

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Constituents of the Council,

Today is March 20th. This is a crucial date, and not just because I'm once again sneaking my Newsletter address in through the closing deadline door, but because it is the first day of Spring in New England. Even though this date heralds the coming end to our season, it's often the case that Winter has some last tricks up her sleeves in March and even April. I hope you've all had the chance to enjoy a banner season so far and that we can still squeeze a few more ski days out of early 2021.

There's plenty to be thinking about as we look toward next year, though. As I've written before, we have used some of our Council time this season beginning to address changes in our organization, and New England ski culture more broadly. In the course of discussing CSC modernization, we are exploring ways to make some of our processes more efficient through digitization. David Landino, who has put together some impressive online functionality for Nutmeg Ski Club, is working with our Webmaster, Bill Leuze, to help us understand how this might work on the Council level. One example being considered is creating an optional online mechanism for entering orders for bulk tickets. We think there could be applications for streamlining membership as well, and perhaps other ways to become more efficient that we haven't even dreamed up yet.

While I view this as a positive prospective initiative for us, there are other changes having arisen from this unusual year which

may not be as happy. Our Awareness Days chair, John Filakovsky, has done a great job putting together "club days" for us this year since the traditional AD program was untenable, but it's undeniable that there will likely be significant changes to the program in the wake of COVID. Much of this question is still unsettled, but along with the shifting of the industry towards multi-mountain passes, it seems more and more likely that the AD program, if it can be held together, will see a marked movement away from large mountains and towards smaller resorts (although it's possible that the bigger names may still be represented to us with club days). Although the AD program is deservedly a loved benefit of the CSC and any possible changes to the program as we've known it can feel unsettling, this, too, may have a silver lining. As the Vails and Ikons of the world continue to gobble up big-name mountains, this could be an opportunity to establish inroads and deepen relationships with some of the smaller but no-less-charming locations nearby to us. In a time like this, they need us and we need them.

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**NEXT
COUNCIL MEETING:
APRIL 13, 2021
7:30 PM**

**There will not be a "live"
April meeting.**

**Please check the website
and your emails for
notification of the virtual
meeting on the above date.**

Webmaster's Email

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

Newsletter Deadline

The next newsletter deadline will be April 20 for the May newsletter.

Send any info to me at: don.ludwig.45@gmail.com.

THE CSC on Social Media

The CSC social media coordinator is Jamie Ransom. He can be reached at Roadsandwaves@gmail.com for all the Council's Facebook and Instagram posts.

FROM THE PRESIDENT, continued

At this point, though, only one thing is certain – the New England skiing and snowboarding landscape is changing as surely as the season from Winter to Spring. As always, we'll keep you up to date with any important developments as they solidify, but I'm feeling very optimistic. The vaccines are rolling out and I strongly believe the fears of COVID are behind us. With what does that leave us? An open horizon underneath a bluebird sky, and we will go forward seizing the new opportunities of a changing world to bring our Council confidently into the future.

Your brother in Winter,

Ben

2021 SnowBall

The Planning Committee for SnowBall 2021 will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, June 8, at the Back Nine Tavern, at 7:00 pm in the side room. This is a closed meeting for "one" representative from each of the thirteen clubs along with SnowBall Ambassador Mike Brown and VP Marsha Baretta. The CSC will pay for dinner for the reps who are present. This is a closed meeting due to social distance protocol and masks must be worn (unless you are eating). The thirteen clubs are listed on the SnowBall page of the CSC website. The representative from each of the thirteen clubs is asked to RSVP to Mike Brown and/or Marsha. Thank you and until then enjoy Spring skiing!!

Marsha Baretta
CSC Vice President

Want to (finally) go somewhere??

This ski season may have been a bust due to COVID but things are starting to look up with the vaccine, so we are hosting an off "ski" season trip on the brand new Carnival Mardi Gras!

When: September 18-25, 2021

Where: 7-day Western Caribbean cruise

Host: Hamilton Sunstrand Ski Club

Cost: Balcony from \$944/ per person, double occ; +\$50 OBC per room

Inside from \$644/per person, double occ; + \$25 OBC per room

All rates: add \$118.74 taxes per person

Ports: Cozumel, Costa Maya, Mahogany Bay, and 3 fun days at sea!

Embark and disembark at Port Canaveral, Florida

Contact: Darren at 860-965-8309, or Darren@hsskiclub.com

PLEASE NOTE

Hello Connecticut Ski Council Members,

The Connecticut Ski Council will be holding an election on April 13, 2021 for the Vice President. This is a two-year term, currently held by Marsha Baretta.

The Council meets for 9 months out of the year and conducts many activities during the year. Many of these functions are attended by the Vice President; the annual SnowBall and the OnSnow event are just two of them.

If you or anyone you know would like to be a candidate for this position, please contact us on the Nominating Committee so that we can add that name to the ballot.

The Nominating Committee thanks you.

Nominating Committee members:

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Bulk Ticket Update –

Spring has arrived and soon resorts will be closing. Now is the time to gather up unused bulk tickets and get them to your club's bulk ticket coordinator. Plan on getting all Southern tier tickets to me by the end of April. The snow is still good but with temps in the 60s, expect some trail closings. Check with Mark Robitaille for Northern tier returns.

I hope you had a great ski season even though COVID restrictions made it difficult at times – but once you hit the slopes – yippee!!

Nancy Nolan

CSC Southern Bulk Ticket Coordinator

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CT SKI COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION:

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

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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.

BAD WEATHER may necessitate the postponement of a CSC meeting. Please check the CSC website at skiclub.com for last minute information.