

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I trust that most of you are enjoying snow-covered hills and mountains somewhere, whether the snow is natural from the sky above, or manmade from powerful snow guns that were the creation of Connecticut's own Walt Schoenknecht! Weekend ski warriors, day trippers, vacationers, racers, and recreational enthusiasts – our winter climate in North America provides an avenue for everyone to embrace and enjoy the beauty and freedom that Mother Nature provides for us in winter. Get out there and embrace it!

There have been and continue to be many tireless volunteer leaders that make the CT Ski Council the effective organization that it is. Monday Night Racing has taken place every year for 50 years! A Newsletter continues to be distributed for nine months every year; a Website has been in place for over twenty-five years; Kids' Day has been in place for over twenty-five years; and Council Awareness/Club Days have likewise been in place for over twenty-five years! We have processed orders of Lift Ticket Vouchers to VT ski areas for over twenty-five years, and although corporate takeovers have altered the quantity of our orders, we continue to process them. We have held a CSC-sponsored ski trip. The SnowBall had been in place every year for well over forty-five years until the COVID19 pandemic hit. Each of these events is an outcome of one or two individuals stepping up to volunteer and donate their time to manage an event or function that would benefit our members as well as establish camaraderie and fun!

We need to be grateful to the leaders who founded and developed the pathways to our events and initiatives. While "some" leaders have changed...there are still some founders who remain active among us. It is in our best interest to learn from those current and former members who have established our activities, events, and traditions while they are in our midst. *In short, the CSC needs **YOU** to step up to the plate to volunteer and assist with our events and initiatives.* We need you to step up and ask any event chair or founder how you can assist and/or learn about their event. The CT Ski Council, while comprised of over twenty individual ski clubs, will only grow and thrive under the volunteer (donated) time and efforts of those who continue to step up and serve. Please ask me or any of our event chairs how you can help out. Think about it...where would we be if no one had learned from Walt Schoenknecht?

Kindly,
Marsha Baretta

NEXT

COUNCIL MEETING:

Feb. 14, 2023

7:30 PM

**Back Nine at Stanley
Golf Course**

Following meeting:

MARCH 14, 2023

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the March newsletter is February 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 next meeting.

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

KIDS' DAY 2023

February 4 at Mount Southington.

Skiing opens at 2:00 PM.

Lessons from 4:30-6:30 PM.

See full details elsewhere in this newsletter or on the CSC website.

More info contact Robert Kot at newbritainfalconsclub@yahoo.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.

The Picnic 2023 team will include the following clubs: Cronin**, Double Diamond, Electric Boat, Metroland**, Montachusett, NAVA, Pinnacle, and UConn. If your club is not marked ** above, please email me with the contact information of your club's representative for this event. **We will have a meeting Tuesday, April 11, at 6:30 at the Back Nine**, and may have a Zoom meeting earlier this season. Thanks!

Dave Zuraw
CSC Ambassador
dscwebmaster@yahoo.com

OnSnow Winter Carnival

We will not have a Winter Carnival for the 2023 season. However, Burke and Sugarbush have indicated possible interest for 2024, or perhaps a multi-year plan. Note: Burke is only 12 minutes more or less further than Sugarbush, and is a straight ride up I-91. If anyone has contacts with other mountains showing interest, please let me know!

Thanks!
Dave Zuraw
CSC Ambassador 2023
dscwebmaster@yahoo.com.

OUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT

Congratulations to Robert Kot of the New Britain Falcons Ski Club in his newly-elected position of Vice President of the CT Ski Council. We thank you for stepping up and filling this vital role in the Council's activities.

SKI COUNCIL APPRECIATION/AWARENESS DAYS 2022-2023 at Killington and Pico

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.

Killington Resort	Dates	Daily Rate
Mon-Fri	Mar 6-10	\$94
Mon-Fri	Apr 4-8	\$94

Pico Mountain	Dates	Daily Rate
Mon, Thurs, Fri	Mar 6, 9, 10	\$44

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

To purchase, go to: killington.com/skicouncil.

Bulk Ticket Update

Winter has been slow in coming (or staying) but Killington and Pico have been blowing snow. I hope you are using your bulk tickets to these resorts. Also, Awareness Days have been added to several new mountains, so check out the Council's website at skiclub.com for updates. Thanks to Marsha and Cheryl for expanding this benefit for CSC members. Enjoy!
Nancy Nolan

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.

MONDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES

Hello, Monday Night racers!

