CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear CSC members –

2026-27 Ski Season Preview from the President

Full disclosure: it's been a busy month on the council side of things,
so instead of my usual notes, here's what I could pull together on what's happening at some Northeast resorts as the season gets close !!

Vermont: Killington's $65 Million Makeover Continues

Killington's in year two of a big, $65 million makeover, and you'll notice it this winter. The aging Snowdon Triple is getting swapped out for a new fixed-grip quad, and crews added higher-capacity snowmaking guns on Mouse Trap and Skyeburst. That's on top of the $40 million already spent last season, with another $25 million worth of work wrapped up this past summer.

Wondering when to start planning? **Projected opening dates** (subject to change): Killington leads off Nov. 11, like usual. Stratton follows Nov. 18, Stowe Nov. 20, Bolton Valley/Mount Snow/Okemo /Sugarbush Nov. 21, Jay Peak Nov. 22, and Bromley/Smugglers' Notch close out the month on Nov. 27.

New Hampshire: Snowmaking Muscle and a Landmark Expansion

Over at Pats Peak, crews are digging in a 21-million-gallon snowmaking reservoir as part of a $10 million project. It'll triple the electrical capacity feeding the summit and let them run more than 200 snow guns at once instead of 100, which should cut the time to get 100% of the mountain open in half.

Gunstock's not sitting still either — $4.5 million in upgrades this offseason as part of a bigger $9 million, two-year plan. That includes splitting the upper and lower snowmaking systems so both can run at the same time, a major overhaul of the Panorama lift, a new haul rope for Tiger, and more widening on the Derringer trail.

And looking a little further down the road, Loon Mountain just announced "Black Ridge," a 272-acre expert glade expansion that will make Loon the largest ski area in New Hampshire, growing its skiable terrain from 403 to 675 acres. It's natural-snow-only, hike-to terrain off North Peak — not open this winter, but slated for 2027-28, so it's one to watch for.

Projected opening dates (subject to change): Bretton Woods Nov. 14; Black Mountain and Loon Mountain Nov. 20; Cannon Mountain and Waterville Valley Nov. 27-28; Cranmore, Gunstock, and Mount Sunapee, Wildcat and Attitash Dec. 4

See you soon,
Dave Coles
CSC President

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Oct 13, 2026
7:30 PM
Harugari German-American Club
66 Highland St.
West Haven, CT

Following meeting:
November 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 November newsletter is October 20. Please send info to me at: croninskiclub@comcast.net and kmc57kmc@gmail.com
Thanks,
Kevin Cronin

CSC Newsletter

Thanks Ginny !!

Ginny Ludwig has been preparing the CSC Newsletters for many years and deserves our undying thanks and praise !!
In the future I'll be the one trying to keep gathering and preparing the CSC Newsletters - so please help and submit info to me (and bear with me as I stumble along) .
Kevin Cronin.

My email is:
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Hope everyone had a wonderful summer, and looking forward to an upcoming great ski season !

A Note from the Corresponding Secretary

We want to make sure everyone in your club who should be receiving notices and emails from the Council is receiving them.

If you have not already sent me your club's up-to-date roster of officers and representatives, PLEASE DO SO NOW! It is important that everyone in your club has the information they need to have the best ski season they can with what the Council has to offer.

Please email me the contact info for your club ASAP.

Thanks,
Nancy Nolan
nancynolan@snet.net

From Our Vice President

Just a month away for the event of the year, the Snowball "Winter Gold" on Saturday November 14th.

Unfortunately the caterer has gone out of Business so there is a change to time for the Snowball. There will be no dinner hour (5 to 7)
New Schedule
6-8pm - Happy hour with appetizers
7:30pm - special awards
8-11pm - Dancing and fun times with raffle during band break

All clubs are to donate a $100 gift certificate (Please: one one gift certificate with $100 value). Bring in a club banner.

All ticket sales dues at the October meeting see ticket coordinator at the meeting.

There will be a snowball committee meeting at 6:30 before the CSC Meeting.

Jane Suto

Get Your "Winter Gold" Tickets Now!!!

It's that time of year to purchase your tickets for our reinvigorated Snow Ball to be held on Saturday, November 14, 2026!!! If you missed the event in 2025, you're in for a big surprise with the elegance, reasonable beverage pricing, and renewed vigor of the CSC's oldest and long-standing social event!!!

The price of an advance Door Ticket is $60.00 if purchased before November 2, 2026. After that date (and at the door), all sales must be in cash only for the price of $70.00. Your ticket entitles you to complimentary appetizers (6:00-8:00 pm), seating for the annual Honor Awards at 7:30 pm, followed by dancing to the band, *Black Ties & Bourbon*, from 8:00-11:00 pm. Your door ticket entitles you to a chance at the Door Prize (which includes a Season Pass to Mount Southington) and the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to the magnificent Raffle with over twenty $100.00 Gift Cards/Certificates !!!

Purchase your Snowball ticket from your CSC Ski Club Representative. Each club is responsible for delivering "1" Ski Club check in the amount equal to their total club sales. No refunds on tickets from the CSC are allowed. The ski club check must be made payable to the Connecticut Ski Council. Please return any unsold tickets to Marsha Baretta, along with your ski club's check for total sales and a list of individuals purchasing each ticket, at the CSC Meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2026. If your club needs more tickets and/or time to sell the TX, the *final deadline for advance sales is Monday, November 2, 2026*. Your ski club rep needs to hand-deliver the club's sales record, unsold TX, and ski club check to Marsha at the Back Nine Restaurant in New Britain between 7:00 and 8:30 pm. All ticket sales after November 2, 2026 must be cash only for $70.00 each, and there is no guarantee of seating.

