

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Constituents of the Council,

We've spent a very challenging and uncertain few years together, navigating health concerns, public policy changes, and even the very possibility of a collapsing Connecticut Ski Council or even the winter sports industry itself. Now, I take great joy in seeing many unmasked faces out and about even as we begin our entry into Winter and flu season. Of course I believe we should all continue to be sensibly cautious, but I've felt that the 2022 onset of colder months would be the true test, and I think we've finally made it to the other side.

With all that being said, we couldn't have done it without each other. There were scary times, sad times, and even times when we disagreed on the best ways to move forward in the face of COVID, but we were always a Council united by our true love of skiing and snowboarding, and the camaraderie they bring. To have kept our ship from smashing on the shoals of this great challenge is truly miraculous and I wanted to express, especially at this time of year, how thankful I am.

I'm grateful for this year's forecast which looks to be, as my grandfather would've said, a "hum-zinger." I'm grateful for the Connecticut Ski Council, which has given so many of us a home and a community in which to enjoy our love of winter sports and let it grow. And most of all I'm grateful for you, all of the people of the Council that make it such a special place. Thanks, everyone, for being who you are and for helping the Council come to where it is, even in the face of extraordinary adversity.

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.
Your brother in Winter,
Ben

TOKO WAX SPONSORSHIP

The CT Ski Council is proud to welcome sponsorship from Toko Wax on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of our Monday Night Race Series! Attention CSC Monday Night Race Participants... get a weekly race wax/weather & race surface report courtesy of TOKO wax.

Please visit & like the TOKO WaxCAST Facebook page to help you ski fast every Monday Night. TOKO Ski Wax provides:

- Innovation. – Simplicity.
 - Performance. - SERVICE.
- Website: www.TOKOus.com.

KIDS' DAY 2023

February 4 at Mount Southington. Skiing opens at noon.

Lessons from 4:00-6:00 PM

Cost for kids: \$40.00 for lift ticket and lesson.

Adults get \$10. off regular ticket price.

More info to come in the January newsletter, or contact Robert Kot at newbritainfalcons@skiclub@yahoo.com.

NEXT

COUNCIL MEETING:

Dec. 13, 2022

7:30 PM

Back Nine at Stanley Golf Course

Following meeting:

JANUARY 10, 2023

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the January newsletter is December 20. Please send info to me at: 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

Club Membership Stickers

Just a reminder to everyone that Club stickers are ready for pick-up by your club's CSC representative at the December meeting on the 13th at the Back Nine.

Be sure to have paid your annual CSC dues or bring a check for the dues with you. Without the dues being paid we will not release the stickers.

Jonathan Houck

BULK TICKET NEWS

Killington/Pico tickets are due soon, and I should have them available at the December Council meeting.

If clubs order Berkshire East and/or Catamount tickets I will try to have them at the December meeting as well. We now also have an option for Awareness Days at Berkshire East and Catamount. I will send out an e-blast when the info is available.

I hope to have the cast off my wrist by the Council meeting!

Nancy Nolan
Southern Tier Coordinator

OnSnow Winter Carnival 2023

Right now, our best bet for an OnSnow Carnival is Berkshire East. We are currently working on a day-trip, most likely in February. I also have started a dialog with Wachusett. However, NOTHING is agreed upon as yet.

If this effort is not successful, we will try a CT mountain, perhaps for some evening racing, again likely in February.

We can't have a traditional CSC OnSnow Winter Carnival weekend in 2023. Magic, Bromley, Sugarbush, Killington, Stratton, and the "Epic" mountains all have declined to bid.

Dave Zuraw
Chairperson
203-729-9060, or (cell) 203-232-9057
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Many USED Items for Sale

Skis and ski boots, snowboards and snowboard boots, ski jackets and pants, boot dryer, boot and ski bags, and a barely used large Thule Cascade XT. Just let me know what you are interested in, including sizes, and I'll send you detailed info and pictures. No reasonable offer refused.

Dave Zuraw, dscwebmaster@yahoo.com

From the Vice President

Hello, and welcome to the holiday season of 2022! I hope that all of you have enjoyed a healthy and happy Thanksgiving among friends, family, and loved ones! I just returned from the Boston Ski show and am enthusiastic about the energy and drive that I witnessed from vendors and the ski community. On top of that, there is a plethora of snow in the Western USA and Buffalo, so can that mean the mountains in New England are soon to follow?

