waterfalls are exquisite! Climate change is making a big impact here as well as at home so let's all embrace the snow when we get it, for as has been said, the last generation to know what natural snow and our sport is all about, is on the face of this earth right now!

Let's get ready to kick off our snow season at the Fall Gala, Saturday, November 8, 2025, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Middletown Elks Club. Jane Suto and her planning team have spent months preparing this event, so "be there or be square"! Tickets at the door are \$60.00 (deadline for advance ticket sales was October 22). Also, our very own Online Auction fundraiser opens for bidding on Sunday, October 26 and closes Sunday, November 9. You can't win unless you put a bid in! The website link is: <https://www.32auctions.com/CSCAuction2025>. I will upload several more items to the auction site when I return home, so check it out and help spread the word. The auction is currently the sole fundraiser for our CT Ski Council.

Sorry that I missed all of you at our October CSC meeting, however, it was a much-needed vacation and well worth my time. See you all soon and get those legs ready for snow season! Be strong and ski strong!

See you at our Fall Gala!

Marsha

**NEXT
COUNCIL MEETING:
NOV. 11, 2025
7:30 PM
Back Nine at Stanley
Golf Course
Following meeting:
DECEMBER 9, 2025**

Newsletter Deadline
Deadline for the December newsletter is November 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.

Ski Racing Pre-Season Info

Pizza Party!

Monday Dec. 1, starting at 6:30. At Mount Southington

Get free pizza and your race bib for the season. New racers will be assigned their permanent number that night.

<i>Pricing Breakdown</i>	<i>Includes</i>	<i>Price</i>
Per race session	Night lift/race ticket	\$40
Per race session w/ season pass	As above	30
Per race session seniors 70+	As above	30

Tickets must be purchased online no later than 2 PM on race day. RFID cards will be used. Make sure both perm #s and bib numbers are entered into the database correctly – incorrect entries will cause problems with race results.

NASTAR is free with sign-up and will be on skiers' right course.

Oldest men and women's classes will run first on the course, and will be identified by red ribbons.

We will pull the season's starting numbers for each week at the pizza party, and post them for the season.

New lights and flags should improve seeing on the run.

Start thinking about a big snow year!

Rob Dexter

CSC Racing Chairperson

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From Our Vice President

The 2025 "Crystal Gala"

November 8 from 6:00 to 11:00 PM

The Crystal Gala is only three weeks away. The Gala committee is hard at work to bring you a great evening of fun. The raffle committee has received some awesome gift certificates, so bring your cash to purchase raffle tickets.

The Crystal Ballroom is the upper part of the Elk's building, and the entrance to the ballroom is on the top position of the building. You must go up the hill and around to the ballroom entrance. There is no access to the ballroom through the Elks Club.

Looking forward to a fun evening!

Hope to see you there.

Jane Suto

Other Fun Stuff

CSC Club Night

November 13 – 5:00-8:00 PM at Suburban Ski and Bike Shop
Lowest prices of the season for clubs! Bring your valid club ID card!! In-store specials – Tuning specials!
If your feet hurt – book an appointment today!

SnowBound Expo

November 14-16
Boston's Menini Convention Center
All the details at Snowboundexpo.com

All kinds of deals at:

SkiVermont.com. Click on "Deals"

National Ski Council Federation Silent Auction

Auction ends November 1st!

Get any kind of equipment, vacation packages, lodging and lift packages, lift tickets and passes at a price you want to pay! Go to www.32auctions.com/NSCF2025, scroll to silent auction section, click ENTER THE AUCTION. View, bid and buy!!

Dates to Remember

October 11 to November 1 - National Ski Council Federation Online Auction

Link: 32auctions.com/NSCF2025

October 26 to November 9 - CSC Online Auction

Link: 32auctions.com/CSCAuction2025

November 1 - 4:00 and 7:00 PM, Warren Miller at The Bushnell

November 8 - Crystal Gala

January 31 - KIDS' DAY at Mount Southington

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.

This just in!

Central CT Snow Snakes has openings for 6 people (3 double rooms) to **Heavenly Valley and Kirkwood, South Lake Tahoe.**

Dates: February 28 – March 7, 2026

Cost: \$2035/pp, double occ

Included: Lodging at Margaritaville Resort (all suites) and R/T air from Bradley.

For information and/or to register go to:

ctsnowsnakes.org and scroll down to

Trips. Or contact Patti Christiana at

PCristiana17@gmail.com, 860-978-2744;

or Amy Vasington at

vasingtonamy@gmail.com, 860-559-1349

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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**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.