Dreaming about next ski season?
Here are some choices!

Whistler, Canada
January 9-16, 2027

About to close – 1 room left : two people to share a room or one male to room with someone from the waiting list

Host: Danbury Ski Club

Whistler/Blackcomb is notorious for its enormity and variety of terrain. Bowls, chutes and cruisers are all yours – and an awesome apres ski scene too!
Price: $1975. per person, double occupancy. Epic Pass.
Contact: Tim of Danbury Ski club: Ridgefieldskier@gmail.com

Schweitzer Mountain, Idaho
January 30 – February 6, 2027

Ready to close _contact Jonathan to be a last minute addition

Host: Meriden Ski and Snowboard Club

Offering two bowls, powder stashes, and lots of dining options. Includes R/T air from Bradley on Delta; 7 nights at Selkirk Lodge; welcome party; transfers.
Cost: $2315 per person in Selkirk Lodge, double occupancy with kitchenette.
Other lodging options:
$2015 p/p doub occ in standard hotel room with 2 beds;
$3055 1 person standard hotel room with king;
$2140 p/p doub occ choice king room with kitchenette;
$3305 1 person choice king room with kitchenette.
Current airfare is subject to change.
Ikon Pass, or 5-day adult ticket at $640 per person.
$35 Meriden Ski Club dues not included in price.

Contact: Jonathan Mitchell at 978-767-6179, or jmitchell67@comcast.net.

More Choices!

Kitzbuhl, Austria
February 26 – March 6, 2027

Full – have a waiting list

Host: Meriden Ski Club

A mix of old-world charm and world-class skiing!
Includes: R/T transfer from Middletown, CT to Boston/Logan; R/T Boston/Munich on Lufthansa;
R/T transfers to Kitzbuhl; 7 nights at 4-star Hotel Tiefenbrunner; breakfast and dinner daily; fitness facility & indoor pool; hotel taxes; Meriden Ski club dues; 1 free 50 lb bag. Ikon pass member: base pass – 5days; full pass gives 7 days (lift tickets extra not included in price)
Cost: $3575 pp, double occ; $425 single supplement. Deposit of $1500 pp due on registration – registration at Meridenski.com.
Contact: John Roarty, 860-919-1801 or John.roarty72@gmai.com

Chamonix, France
March 5 – 12, 2027

Added room – spots available but call quickly

Host: Newington Ski Club
Includes: R/T New York and Geneva on Lufthansa & Swiss; transfers between Geneva and Chamonix and Lyon; 6 nights in Chamonix at Chalet Hotel Le Prieure & Spa with dinner and breakfast daily; 2 nights at hotel TBD in Lyon including breakfast; welcome party; all flight taxes and fees, and all hotel taxes and porterage.

Cost: $3450, pp, double occ. $1500 deposit due on signing.

Contact: Marilyn Person at mgpearson.aero@comcast.net or at 860-916-1562.

IKON PASS PROGRAM

Thanks for another successful Ikon Pass /CSC year –
The CT Ski Council (CSC) has partnered with Ikon Pass to offer CSC Member Clubs/CSC Members the opportunity to purchase Ikon Base Pass and Ikon Passes at group rates. Group pricing for 2026-2027 Ikon Passes was extended to CSC Members who purchase **NEW PASSES** using a promo code offered through this special program. Members saved $30 to $120 off online pricing per pass ordered through this program, depending on type of pass purchased.

Congrats to the clubs and members who participated and watch for your chance to participate next year ! Please contact your club's Voucher Coordinator and/or Club President to participate.

Mark Robitaille
CSC Voucher Team
CSCVouchers@gmail.com



Snowbound Expo returns to **Mohegan Sun on November 14–15, 2026** — and thanks to our partnership with the show, CSC has its own ticket link.

https://snowboundexpo.seetickets.com/event/snowbound-expo-2026/mohegan-sun/3605100?OfferCode=CSC

When you buy your Snowbound Expo ticket online - Use our code: CSC at checkout and your purchase is credited to CSC. It costs you nothing extra, and it strengthens our standing as a partner organization — which is how we keep member discounts coming.

Already have a link saved? Just enter code CSC at checkout.

Snowbound Expo
Saturday–Sunday, November 14–15, 2026
Mohegan Sun, Uncasville, CT
See you there — stop by and say hello at the CSC table.

Our new SCS Monthly meeting location is the Harugari German American Club

The club has many activities open to members and non members!!

Check out their web site www.harugari.org

Some upcoming events :

October 4, 2026 • Harugari Oktoberfest
Connecticut's oldest Oktoberfest (since 1947). Gate opens to the public at 12 noon. Rain or shine under the outdoor pavilion. Admission $5 per person (veterans/military free with ID). Authentic German Bier, food and desserts available for purchase. Entertainment by the Vagabonds. Raffle prizes and vendors.

October 16, 2026 • Frikadellen Friday Dinner
German Frikadellen (meat patties) with mashed potatoes, green beans and bread.
$15 nonmembers • $13 members • $7 kids
Reservations required by calling 203-843-2244 by Oct. 15.
Doors open 6 p.m. Dinner served 7–8:30 p.m.

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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.