There are a few items that I want to bring to your attention, that are addressed in other spots within this newsletter:

. The CCS Online Silent Auction is up and running. Items continue to be added daily and include ski goggles, lift tickets, backpacks, and much more. Kindly review the items, place your bid, and return often. Bidding closes at 7:00 PM on Sat., Dec. 10, 2022. Link to the auction is: <https://www.32auctions.com/CSCAuction2022>.

. There will be a preliminary planning meeting for the ski clubs that are in line for SnowBall 2023. The meeting will be held before the regular CSC meeting on Tues., Jan. 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM at the Back Nine Tavern. Kindly refer to the article within this newsletter to see if your club is part of this planning team.

. Lastly, Ron Kaprazewski (Newington Ski Club) has done a fabulous job acquiring sponsors on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of our Monday Night Racing Series. Please refer to our website to view the list of sponsors and kindly support their products as they support our racing.

Have a great start to your ski season, visit our local shops for discounts, support our sponsors, visit our auction site, and have a fabulous holiday season! I look forward to seeing you at the CSC meeting Tues., Dec. 13 at 7:30 at the Back Nine.

Marsha Baretta
Vice President

SnowBall 2023

It's time to get our heads together to initiate plans for bringing back the SnowBall for November, 2023. There will be a preliminary planning meeting of the clubs that are in rotation for that event. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM immediately prior to the regular monthly CSC meeting at the Back Nine. The following clubs are called upon to have a representative present at that meeting: AE, Cast, Central CT Snowsnakes, Hamilton, Mt. Laurel, Newington, Norwalk, Nutmeg, Old Saybrook, and Sterling.

Marsha Baretta

MONDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES

We will have a Monday night race league this year and we have some changes. The current outline follows: We will again use AdminSports for racer registration and lift tickets. NO exception: registration will be through them. Art Dutra (Mt. Laurel) is working on an outline for AdminSports online registration – we will try to post on our CSC website. If you are new to this league, you must also register with NASTAR. If you have done NASTAR before, you just need to know your NASTAR number to be included with the AdminSports registration. Everyone should also know their permanent number – this is a number assigned by the CSC (me) to all your racers. It does not change year-to-year. If you have raced in the series before, you can look up your number on past race results OR contact me at skicouncil@gmail.com.

We will have pizza on Monday nights. It will be from the pizza truck. Details for ordering will be announced at the next CSC meeting.

Steps for Racers:

STEP 1: The yearly registration season waivers will be through AdminSports. The yearly waiver will be required BEFORE you register for any individual races. Please note: Required fields for on-line sign-up include your permanent number and your NASTAR number (see paragraph above).

STEP 2: Lift ticket/race sign-up, done every week, will be on-line from Friday up to noon on the day of the weekly race. This is required for racer registration each week prior to the race. **No racer will be allowed to show up the day of a race and race without the weekly pre-registration.**

BIBS: We hand out CSC bibs for the year, at the first time a racer shows up at Mount Southington. Racers will be responsible to bring their bib each week. First come, first served to get your bib; HOWEVER, as in the past, each week we will pull a lottery number to determine who runs down the courses first. Each week will be the same bib sequence order, but the first racer number will vary.

Spring Picnic 2023

Spring Picnic 2023 planning has started. I'd like to begin some preliminary brainstorming soon. To do so, I would like to have the name and contact info of the person from each of these clubs who will be on the team: Double Diamonds, CE, Cronin, Electric Boat, artford,, Meriden, Metroland, Montachusett, NAVA, New Haven, Pinnacle, and UCONN. I've only heard from a couple of these clubs.

Dave Zuraw
CSC Ambassador
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Men born in 1957 and prior (65+), women, and all snowboarders will have bibs 1-199. Men born 1958 and later (64 and under) will have bibs 200-399. Racers MUST turn in their bibs at the end of the season.

NEW this year: the top 2 oldest ages classes, Men N (73-77), Men O (78+) and Women H (69-75), Women I (76+) will run first on their course in the order they get to the start, prior to the lottery start number.

