

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The winter holidays are upon us, and along with that, our snow season! What a joy it was to embrace our first Connecticut snowfall (small as it may have been) in early December! While many of us have taken a day trip to Vermont or New Hampshire to give our ski/snowboard legs some work, the CT ski areas have been able to open with manmade snow and real snow. What a joy!

Your Council committee chairs have been hard at work. The Fall Gala (name now restored to SnowBall) was a great success! It was with great pleasure that we had a joyful SnowBall that ended up with a profit. It's been a while coming, but diligence, tenacity, and a paradigm shift in the location, along with a few other items, have given new life to our annual SnowBall. The planning team worked very hard, and subsequently, all are looking forward to a revitalized SnowBall in 2026! Be certain to put it on your calendar as soon as we announce the date!

Mark Robitaille in cooperation with Killington Mountain administration, has given his time to enable our Council members to once again acquire discounted vouchers at both Killington and Pico Mountains. This had been one of the Council's biggest benefits, and now Mark has enabled us to have this benefit once again in conjunction with the IKON Pass Benefit program. The Council's first order of vouchers was processed on December 9, 2025. If your ski club did not take advantage of this benefit and still wants to...please contact Mark.

Along with Killington/Pico, our Council members also have the opportunity to receive discounted rates at Stratton Mountain, and Mount Snow has come on board with discounted Council Appreciation days. Ian Elmore was successful in acquiring discounted ticket opportunities to Burke Mountain as well! In addition to the Vermont mountains, our CT ski areas of Mount Southington, Mohawk, and Powder Ridge continue to offer us a discounted ticket price at

their ticket window when you present your ski club member ID with the appropriate 2025/2026 sticker attached. All of these ski area benefits are available to read on the Benefits page of our CSC website, as well as the discounts and benefits at many ski shops. Thanks to Cheryl Parmelee, our CSC website is up to date and full of information.

Our CSC Kids' Instruction Day will be held on Saturday, January 31, 2026 at Mount Southington. Parents or sponsors need to register each child for a minimal fee of \$25.00 and the Council will subsidize the cost of the lift ticket and the instructor lesson for up to 60 youth. Robert Kot is once again chairing this event. Registration information is available on the CSC website and from your CSC ski club representative.

These benefits/events add to the strength of our Council; however, the one binding activity that has continued throughout many decades and held strong during the pandemic is our Monday Night Race League. That continuity is due to the unwavering effort of Rob Dexter. Rob, who has battled with personal health issues and societal restraints of the pandemic, has never stopped in his role of managing the Monday Night race series in cooperation with our host mountain, Mount Southington. Through sickness and in good health, Rob is at the helm every Monday night to compete, manage, tabulate and distribute the results. We owe a great debt of gratitude to him for maintaining the stability and strength of that event. In light of that, it saddened me to learn that many attendees at the

**NEXT
COUNCIL MEETING:
Jan. 13, 2026
7:30 PM
Back Nine at Stanley
Golf Course
Following meeting:
FEBRUARY 10, 2026**

Webmaster's Email
Please send all information you wish to have posted on the CSC's website to Cheryl Parmelee at: cparmelee@aeski.com

Newsletter Deadline
Deadline for the February newsletter is January 20. Please send info to me at: don.ludwig.45@gmail.com.
Thanks,
Ginny Ludwig

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

Monday Night Racing Info

As of this writing, the first scheduled Monday night CSC race night at Mount Southington is on! The mountain has been blowing snow for the last few weeks, whenever cold, and they opened Saturday, December 13.

We had a very successful pizza/bib party at Southington Monday, December 1, with Mount Southington footing the bill for the pizza. Over 100 bibs were handed out, and 20 were new racers. Due to the unequal distribution of bibs on each course, we are switching the snowboarders to the skiers' left course. They will keep their same bib number, and all snowboarders will run before the younger men. Both groups will respect the lottery number that is posted on both the CSC racing web page and the Mount Southington racing web page.

If you are new to the series, an RFID card will be issued (cost\$5) that will be your pass for the season. That card must be displayed or shown EVERY TIME prior to riding the lift. The deadline to sign up for racing is noon on the day of the race, similar to last year. Everyone who purchased a ticket for racing will be in that night's database, so there should be fewer errors. ANY NEW RACERS: before the first night of racing, if you do not have a CSC perm #, contact me for one. Once you have a number, make sure you put it in your Mount Southington racing database (after your first race). If a racer does not have a CSC perm # their race runs will not count.

Typically we will have 2 runs on the main courses, but they WILL NOT count as NASTAR runs. If you want to qualify for NASTAR, you may run on the NASTAR course (skiers' right) and there will be no extra charge.

Racers will be responsible to bring their bib each week. Each week will be the same sequence bib order, but the first racer number will be pulled by lottery – those numbers are posted on both the CSC and Southington racing pages. Racers MUST turn in their bibs at the end of the season (or the racer's last night) or their club will be billed for the missing bib.

I hope everybody wished for snow for Christmas!

Rob Dexter
CSC Racing Chairperson
860-835-9304

President's Message, continued

Monday night registration event were disrespectful to Rob as he attempted to deliver clarifying information to the entire group. No one should have to repeat clarifying information several times simply because people aren't paying attention or can't hear due to the noise generated by the attendees. Please understand that while our Council's time in the Mountain Room is a social event, when Rob or any other officer of the Council needs to address the group, it behooves every one of us to listen and pay attention. If it's your neighbor or fellow ski club member who is talking and not paying attention...kindly ask them to "hold that thought or conversation" until after the speaker has completed their announcement. Common courtesy and respect are timeless.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Monday Night races. Enjoy your holidays with family and loved ones. Stay warm, stay safe, exercise caution with your celebrations, and get out there and have some fun in our season of snow! Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwaanza, and Happy New Year!

Kindly,
Marsha

From Our Vice President

Hope you have been able to get out on the slopes. I would like to announce to all who were not present at the December CSC meeting that the Fall Gala was a success, with a profit of \$1716.00.

It has been voted that we change the name of the Fall Gala back to the SnowBall. We are working on obtaining the Middletown Elks Club Crystal Ballroom again for the 2026 SnowBall. The Rumrunners have been contacted to play for us, and I am just waiting for confirmation of availability. The SnowBall will take place in mid- or late- November. At the January CSC meeting, the clubs that are due to serve on the SnowBall committee for next year will be announced.

Happy Holidays to all!
Jane Suto

KILLINGTON/PICO 2025/2026 DISCOUNT VOUCHER PROGRAM

The CT Ski 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 Club Voucher Coordinator (CVC). Each club's CVC will be responsible for coordinating its club's orders and collecting funds. Individual members can only order vouchers through their identified 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

We placed our initial order and have satisfied the minimum requirements. Subsequent orders will be placed on the 1st and 15th of each month. The digital vouchers will generally be available several days after the order has been placed.

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. (CSCVouchers@gmail.com)

Thanks for your participation!
CSC Discount Voucher Team

Other Stuff to Check Out

Ski Vermont has season pass deals, senior deals, and XC deals. Go to: skivermont.com and click "Deals."

Vertical Challenge events this season are: Ski Sundown, Feb. 21, 2026; Mount Southington, Feb. 28, 2026; and Butternut, January 24, 2026. Full schedule at: ski-vc.com/2026-schedule/

And – ask our president, Marsha, for info on both the **Triple Play Pass** (3 tickets for \$189 with a discount code from her); and our **Ship Skis** discount.

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.

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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.