

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

In early June, the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different."
John Steinbeck, The Winter of Our Discontent

It's time for all us "snow lovers" to put our winter gear and clothing to rest while we thrive on warmer and longer sunlit days, trees filled with leaves, and outdoor pursuits that challenge us away from the snow-covered hillsides and mountains. Hiking, cycling, kayaking, golf, tennis, pickleball and sailing, along with barbeques and celebrations for graduates, occupy much of our free time now. Let's hope that with all this spring rain we won't face a summer drought! Enjoy it!

Meetings of the CT Ski Council have come to a close for the season of 2024-2025, so now is the time for your executive officers and committee chairs to review and revitalize ourselves and our events to prepare for an even better 2025-2026 Council season. If you have ideas that you wish to share that will enhance our activities and events, please reach out to any of the executive officers and committee chairs to offer assistance. The email address for every officer and chairperson is on the website and in this newsletter.

The "SnowBall" committee, now being referred to as the "Fall Gala" committee, will be hard at work over the summer months. They've already located a new ballroom site in Middletown, and they will continue to plan for their fabulous event, scheduled for November 8, 2025. The site is smaller than the ballroom of any hotel, however, it is affordable and, if all goes well and we have a sellout (maximum number of attendees is 200), the team can plan for a bigger one in 2026! The ticket price has been lowered to \$50.00, and there will not be a dinner served, nor does the facility have a space for hospitality suites. It truly will be a "gala" with everyone in the same room for the entire evening while we dance to Rumrunners band, socialize, take

chances on raffle prizes, and enjoy the appetizers that will be offered. It should be a fabulous evening at a revitalized event. Save the date and be ready to purchase your tickets when they go on sale at our September 9, 2025 meeting!

Our CSC auction fundraiser will occur again this autumn for the fourth year in a row. Last year was the first time our earned profit broke the \$5,000. mark, so let's keep the momentum going, and be certain to bid as well as promote the auction among your friends, family and ski club members when it opens up!

The IKON Pass Benefit Program is well underway, so please encourage your ski club members to take advantage of the benefit offered to them. If members haven't purchased an IKON pass and wish to, please have your club IKON Pass Program chair reach out to Mark Robitaille before September 1, 2025.

If your members have purchased IKON passes on their own (as opposed to via a travel agent), please get in touch with Mark to learn how they and your ski club can benefit from our CSC program. The more passes registered to or purchased via our benefit program, the greater the reward will be after Labor Day!

I hope that all of you will celebrate a happy Memorial Day weekend. Memorial Day is the unofficial kickoff to summer fun and events. Please enjoy your summer **safely** and happily! Thank you to all our committee chairs and officers for their dedication to the Council and its members!! Your Council officers and I look forward to seeing you at our Sept. 9th meeting. Have a great summer!!
Kindly, Marsha

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

SEPT. 9, 2025

7:30 PM

Back Nine at Stanley

Golf Course

**Following meeting:
OCTOBER 14, 2025**

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the September newsletter is August 20.
Please send info to me at:
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Thanks,
Ginny Ludwig

Webmaster's Email

Please send all information you wish to have posted on the CSC's website to Cheryl Parmelee at:
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Council Appreciation Ski Days

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

2025-2026 CSC IKON Pass Program

OVERVIEW:

The CT Ski Council ('CSC' or 'Council') is partnering with Ikon Pass to offer CSC Member-Clubs ('Club(s)')/CSC Members ('Members') the opportunity to purchase Ikon Base Passes at special group rates. Group pricing for 2025-2026 Ikon Passes is being extended to CSC Members who purchase **NEW PASSES** offered through this special program. Members can save per pass ordered through this program compared to standard online pricing, depending on type of pass purchased.

There is no special group pricing for **Renewals** prior to the Ikon Pass Renewal Deadline (mid-April), however, members wanting to 'renew' passes after the Renewal deadline can benefit from the special group pricing. Renewals associated with the Council will apply to the Council's/Club's overall group revenue, provided they are inputted into the Club's tracking sheet.

CLUB INCENTIVE:

The Council is offering an incentive to the participating Clubs. Clubs participating in the Program will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a 2025-2026 pass. At the conclusion of the program, the Club will raffle off 2025-2026 Ikon Pass(es). Number and type (e.g. Ikon Pass or Ikon Base Pass) of passes being raffled will depend on overall Council's revenue thresholds. Additionally, Clubs meeting certain revenue thresholds may qualify to earn additional passes. So make sure to capture all your Club's activity (renewals and new purchases).

MEMBER BENEFITS:

- Exclusive group pricing
- Extended timeframes for purchasing at reduced rate
- Members not renewing passes by the online deadline (mid-April) can still benefit from the special pricing
- Other Ikon Pass offers still valid (e.g. Child Passes, payments plans, pass protection)

RESTRICTIONS (including, but not limited to):

- Program runs March 13, 2025 through September 2, 2025
- Ikon Pass special pricing only available to 2025 CSC Members
- Ikon Pass pricing subject to change at any time without notice

CLUB PARTICIPATION:

Each Club interested in extending this pricing to its members must identify a Club Coordinator ('Coordinator') who will be responsible for managing the Club's activity and tracking. The Coordinator will share details and track activity with their Club's members.

CONTACT:

Please contact Mark Robitaille (CSVouchers@gmail.com) for further details and to register your Club.

From Our Vice President

FALL FESTIVAL

Final plans have been completed for the Fall Festival. It will be held November 8, 2025 at the Elks Club Crystal Room in Middletown. The evening will be from 7:00 PM to midnight, with music by the Rumrunners. The price will be \$50. per person, and there will be multiple charcuterie stations with multiple vegetable crudite. To close the evening, there will be a cookie and dessert service. So mark your calendars.

Tickets and complete information will be available at the September meeting.

See you in September.
Jane Suto

Greetings from Web Land!

Our website is only as good as the content we post. While I try to get a little creative, I encourage clubs to submit fun pictures and events that you all have, to make our site more engaging.

In addition, I am looking to create a cloud site where a personal name is not attached and we can house documents or XLS spreadsheets. Sometimes we like to share information, however under our current host, we are only allowed to upload PDF format. This means we cannot collect information via XLS without using Google forms. Google forms is a challenge for people trying to access from their workplace and some clubs are based from their employer.

Please share any content with cparmelee@aeskiclub.com and I will do my best to make timely updates to our site. Many thanks, and shred 'til you're jelly.

Cheryl

Check Out These Trips for Next Season!!

Hosted by AE Ski Club

Friends -

Sun Valley, Idaho, January 24 to January 31, 2026 Cost: \$2425.

Ischgl, Austria, February 27 to March 7, 2026 Cost: \$3850.

AE Ski club is hosting a trip to Sun Valley, Idaho that includes RT air, hotel, and is an IKON location. If you do not have lift tickets, they can be purchased for an extra cost. Membership to our club is required. The sign-up will appear only after you have secured membership, but you can view our flier without membership.

<https://aeskiclub.com/inde.php/events-trips/week-trips/sunvalley/>

AE Ski club also has 4 spots remaining for our 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.



An invitation from AE Ski Club

We will be hosting a couple of summer events to be advertised soon, which other clubs are welcome to join in:

Kayaking Day – Indian River Marina – June 27

A night out at Dunkin' Park

And other outdoor events TBA

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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CT SKI COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION:

**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.