TICKETS: The process is outlined in Step 2. On-line ticket sales will eliminate money/credit card interaction.

Ticket/racing prices increased slightly:

Race ticket - \$35; Race ticket with NASTAR - \$45; Race ticket with season pass - \$25; Race ticket with season pass AND NASTAR - \$35. This does not include the AdminSports fee. NASTAR is included with the normal runs, only if you want to practice on the NASTAR course do you need to sign up for NASTAR (skiers far right course.) Tickets will be handed out by Mount Southington at the ticket window, so there should be no issues entering the area with skis.

Monday Night 8 week race series dates:

Dec. 19 and 26; Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; Feb. 6.

Make-up dates: Feb. 13 and 20.

Please stay safe out there...and pray for LOTS of snow...

Rob Dexter

CSC Racing Chairperson

skicouncil@gmail.com

Monday Night Pizza

Pizza will be available for Monday nights from Pizza on Demand (the outside truck). They have excellent pizzas, as this was the truck that was at the mountain during Mount Southington's ski days. I got many lunches, and loved it. Price will be \$15 for large and \$1 extra for toppings (not sure what they offer). Orders must be called in by noon on Monday for that night's race. 860-992-8382 and ask for Jeff. Or go to mypizzaondemand@gmail.com.

Have your club buy the pizzas to bring in more racers!

The mountain has started to make snow - it looks all white now. Maybe we'll be like Buffalo, NY? Our first scheduled night, Dec. 19, looks promising.

Rob Dexter, race chair

skicouncil@gmail.com

CSC's Virtual (online) Silent Auction

Here's a fast and easy chance to get some great deals on great gear, tickets and more! Run by the CT Ski Council, this online auction of snowsports related items, is open to all members of CT Ski Council clubs as well as their friends, families, and co-workers. It is a fund-raising event for the Council.

The auction began on November 14, and will run through 7:00 PM on Saturday, December 10, 2022.

Go to: www.32auctions.com/CSCAuction2022. Then click on the link: **Enter the Auction**. View the items available for sale. If you wish to bid on any item you will have to register. To do that, **click on the login tab** at the top of the page and **create an account** for yourself. (All bidders must create their own account.) Enter your bid(s) and then go back and update them often, especially near the closing hour on December 10!

Marsha Baretta
Vice President

SKI COUNCIL APPRECIATION/AWARENESS DAYS for 2022-2023

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.

<u>Killington Resort</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
Mon-Fri	Dec 12-16	\$76
Mon-Fri	Jan 2-6	\$94
Mon-Fri	Mar 6-10	\$94
Mon-Fri	Apr 4-8	\$94

<u>Pico Mountain</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
Mon, Thurs, Fri	Jan 2, 5, 6	\$44
Mon, Thurs, Fri	Mar 6, 9, 10	\$44

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

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>
Action Sports, Branford and Old Saybrook	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!

Oh, the Places You Can Go!

Trips sponsored by CSC member-clubs this season.

VAL GARDENA, ITALY

Jan. 6-14, 2023 *Host:* Meriden Ski Club

Cost: \$2625. pp/double occ.; \$2890. single.

Includes \$400 fuel surcharge.

Includes:

Round-trip air Boston to Innsbruck; airport transfers in US and Italy; 7 nights at Hotel Oswald; breakfast & 4-course dinner daily. Hoteloswald.com/en

Contact: Meridenski.com

BURKE MOUNTAIN, VT

Jan. 20-22, 2023 *Host:* Pinnacle Ski club

Cost: \$295, per person, double occupancy

Includes:

2 nights at Burke Mountain Hotel; 2 breakfasts; 2-day Burke lift ticket; Fri. night welcome social.

Info: \$100 due at sign-up; bal. due Dec. 28 (payable o Pinnacle Ski and Sports Club). Deadline: Dec. 28. 2022.

Contact: Drew Berescik, drewster333@aol.com.

BROMLEY MOUNTAIN, VT

Sunday, Feb.5, 2023 *Host:* Central CT Snow Snakes

Cost: \$90/pp; includes bus and lift ticket (Must have 40 paid participants by Jan. 5 to run this trip. Trip capacity is 55.)

