

# CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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## GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello and welcome to Spring! We in CT haven't seen very much snow, however Northern New England (as well as Western USA) recently got hammered with snow. Fabulous spring skiing is available if you can take advantage of it. As I write this, they're predicting more for VT, New Hampshire and Maine this upcoming weekend so get out there and enjoy spring skiing and snowboarding at its best! Use your vouchers...the conditions are great and the status of credits towards next year's purchases is unknown.

Most of you know that I was teaching at Mount Southington this past season, our "home" mountain, and it officially closed at 5:00 pm this past Sunday for their snow season. Kudos to the snow makers at Mount Southington for maintaining the mountain all winter with fabulous snow and grooming despite little-to-no natural snow – 89 days of skiing! Our Monday Night Race series successfully hosted eight consecutive weeks of racing. Special thanks to Rob Dexter and Ron Kapraszewski for their hard work on raffle prizes, scores, awards, and the overall administration of that series for the benefit of every racer within our Council! Our hosts in the Mountain Room and the "Pizza Bus" added to our pleasure on every evening since we no longer had to put our boots on in the parking lot! The end-of-season awards party was a fabulous hit and a great way to distribute awards with all members of our "race family" present.

We now move into Spring and the Council still has plenty of activity on its schedule. The Spring/Summer Picnic (perhaps we should rename it our Summer Solstice Soiree!) is set for the last Saturday in June – the 24<sup>th</sup> – from 3:00 to 9:00 pm, at Falcon Athletic Field in New Britain. The band for your dancing pleasure is "Eight to the Bar", playing from 6:00 to 9:00 and since we are located under a covered pavilion there is

NO rain date! The committee, under the leadership of Dave Zuraw, is working on obtaining food trucks for your dining pleasure, along with games, tables, and chairs. Tickets will be available for each club at the regular April CSC meeting. Let's keep that social connection going!

In addition to that, the SnowBall has been put back into place and will be held on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at the Hartford/Windsor Marriott with the band "Juice Box." The structure of our SnowBall has changed slightly so we will NOT host the enormous raffle, which necessitated much "pounding the pavement" to solicit prizes from every ski club. Our fundraising will take place via our newly inaugurated CSC online auction which will be held in Autumn, 2023. Stay in touch for details and be certain to publicize these events to your club members and friends.

Please know that we are always seeking active volunteers to assist with (and possibly take over) several of our committees. Most importantly right now is that we seek someone to assume total responsibility for our CSC Awareness Days program. In addition to that, we will convene a By-Law Review/Update Committee this summer...don't hesitate to get in touch with me if you are interested in joining. That's it for now! Happy Spring and enjoy the waning days of ski and snowboard season 2023. Use your vouchers, stay safe, and have fun!

Kindly,  
Marsha Baretta

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

**April 11, 2023**

**7:30 PM**

**Back Nine at Stanley  
Golf Course**

**Following meeting:  
MAY 9, 2023**

### Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the May newsletter is April 20. Please send info to me at: [don.ludwig.45@gmail.com](mailto:don.ludwig.45@gmail.com). Thanks,  
Ginny Ludwig

### Webmaster's Email

Please send all information you wish to have posted on the CSC's website to Bill Leuze at: [webmaster@skiclub.com](mailto:webmaster@skiclub.com)

## Spring Picnic 2023

Our Spring Picnic 2023 will take place on Saturday afternoon/evening, June 24, 2023 at Falcon Field in New Britain, as it did last year. Please plan to attend and enjoy the food trucks, games, a great band – Eight to the Bar – and socializing with your CSC friends. Tickets will be \$20 in advance, \$25 at the gate, and will include a \$5 coupon for the food trucks. Tickets will be available at the April and May CSC meetings. The gate will open at 3:00 pm. The food trucks will be open until 7:00 pm and the band will play from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. The event is BYOB. While clubs are welcome to bring snacks, appetizers, etc., all are strongly encouraged to make ample use of the food trucks – they are there for you! If anyone has any picnic games to bring let me know.

Thanks in advance to all those clubs on the Picnic 2023 committee: Cronin, Double Diamond, Electric Boat, Metroland, Montachusett, NAVA, and UConn.

Thanks!  
Dave Zuraw  
CSC Ambassador  
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## ELECTIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT

The CSC will elect a new Vice President at the April meeting.

Anyone who would like to seek the nomination should speak to Joe Mahowski, Paul D'Attilio or Kevin Cronin prior to April's election.

This is a 2-year term, currently filled by Robert Kot of the New Britain Falcons.

## Bulk Ticket Update

Although I asked for the return of Killington and Pico unused vouchers by the April meeting, I have an extension to the May 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. That is the final deadline as I have to give them the count on May 10, and mail them to Killington that day. If you can turn them in at the April meeting, I will collect them. Any questions feel free to contact me at [nancynolan@snel.net](mailto:nancynolan@snel.net).  
Enjoy the rest of the season!  
Nancy Nolan

## OnSnow Winter Carnival

We will **not** have a Winter Carnival for the 2023 season.

**But – for 2024**, Burke has expressed serious interest and just recently, we've learned that an advocate of the CSC working for Vail Resorts has expressed the possibility of a race day for us at Mount Snow or Okemo. Sugarbush and Killington/Pico are not interested. I will also ask Bromley and Magic once again. If anyone has contacts with other mountains that might be interested, please let me know!

