

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love."

- Hamilton Wright Mabie

More than likely, you will be reading this as you prepare to give thanks and celebrate your Thanksgiving holiday. As soon as the tables are cleared and loved ones depart, thoughts turn to the festivities associated with Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and, of course, the New Year. It's a very busy as well as social time of the year, and your Connecticut Ski Council is all set to join with you "on the snow" and be social! The mountains are preparing for us with their "white winter coats." The ski/snowboard shops are loaded with gear and clothing to help you stay comfortable and safe during your activities, and the Council has a host of events and activities to fill your calendar.

First, thank you to those who supported your Council's online auction fundraiser by making a bid and/or sharing the auction with friends and family. We successfully raised just under \$4000. The proceeds will support the Council's upcoming events. Toward the conclusion of the auction, we hosted the annual SnowBall at the Middletown Elks Club. The SnowBall (temporarily referred to as the Fall Gala) turned into a fabulous evening reminiscent of the energy and joy that existed during SnowBalls before the pandemic! The band, dance floor, beverage prices, food, and attendees made for a most enjoyable evening. A big thank you to VP Jane Suto and all the dedicated members of the Fall Gala committee who worked continuously for many months to put the fabulous celebration together for the Council!

Next on the CSC calendar is registration night for our Monday night racers. Race chair Rob Dexter has worked hard to organize the event as well as the entire race league series. Make certain that all members of your ski club's race team (both former and new racers) are present to pick up their race bib for the season, and join our pizza

party! Mount Southington is our host, and they will sponsor the pizza while your racers get registered and acquire their ski bib for the season. There will be a cash bar and a cash raffle. The fun begins at 6:30 so ...BE THERE!

Among other items is the restoration and availability of discounted bulk voucher tickets available to all CSC members at both Killington and Pico Mountains. Mark Robiatille has worked with Killington Mountain to develop a program that will easily transfer information between our ski club voucher coordinators and the Killington/Pico bulk ticket management team. All orders from the ski clubs need to be turned in to Mark at (or before) the December 9 CSC meeting. Details on this program are presented by Mark elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thank you to these event/program chairs and volunteers who help to make our council a sustaining and vibrant organization. Along with that, please welcome our new CSC officers; Treasurer Jack Fede and Secretary Dave Coles. They have jumped in to lend a hand to enable our Council to manage efficiently. Before closing, I ask that you take the opportunity to congratulate and thank Nancy Nolan and Rob Dexter for their numerous years of loyal and voluntary service to our Council. They both were honored as the very first recipients of our new "Bruce Laroche Service Award." The award has been established in memory of annually honor a member(s) of our Council who, like Bruce, has loyally and unselfishly served our Council for many years in a manner beneficial to all.

**NEXT
COUNCIL MEETING:**

Dec. 9, 2025

7:30 PM

**Back Nine at Stanley
Golf Course**

Following meeting:

JANUARY 13, 2026

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the January newsletter is December 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.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you, and I look forward to seeing you at a Council event during this joyful season. Remember to attend our December 9, 2025 CSC meeting at The Back Nine Tavern and see how beautifully our venue dresses up for the holiday season! Let the snow season begin!!

Marsha

Monday Night Racing Info

Pizza Party!

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

To get free pizza and your bib will be assigned for the season. It must be turned in at the end of the season; if you do not, a \$35 fee will be assessed to your club. If a racer is new to the league, perm numbers will also be assigned on that night. Info needed: first & last name, full address, NASTAR number if you have one, birthdate, skier or boarder, email, phone number and ski club.

Race fees will be paid, as in the past, on the Mount Southington racing web page. Fees will be:

<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, with an initial cost of \$5. They may be reused each year.

Make sure both perm #s and bib numbers are entered into the Mount Southington database correctly – incorrect entries will cause problems with YOUR race results. NASTAR is free with sign-up and will be on skiers' right course.

The full race schedule is on both the CSC racing page at skiclub.com and the Mount Southington racing web page.

Our first scheduled race date is Monday, Dec. 15, dependent on snow.

Ski team captains – please make sure your club has paid your racing fees, which are due prior to our first race. If you do not know the race fees (each club is different, depending on past race attendance) please contact me. Race fees should be sent to our new CSC Treasurer, John Fede at johnjfedegmail.com.

