

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

skiclub.com

May, 2026

GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

April was the final “Greetings from Your President” Marsha Baretta. As we close out the 2025-2026 season, with both Marsha and our Treasurer, Jack Fede, choosing not to run for re-election, this spring became a big transition moment for the Connecticut Ski Council. Before anything else, I want to thank them both. They have been working together tirelessly for months following the resignation of the former Treasurer, and their continued effort will enable the success of the next Treasurer, the next President, and the Council as a whole.

Our Election Committee – Kevin Cronin and Joe Machowski – spent a lot of time and energy trying to fill both open positions. They were able to secure a candidate for Treasurer, John Paul. As CSC Recording Secretary, I knew they were having a difficult time finding someone willing to “volunteer” for President. After a text conversation with Marsha on April 9th about the time commitments and obligations throughout the year, I ended by saying I needed to think about what would be required of me.

Late that same evening while walking our dog Rose, I found myself searching for the earliest reference to the Connecticut Ski Council. I came across this line from the Cornwall Historical Society's *Out of the Woods...* Mohawk Mountain: **“CCC workers built the first downhill trail in 1939 under the direction of Rolf Holdvedt and the Connecticut Ski Council.”** I made my decision. And if that story turns out not to be true...please don't tell me.

Elections were held on Tuesday, April 14th. For President, the motion was made by Marylyn Pearson and seconded by Robert Kot. I cast the first ballot for myself, and the motion passed.

For Treasurer, the motion was made by Matt Manzella and seconded by Scott Farrar. John Paul couldn't attend in person, but the motion passed.

So here I am – writing my first message as President-Elect of the Connecticut Ski Council.

I'm grateful for the support and excited to take on this role. John Paul and I will be working closely with Marsha and Jack to make sure the transition goes smoothly. Their experience and guidance will be extremely helpful as we get started.

As we wrap up our ski season, I want to personally thank all our representatives, officers, committee chairs, and volunteers who keep CSC moving. Our racing programs, discounts, social events, and partnerships exist because of their efforts. They happen because people care – about their clubs and about the ski community across Connecticut. CSC has always been a team effort, and that's something I'm proud to continue.

Looking ahead, we've already got momentum building for next season. Planning is underway for our social events, Appreciation Days, and of course, the SnowBall. These aren't just dates on a calendar – they're the moments where we reconnect, meet new members, and celebrate what makes this community special.

I also want to encourage every club to stay involved. Come to meetings, share ideas, and jump in where you can. Fresh energy and new perspective help keep the Council strong. If you've ever thought about joining a committee or helping with an event, this is a great time to give it a try.

I'm looking forward to the year ahead and hope to see many of you at meetings, events, and out on the slopes.

Thank you,
Dave Coles, President-Elect

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

May 12, 2026

7:30 PM

**Back Nine at Stanley
Golf Course**

**Following meeting:
SEPTEMBER 8, 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 June newsletter is May 20. Please send info to me at: don.ludwig.45@gmail.com. Thanks,
Ginny Ludwig

From Our Vice President

The 2026 SnowBall will be held Saturday, November 14, at the Middletown Elks Club Crystal Ballroom.

From 5:00 to 7:00 pm there will be a cash dinner menu. Cocktail hour is from 6:00 to 7:00 pm, with appetizers. The band, "Black Ties and Bourbon," will start playing at 8:00 and will play until 11:00 pm. The price for SnowBall tickets is \$60.00 (dinner not included.)

Last year was a great time, so plan on attending this fall for another successful SnowBall.

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 at 6:30 before the regular CSC meeting in May.

Jane Suto

IKON PASS PROGRAM

The CT Ski Council ('CSC' or 'Council') is partnering with Ikon Pass to offer CSC Member Clubs ('Clubs')/CSC Members ('Members') the opportunity to purchase Ikon Base Pass and Ikon Passes at group rates. Group pricing for 2026-2027 Ikon Passes is being extended to CSC Members who purchase **NEW PASSES** using a promo code being offered through this special program. Members can save \$30 to \$120 off online pricing per pass ordered through this program, depending on type of pass purchased.

Please contact your club's Voucher Coordinator and/or Club President to participate.

Mark Robitaille
CSC Voucher Team
CSCVouchers@gmail.com

Missing Monday Night Racing Bibs It is now past the due date!

The following is a list of clubs, the total number of bibs missing from each club, the bib numbers with the racer's name, if known. Each one of these racers, or their club, owes the CSC \$35 per bib. Please contact me to return the bib(s) and pay the late fee(s).

New Haven: total missing- 11.

Numbers: 29-Frank Fiorillo; 52-Mark Bobruff; 53-Jeremy Bobruff; 55-Michael Balduino; 207-Jeanne Gibbs; 280-Helen Bryon; 288-Kristen Murusky; 295-Emma Shamback; 301-Anne Bavier; 304- John Terry; 306-Jessica Cain.

Hamden: total missing- 2.

Numbers: 69-Bradley Fries; 303- Michael Gravex, Jr.

Danbury: total missing – 2.

Numbers: 323-Kimberly Smith; 330-Sara Milikian

Newington: total missing – 1. Number: 269- Greg Festa

Unknown Clubs: total missing – 2. Numbers: 90-Spencer Sprecker; 105-Chris Matusik

Rob Dexter
Monday Night Racing Chair
860-836-9304
skicouncil@gmail.com

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

2026-2027 Season Officers

PRESIDENT: Dave Coles

davecolesskis@gmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT: Jane Suto

hamdenskiclub72@gmail.com

TREASURER: John Paul

203-819-9349

SECRETARY:

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

Nancy Nolan; nancynolan@snet.net

GROUP SPECIAL PRICING

COORDINATOR:

Mark Robitaille

cscvouchers@gmail.com

APPRECIATION DAYS: Ian Ellmore,

ian.ellmore@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER: Ginny Ludwig

don.ludwig.45@gmail.com

RACING: Rob Dexter,

skicouncil@gmail.com

WEBMASTER: Cheryl Parmelee

cparmelee@aeski.com

HISTORIAN:

PAST PRESIDENT: Marsha Baretta

Skimars93@gmail.com

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Dave Coles

davecolesskis@gmail.com

CT SKI COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION:

**The Back 9 Restaurant at Stanley Golf Course,
245 Hartford Avenue, New Britain**

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

Visit our website at skiclub.com.

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.