Thanks!

## Ready for 2024??

Danbury Ski Club is hosting these trips next season, open to all CSC members:

Jan. 19-28, 2024 to Grandvalira, Andorra and Barcelona.

Feb. 16-25, 2024 to Grindelwald, Switzerland.

Details in the fall.  
Dave Zuraw  
203-729-9060 (Home)

## SKI COUNCIL APPRECIATION/AWARENESS DAYS 2022-2023 at Killington

Killington Resort and Pico Mountain are offering the following dates at discounted lift ticket prices. These lift tickets must be purchased in advance and require a ONE PASS RFID card.

You must have a valid Ski Council or Ski Club membership card with a valid sticker for the 2022-2023 season. Present it at any window staffed by a ticket seller. Kiosk Ticket Pick Up not applicable for Awareness/Appreciation Day lift tickets. To purchase, go to: [killington.com/skicouncil](http://killington.com/skicouncil).

<u>Killington Resort</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
Mon-Fri	Apr 4-8	\$94

**\*\*ALL TICKET SALES ARE SUBJECT TO 6% LOCAL SALES TAX.**

## MONDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES

Hello racers!

Winter, even though it never really started, is still active up north and especially out west. Record snowfalls hit California – and I am not sure yet if the snow levels at Mammoth are low enough to actually run the lifts. Some of the snow was over the tops of the lift towers!

Our Monday Night race series was a big success. We held all 8 weeks of racing. We had our awards party at Mount Southington on Monday, March 6 – the first time in a while to have a party. Awards were handed out for the 50<sup>th</sup> year Monday night series. Ron Kapraszewski, his brother Bruce, and Steve Jackson were the founders of the Monday night series 50 years ago. Ron is still actively racing, but both Bruce and Steve have passed. I made and presented a ski chair to Ron, in honor of his brother Bruce, with Bruce's skis as part of that chair. Carol Sweeney was also honored as one of our initial race recorders of the results in the early seasons. Carol was presented a picture from the artist from Tully, NY, Grant Doldge. Grant continues to not be the best businessman by still not putting his name and address on the back of the first place pictures, but he is a very talented artist with his signed and numbered ski prints. Also handed out were white engraved ceramic cups for second place, and white engraved ceramic mugs for third. The Monday Night series were the only race awards that were handed out as that was the only series we were able to hold this season.

For the third time, we handed out permanent bibs at the beginning of the race season and it was a success. However, I am still missing 22 bibs. I ordered all the missing replacement bibs for any that were missing from last year. As I did last year, I will charge the ski club \$30 for any bib not turned in prior to the last CSC meeting of the season. Thanks to all team captains for following up on this – I sent out a list of names and bib numbers to the team captains.

I have asked for racer feedback about Monday nights. HISTORY: 2019-2020 averaged 126 racers; 2020-2021 averaged 106 racers; 2021-2022 averaged 97 racers; and this past year averaged 117 racers. We had an 18% increase in skiers from last year.

Thanks for all the work Ron Kapraszewski and Lynn Swanson did on handing out swag and prizes, selected by bib numbers – I believe that was a factor in increasing our race numbers. If you have suggestions on how to increase our participation – please email me or write to me and let me know.

Thank you all racers for making this season a healthy and safe success!

Rob Dexter

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CSC Racing Chairperson

## CT Ski Council MEMBER BENEFITS

Show your valid club membership card with the 2022-2023 CSC validation sticker – and SAVE!!

These area merchants are offering these deals to every club member with a valid CSC sticker.

<u>Merchant</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Discount</u>
<b>Action Sports, Branford and Old Saybrook</b>	Full price merchandise	10% off
	Tune-ups	\$20 off a 3-pack
Alpine Haus, Wethersfield	Outerwear and ski tunes	10% off
Bob's Chalet, Avon and Bristol	Full price outerwear	10% off
New England Ski & Scuba, Vernon	Full price merchandise	10% off
	Ski tunes	\$10.00
Suburban Sports, Berlin	Full price outerwear	10% off
Mohawk Mountain, Cornwall, CT	Weekday lift ticket	\$10.00
Mount Southington, Southington, CT	Everyday lift ticket	\$10.00
Powder Ridge, Middlefield, CT	Lift ticket at window	20% off
Pacific NW Ski at Jay Peak, VT	Lift ticket at window	20% off

These are great deals – stop in and show them your support!

## GROUPS SAVE BIG AT BURKE

Book 20 or more persons at Burke ski in/ski out accommodations for only \$250 per person, double occupancy. Sunday through Friday only. Includes 2 nights and 2-and-a-half days of skiing.

See full details on the CSC website:

[Skiclub.com/wp-](https://www.skiclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/BURKE_2022-23SkiGroupSales.pdf)

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Must be booked and paid under one reservation.

Mark Robitaille

The National Brotherhood of Skiing's Golden Anniversary celebration took place this February at Vail, CO. Of the 5 regional clubs in the organization, two of Connecticut Ski Council's member-clubs were in attendance: Double Diamond and CT Soul. CT Soul Ski & Sports Club was voted in as a full member of this organization.

## CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

### 2022-2023 Season Officers

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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.