

# CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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## GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

*Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour.*

*-John Boswell*

The winter of 2026 has given us, the lovers of snow, so much to be thankful for. The frigid temperatures enabled us to maintain a good snowpack that came from a long-overdue snowstorm in January. Cross-country skiers have been able to enjoy trails locally and throughout New England, our local CT ski areas have enjoyed grooming natural snow, a big cost savings to them. Alpine skiers have had their choice of ski areas to play on in CT and New England and enjoy great conditions with access to all terrain. Finally!

All this snow has been a delight for our Monday Night Race League, along with our host, Mount Southington. The conditions have been fabulous with natural snow, the groomers did their job, and the racing staff provided us with well-set courses to navigate. The camaraderie and joyful spirit shared by our racers made Monday evenings the highlight event of our CSC ski season. How fortunate we are to resurrect our State GS and Slalom races at Mount Southington this year! Our race league has been held together by the tenacity and dedication (for 40 years!) of Rob Dexter. Our race league is the crown jewel of our CSC. Thank you, Rob, and welcome, Matt Manzella, for stepping up to help Rob with the State Races!

Many thanks to Robert Kot for coordinating our annual "Kids Learn to Ski/Snowboard Day" at Mount Southington, Saturday, January 31. Twenty youngsters enjoyed an afternoon of skiing and snowboarding along with a 2-hour lesson provided by the Ski School staff at Mount Southington. This project began about 35 years ago in Vermont with instruction provided by our ASIA-certified instructors under the leadership of former CSC President, Sue Poirier.

The Killington/Pico voucher program is having a strong rebirth. Many thanks to Mark Robitaille for coordinating with Killington, along with his willingness to offer voucher purchase availability throughout the entire season. This is a prime example of another great benefit that the CSC offers to its membership.

There will be a change to the annual Boston Ski Expo this coming November. The site is officially changed to Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT!!! It will take place on the weekend of November 14 and 15, 2026 (yes...the same date as our annual SnowBall.) The Expo organizers have reached out to me, and you are invited to become an ambassador for the event (as long as you excuse yourself to attend the SnowBall on Saturday evening!) Anyone interested in learning about or becoming an ambassador please go to the following website for details and registration:

<https://snowboundexpo.com/ambassadors>.

CSC officer elections are coming up in April. This year, the offices of President and Treasurer are up for election. I have announced that I will not run for re-election as your President, so we need someone to step up and take on the position. It is time for me to move on. I have enjoyed my tenure as your Vice President and President, and now it is time for me to give more attention to my family and personal endeavors. Kevin Cronin and Joe Machowski are the Election Committee managers, so please reach out to them if you are interested in either position. I will continue to be available to the incoming officers as I move into the position of Past President. (Continued on page 2)

**NEXT  
COUNCIL MEETING:  
March 10, 2026  
7:30 PM  
Back Nine at Stanley  
Golf Course  
Following meeting:  
APRIL 14, 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](mailto:cparmelee@aeski.com)

### Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the April newsletter is March 20. Please send info to me at: [don.ludwig.45@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ian.ellmore@gmail.com).

## CSC Racing

Great season! All reports are done and corrected. I am still trying to get some pictures from the late Grant Dolge for our first-place awards – I hope I am successful in getting some of is great numbered prints.

I spent the day Tuesday washing bibs – 7 loads! – the last day to turn them in will be the Awards party April 13 – NO EXCEPTIONS. I still have 66 bibs missing...too many!

Awards party will be Monday, April 13 starting at 6:30 in the Mountain Room at Mount Southington. As usual for Monday nights – clubs please order pizza for your teams; I am trying to keep costs down for the Council.

### Other Racing Events You May Like:

**Vertical Challenge** at Mount Southington, Sat., Feb. 28. Racing free with lift ticket. Lots of prizes and medal awards for place-finishers.

**70+ Ski Club** – open to all 70+ members. Race and lunch Wed., March 4 at Mohawk Mountain, CT. Membership is \$15; race and lunch cost is \$58 on the 70+ website. Advance sign-up required. <https://70plusskiclub.org/>

**MA Senior Winter Games:** Wed., March 11 at Wachusett Mt, MA. Any senior age 30 and over (not my definition of senior) age brackets in NASTAR format. Great racing with a meal after. 2-run GS (best run) and a Super G (one run). MA state racers have priority results. Out of state racers do not trump MA racers. <https://maseniorgames.usetopscore.com/e/alpine-ski-snowboard-wachusett-march-11th-2026/register>.

**70+ Ski Club** – open to all 70+ members: race and lunch Wed., March 18 at Hunter Mt, NY. Membership is \$15; race and lunch is \$58 on their site; advance registration required.

Much skiing left – enjoy! Who knew the snow could last so long – just like a real winter!

Rob Dexter  
CSC Racing Chairperson  
860-835-9304

## *President's Message, continued*

That brings me to a close for this month. Currently, we are in the final days of the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milano/Cortina, Italy. It has been thrilling to watch our U.S. women's ice hockey team earn a gold medal, along with other winter athletes on the snow and ice. Their exuberance is invigorating. I hope you are enjoying watching these young athletes perform their craft on the global stage among competitors from around the world. Now get out there and enjoy the snow with your friends, family and loved ones!!

Kindly,  
Marsha

## From Our Vice President

Greetings! Hope you are getting out there and enjoying skiing/snowboarding.

The 2026 SnowBall will be held Saturday, November 14, at the Middletown Elks Club Crystal Ballroom. They did a fantastic job last year, so plan on attending this fall for another successful SnowBall! We are working on the details of the event now.

We are searching for a band. I did receive some recommendations, but their price range is more than our budget allows. If you have any suggestions, let me know.

The following clubs are on the SnowBall committee: AE, The Cast, Electric Boat, Metroland, Mt. Laurel Skiers, NAVA, Newington, Norwalk. There will be a SnowBall committee meeting after the CSC March virtual meeting.

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](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 so **NO MINIMUM AMOUNT NECESSARY TO PLACE AN ORDER!** Subsequent orders will be placed on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:CSCVouchers@gmail.com))

Thanks for your participation!  
CSC Discount Voucher Team

## **FROM DANBURY SKI CLUB**

Looking for a low-cost ski trip? We may have what you seek!

Join us at the Barn Door Hostel in Rumney, NH, Fri., Mar. 13 to Sun. Mar. 15, 2026. Ikon Pass is good for Loon Mtn, and Indy Pass works at Waterville Valley or Cannon. You can purchase lift tickets directly from the mountains too. Gunstock Mtn. is also nearby.

DSC reserved all 25 beds at the hostel, which is dormitory style in 3 rooms. Individual toilets and showers are enclosed for privacy. Linens and towels are provided. There is a large central gathering area with TV, and a full kitchen. A group spaghetti dinner Saturday night is included.

To go up on Thursday, contact the hostel directly.

Cost per person:

15 participants - \$210

20 participants - \$175

25 participants - \$145

A \$100 deposit secures your reservation. Full payment due February 23.

Contact: Jim Seri at [jimseri@yahoo.com](mailto:jimseri@yahoo.com), 203-300-3172; or Dorrie Panayotou at [dorotheastream@gmail.com](mailto:dorotheastream@gmail.com), 203-704-0187.

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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.