Info: Bus leaves the I-91 exit 42 commuter lot in Windsor Locks at 6:00 AM; leaves Bromley at 4:00 PM,

Contact: Dan Walker, dlwfifty@cox.net. 860-202-5631

VAIL, COLORADO

Feb. 5-11, 2023 *Host:* Metroland Ski Club

Cost: \$1679/pp; double occ; \$2867/pp, single

Includes:

R/T air via United LaGuardia to Denver; R/T airport transfers Denver-Vail; 6 nights at Hilton Highline Resort; welcome orientation; daily breakfast at hotel; free ski shuttle throughout Vail; local taxes; current air and fuel surcharges; EPIC pass resort.

Contact: Brian MacNamara, metrolandskiclub.com.

PARK CITY, UTAH

Feb. 12-19, 2023 *Host:* AE Ski Club

Cost: \$1810.

Includes:

Round-trip air Hartford to Salt Lake City; day trip to Snowbasin; 7 nights deluxe accommodations at Peaks Hotel; heated indoor/outdoor pool/hot tub; daily full breakfast; pre-trip gathering; welcome party.

Lift passes NOT INCLUDED – Epic day passes start at \$354.

Contact:

Mark Chester, 860-342-4271, chesterm@aetna.com.

John Baker, 860-558-1113.

FERNIE & LAKE LOUISE/BANFF, CANADA

Feb. 4-11, 2023

Host: Pinnacle Ski Club

Cost: \$2489/pp, double occ. Discount for: IKON passholders, & persons 65+, & persons skiing only 2 of 3 days at Banff.

Includes:

R/T nonstop Newark to Calgary; ground transport; taxes; 3 nights at Fernie Slopeside Lodge; 4 nights at Banff Aspen Lodge; 3-day lift ticket at Fernie; 3-day interchangeable lift ticket to Norquay/Sunshine/Lake Louise; 2 group dinners; daily breakfast; parking & bus transport to Newark.

Contact: Drew Berescik, 203-572-2401;

drewster333@aol.com. Steve Hassel, 203-252-9423, stevehassel66@gmail.com.

SUNDAY RIVER, MAINE

Feb. 9-12, 2023

Host: Danbury Ski Club

Cost:

3-nights lodging (Thurs., Fri. & Sat.): \$210-\$700

depending on room type and number of persons.

2-nights lodging (Fri. & Sat.): \$160-\$540 depending on room type and number of persons.

Lodging is at Jordan Hotel. Ski in-ski out; heated pool & hot tub; on-site restaurants and bars; spa services; all rooms have full/mini kitchen (except Standard).

\$200 deposit due at registration; balance due Nov. 1.

Contact: Jim at 203-300-3172;

<http://DanburySki.com/SundayRiver2023>.

ZERMATT, SWITZERLAND

Feb. 17-26, 2023 (President's Week)

Host: Danbury Ski Club

Cost:

\$3098./pp double; \$3545./single;

Land only deduct \$650. Family pricing & more pricing info at DanburySki.com/Zermatt2023Register

Includes:

Round-trip non-stop JFK to Geneva; transfers, taxes, surcharges, portage & tips; 7 nights at Hotel Ambassador adjacent to lifts & train; indoor pool; welcome wine & cheese party; full European breakfast daily; nightly dinner; final night in Geneva.

No additional charge for IKON pass holders. 6-day lift ticket \$475.+/-.

Suites available for families with children.

Contact:

dsc.zermatt.2023@gmail.com.

You Can Go to These Places Too!

MAGIC MOUNTAIN, VT

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023 *Host:* Central CT Snow Snakes

Cost:

\$84 per person, including bus and lift ticket. For INDY pass holders: bus only \$45. (Must have 40 paid participants by Jan. 26 to run trip. Trip capacity: 55.)

Info:

Bus leaves the I-91 commuter lot at exit 42 in Windsor Locks at 6:00 AM; leaves Magic at 4:00 PM.

Contact: Dan Walker, dlwfifty@cox.net. 860-202-5631.

INDIAN HEAD, NH

Feb. 26 – March 3, 2023 *Host:* NAVA Ski Club

Cost:

Lodging only: \$593.50 pp/double occ; \$543.50 pp/triple; \$493.50 pp/quadruple; \$1023.50 single.