If you have not heard, our 40-year first place framed ski picture artist, Grant Doldge, has passed away. He created a different and vibrant ski scene each year for the past 40 years. In honor of his work and in tribute to him, please bring a picture(s) to share of his (if you won first place in your class) so we might get a group picture of people holding up his framed work. I plan to send it to his wife in his honor. I'm not sure what we will do this year for our first place prize. He will be missed.

Start thinking about a big snow year!

Rob Dexter

CSC Racing Chairperson

860-835-9304

From Our Vice President

Hope all of you have your equipment ready to go...it won't be long before you are out and enjoying the slopes.

I am pleased to write that the Crystal Gala was a success. I received many praises for a job well done and the majority enjoyed the band. I will have a full report at the December Council meeting. The Gala made a profit.

I want to thank my committee for all their help making the Gala a success: Marie and Karen from CT Snow Snakes for the great decorations and setting up the ballroom; Kevin from Cronin Ski Club for his setting up and running the raffle; Michelle from Double Diamonds, Annette from North Haven Ski Club, and Mackenzie, our volunteer who helped sell the raffle tickets.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.
Jane Suto

Don't Miss Out!

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.

Contact: John Roarty, 860-919-1801;

John.roarty72@gmail.com

KID'S LEARN-TO-SKI DAY

WHEN – Saturday, January 31, 2026.

WHERE – Mount Southington

FOR WHOM –

- Kids from 6 (turn 6 before Jan. 1, 2026) through high school senior (graduate in 2026)
- Kids sponsored by an identified Council club in good standing.
- \$25 registration fee per child to be sent in with registration form.
- Participation limited to 60 kids, per Mount Southington.

WHAT'S INCLUDED –

- Kid's Day lift ticket, valid from 2:00 PM until closing.
- Registration sign-in: 2:00-4:00 PM. Free lesson from 4:00-6:00 PM.
- Adult lift tickets available at \$10 discount for 8-hour Flex Ticket with CSC club card and this year's sticker.
- The mountain can add \$5 for a new RFID card.
- Kid's equipment rentals (skis, boots, and poles) available for \$45.00. Helmets are additional.
- Food is available at the mountain.

FILL OUT – The registration form with skill level **MUST** be filled out and emailed to me. Forms are posted on the Council website. The \$25 registration fee must be sent to my address and made out to Connecticut Ski Council.

MAIL TO – Robert Kot, 126 Hidden Valley Dr., Meriden, CT 06451
robertfk@hotmail.com, 860-810-4238.

DEADLINE – Registration and payment must be received by Saturday, January 24, 2026.

It is impossible to predict conditions related to weather, but we are basing our information on last year's conditions. We will communicate any changes in the Kids Day section of the Council website and CT Ski Council Facebook page. Please check these for updates and plan your participation accordingly.

The mountain is limiting participation to 60 kids, as this is the capacity for group lessons. A waiting list will be maintained if we exceed this number. Anyone dropping out due to unforeseen circumstances up to the January 24 deadline will be refunded their registration fee. However, we ask that you inform us immediately if this is the case, so we can open the spot to the wait list.

Killington/Pico

2025-2026 Discount Voucher Program

The CT sk Council is providing a 2025-26 Killington & Pico discount voucher program. This program is being offered to all current CT Ski Council members for the 2025-26 season. Details of the program can be found in the linked pdf document below. Club members interested in purchasing vouchers must place orders through your club's voucher coordinator (CVC). Each CVC will be responsible for coordinating its club's orders and collecting funds. Individual members can only order vouchers through their CVC (they cannot order directly from Killington nor directly through the CT Ski Council.)

2025-26 Voucher Pricing:

Killington Resort: 1-day bulk lift ticket voucher -
Adult/Youth - \$139 (with blackout dates)

Pico Mountain: 1-day bulk lift ticket voucher –
Adult/Youth - \$72 (no blackout dates)

Killington/Pico discount program details

:https://www.skiclub.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/61/2025/11/KillingtonPicoProgram_CSC2025-26.pdf

Note: there is a 25 voucher minimum quantity to be ordered by the Council. If we do not have enough orders, we will need to hold the order until such time as we achieve the minimum. We are confident there will be enough interest throughout the Council that we will achieve this minimum requirement. Our initial order will be placed in December and the digital vouchers should be available late December.

If there are questions, please reach out to your club's CVC. If you are having difficulty identifying your club's CVC, you may contact Mark Robitaille for assistance at CSCVouchers@gmail.com.

Thanks for your participation!

CSC Discount Voucher Team

Note: Discount Program information and above listed link are also available on the CT Ski Council's website.

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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.