

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

"And the sun took a step back, the leaves lulled themselves to sleep, and autumn was awakened.

-Raquel Franco

The hills are alive with the splendor of autumnal color! While driving along roads throughout our North country, I look up into the hills and mountains, and the colorful leaves appear to me like a bouquet of chrysanthemums. Nature creates a beautiful watercolor painting for us as we prepare for "snow season."

Yes! It's time to take out your winter gear – clothing, boots, skis, snowboards – and check it out to see what needs updating, repairing, tuning, or replacing. The ski shops and mountains are bustling with ski swaps and special events. Octoberfest celebrations are being held at many ski resorts, and of course, this is the time to make plans for snow season and purchase passes, if you haven't already done so.

Our CT Ski Council will host its online Silent Auction Fundraiser from Sunday, October 26 to November 9, 2025. The website is: <https://www.32auctions.com/CSCAuction2025>.

Please take time to view it, share the link with your friends, family and co-workers. Anyone and everyone is welcome to bid on the items in it. It is the only function of our Council that serves completely as a fundraiser.

The Fall Gala (formerly known as the SnowBall) will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025 in Middletown at the Elks Club Lodge. Jane Suto and her committee have plans in place to make this a fantastic evening for everyone. Deadline to purchase advance tickets is October 21. Ticket packages were distributed to club reps at the September meeting.

Presidents must have their candidate's name and write-up for the "Outstanding Ski Club Member" award sent to me by Wednesday, October 22. The completed form can be returned to me via email or the US Postal Service, as was indicated

in the email. I will not be present at the October 14 meeting so you cannot hand them in to me. All presidents received an email with the form and procedure for candidate nomination in early September. Please know that for your ski club to designate an Outstanding Member there must be members from that ski club present at the Fall Gala.

Lastly, the manner in which we manage our virtual and hybrid monthly Council meetings needs some fine-tuning. The By-law language for virtual meetings was written during the summer of 2023 and adopted in January, 2024, as an outcome of the COVID pandemic. It was written with the intent that someone would be available to completely attend to the virtual (or hybrid) portion of in-person meetings. Going forward, (whether or not we have a person who will fully monitor the hybrid portion of the meeting) all questions/concerns from those who are attending virtually must be submitted in the Chat Box, and at the end of every meeting before adjournment, all unanswered questions in the Chat Box will be answered. Those who choose to speak or shout out instead of keeping their mics turned off unless prompted, will be removed from the meeting. It is best for all concerned that if a member from your ski club is physically present at a meeting, those viewing in hybrid/virtual form communicate with their member present to share their comments or concerns if such should arise. Our Council thrives on courtesy and respect shown to everyone.

Have a fabulous autumn, get those legs ready for the hills, check your winter gear, and get out for a hike.

Marsha

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

OCT. 14, 2025

7:30 PM

Back Nine at Stanley

Golf Course

**Following meeting:
NOVEMBER 11, 2025**

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the November newsletter is October 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

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

Dates to Remember

October 14: 6:00 PM – Gala committee meeting
7:30 PM – Regular CSC meeting
Payment and unsold tickets due
Banners and gift certificates due
October 21: 6:00-8:00 PM – Back Nine Tavern
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October 26 to November 9 – CSC Online Auction
Link: 32auctions.com/CSCAuction2025
October 11 to November 1 – National Ski Council
Federation Online Auction
Link: 32auctions.com/NSCF2025

From Our Vice President

The 2025 “Crystal Gala”

The Gala committee is in full swing to give you a great evening. The Crystal Gala will take place Saturday, November 8 from 6:00 to 11:00 PM, featuring “Rumrunners.” It will be held at the Elks Club Crystal Ballroom, 44 Maynard St., Middletown. Advance tickets are \$50, and will be \$60 at the door (cash only.) Appetizers will be served at the beginning of the Gala at 6:00, and during band break at 9:00. Coffee and dessert will be served at the close of the Gala. There will be a cash bar and credit cards will be accepted. Attire for the Gala is semi-formal or business attire.

Tickets were given out at the September meeting. If your club representative did not pick up a ticket packet, please contact Jessica Hall at skisailjess@yahoo.com. Payment (club check made out to Connecticut Ski Council) and unsold tickets are due at the October 14 CSC meeting. There will be a special meeting on October 21 at the Back Nine in the restaurant area just outside the meeting room from 6:00-8:00. ***This special meeting is the final deadline. Any sold or unsold tickets after this deadline will not be accepted at the Gala.***

All CSC member-clubs are required to provide at least one \$100.00 gift certificate for the raffle at the Gala. Please give all certificates to Kevin Cronin of Cronin Ski Club. Gift certificates can be turned in at the regular October 14 meeting or at the special meeting October 21.

Club banners can be given to Marie Carparelli of CT Snow Snakes. Banners can be turned in at the regular October meeting or at the special meeting October 21. Banners can also be brought to the Crystal Ballroom between 3:30 and 4:00 on November 8 (day of the Gala.)

There will be a committee meeting at 6:00 before the regular CSC meeting on October 14.
See you at the meeting!

Jane Suto

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.

Contact: John Roarty, 860-919-1801;

John.roarty72@gmail.com

Other Fun Stuff

Race Fit Day & Ski Swap

October 4 & 5

Suburban Ski and Bike Shop

Reps on-site Sunday; Special Sale Prices all weekend. Annual Ski Swap the following weekend – sell your stuff or get store credit.

CSC Club Night

November 13 – 5:00-8:00 PM

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"

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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.