Lift Tickets add: 5-day adult - \$340; 4-day adult - \$225; 65+ - 5-days - \$275; 4-days - \$225; 80+ free. Teens (13-17) - \$445; kids (6-12) - \$345; kids (4-5) - \$125; under 4 – free. (Note: each room must include at least one adult.)

Includes:

5-day midweek pass valid at Loon, Bretton Woods, Waterville Valley; wine & cheese party one hour before dinner.

Info: Application and non-refundable deposit by Nov. 9.

Contact:

Enid Batista-Gendron; enidgary@yahoo.com or 203-723-1071

VAL GARDENA, ITALY

March 3-12, 2023 *Host:* Metroland Ski Club

Cost: \$2247. pp/double occ.

Includes: Non-stop air from JFK to Munich, return from Venice; transportation; 7 nights at Santa Cristina Val Gardena; breakfast & dinner daily; one night at Venice Mestre with time to explore Venice.

Contact: Brian MacNamara, Metrolandskiclub.com.

RED MOUNTAIN RESORT, BC, CANADA

March 4-11, 2023 *Host:* Winterset Ski Club

Cost:

\$2300. double occ. 3-bedroom condo

IKON passholders deduct \$381.

Includes:

Round-trip air Newark to Spokane; ground transfers; 5-day lift ticket; 7 nights at 5-star Slalom Creek Condos (each w/ private hot tub); ski in/ski out; welcome breakfast Sunday; mid-week event; farewell dinner.

Info:

5-peaks; 300" average snowfall; tree skiing; \$10 inbound CAT skiing; \$89 for 6th-day pass.

Must be Winterset member to participate.

Contact:

Peter Gorczynski, pgorczynski@snet.net.

And These !!

ZERMATT, SWITZERLAND (With Zurich)

March 11 – 20, 2023 *Host:* Metroland Ski Club

Cost: \$2399. PP/double occ

Includes:

R/T non-stop air Newark and Zurich via Swiss; bus transfers between Zurich and Tasch; train between Tasch and Zermatt; luggage transfer Tasch/Zermatt for 2 bags PP (you carry the rest); 7 nights in Innsbruck at 3-star Hotel Gornergrat Dorf in double superior rooms; welcome drink; full breakfast buffet daily; dinner on 4 nights; 1 night at 4-star Radisson Blue Zurich Airport hotel; local taxes; current air fuel surcharge of \$400 PP guaranteed; current air taxes of \$190 PP subject to change; IKON resort.

Contact:

Brian MacNamara, metrolandskiclub.com.

SUN VALLEY, IDAHO

March 14-21, 2023 *Host:* Meriden Ski Club

Cost: Range from \$2210 - \$2165. PP in Lodge apartments, based on apartment size and number of persons.

Deduct \$35 if current Meriden club member.

No air – deduct \$550; Single – add \$925; no lifts – deduct \$330; 6-day lift – add \$60 (IKON pass includes 5 days at Sun Valley.)

Includes:

R/T air Hartford to Sun Valley via United; R/T airport/hotel transfer; 7 nights at Sun Valley resort apartment condos; 5 out of 6-day lift pass; resort baggage handling; all current taxes; full access to all resort amenities; retail discounts; heated outdoor pool & café; restaurants, lounges; located in heart of resort village; access to mountain and downtown shuttles.

Contact:

Wayne Gineo, 860-463-5903; wgineo@cox.net.

SUGARLOAF, MAINE

March 19-24, 2023 *Host:* NAVA Ski Club

Cost: Prices are PER CONDO for 5 nights. Per person cost is determined by number of people in the condo.

Studio - \$1165; 1 Bedroom - \$1385; 2 Bedroom - \$1805; 3 Bedroom - \$2250; 4 Bedroom - \$2940; 5 Bedroom – \$3320.

Adult Lift Ticket - \$65/day; Jr/Sr Ticket - \$60/day.

Info:

Application and non-refundable deposit by Dec. 1, 2022.

Final payment due Feb. 20, 2023. IKON passholders pay lodging only.

Contact: Enid Batista-Gendron, 203-723-1071, or enidgary@yahoo.com.

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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.