Winter seems to be eluding us, but Southington is sneaking in snowmaking when it is cold. **We have had 3 Monday** nights as of this writing. Our first outing, on Jan 2, 2023, was cool and soft bitable snow – but it held up well with 108 racers making it down the course. Our second night, Jan 9, the snow was very hard and 120 racers made it down the courses. On the 3rd night it was warmer, the snow was soft and got very rutty – 130 racers mostly made it down the hill. However, we had 14 DNFs – that is 10% of the field – but no bad injuries that I am aware of. 108, 120 and 130 all exceed racing numbers of last season. Clubs are doing a great job of getting members out for the 50th Monday Night racing year. We have swag that is handed out by bib number by Ron K and Lynn – lots of good feedback on that. And this past week pizza is finally available to the clubs that call in advance – beer is \$4, 5 beers for \$15. It is all about the food with the CSC!

The race transfer info is going better – I again ask to get all your racers to put 3 items into the **AdminSkiRacing** database – NASTAR #, perm #, and after your first race, your bib # (you get your bib at your first race.)

I am still missing the detailed identity of bib #60, John Ruggiero. His times will NOT be posted until I get the required data for the CSC database from him: Skier or boarder, Name (first and last), Address, Birthdate, male or female, Ski club, Email address, Phone number, NASTAR #. This info must be entered into the CSC racing database, and you must be assigned a CSC perm #. This will be unique to you and will follow all of your racing history. NOTE: the info on AdminSkiRacing does NOT carry over to the CSC database but it does set up the race for each Monday night. Requests for the CSC perm # should be directed to skicouncil@gmail.com.

We have added a new men's class by splitting Men L into 65-66, and new Men M 67-68. Other classes above these classes will change in letter designation alphabetically. The original Men L had too many racers in it. This will be effective from the beginning of the year. With this class change the results are now: First – New Haven at 2039; second – Newington at 1620; and third – Mt. Laurel at 1243. Then: Danbury with 666; Hamden at 523; AE with 462; NAVA has 130; New Britain Falcons at 128; Metroland with 83. Great jobs!

If you don't already know – all the **local CT state races and the CT Senior Winter Games** have been cancelled for this year. Dave Zuraw says there will not be an OnSnow Carnival this year. We can only hope that next year will allow these events to return to our race schedule.

Think snow, or at least think cold – Southington can make it if it is cold!

Rob Dexter
skicouncil@gmail.com
CSC Racing Chairperson

New Awareness Days

We have secured additional days for this season. Please be prepared to show your current ID card at the window along with a photo ID if asked for one.

JIMINY PEAK

Dates: Jan 25; Feb 9; Mar 1; Mar 7 and Mar 13.

Cost: \$69/day; \$39/twilight

Purchase tickets at the Crane Lodge ticket window.

BURKE

Dates: Jan 29; Feb 3 and 4; Mar 3, 4 and 5.

Cost: Of the dates listed, weekdays will be \$40 each or \$70 for a two-day ticket; weekends are \$60. Please purchase tickets at the Sherburne base lodge ticket window. If you wish to stay at the Burke Mountain hotel and conference center, reserve your room ahead and use promo code SKICLUB, or call reservations at 866-966-4820.

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

Must be booked and paid under one reservation.

Mark Robitaille

2022-2023 Ski Council Appreciation Days at Berkshire East Mountain Resort and Catamount Mountain Resort

Take advantage of these great lift prices so close to home!

BERKSHIRE EAST APPRECIATION DAYS AND PRICING:

Tues., Jan. 24 - \$39; Wed., Feb. 8 - \$39; Sun., Feb. 12 - \$55;

Tues., Mar. 8 - \$39; Sun., Mar. 19 - \$55.

Night skiing tickets are \$26, available every Thursday from 3:00 – 8:00 PM, starting Jan. 1 to closing (weather dependent.)

CATAMOUNT APPRECIATION DAYS AND PRICING:

Tues., Jan. 24 - \$39; Wed., Feb. 8 - \$39; Sun, Feb. 12 - \$55;

Tues., Mar. 8 - \$39; Sun., Mar. 12 - \$55

Night skiing tickets are \$26, available every Thursday from 3:00 – 8:00 PM, starting Jan. 1 to closing (weather dependent.)

At either resort, to claim your discounted lift ticket, you must present the following at any ticket window: a valid ski club ID card that reflects current/paid membership for 2022-2023 season; and a matching photo ID.

Terms of the program:

All purchases are final and non –transferable. No refunds, credits, or substitutions of any kind. Cannot be combined with any other offer. One ticket per club member, per day. No advance reservation required. Automated kiosk pick-up is not available for Appreciation Day tickets – you must visit a ticket window. All guests will be required to have a Catamount or Berkshire East RFID Card. If a guest does not already have a card, one needs to be purchased at time of redemption for \$5.00. This reloadable card is a one-time purchase per individual and valid at both Catamount and Berkshire East Mountain Resort. Cards can be reused and reloaded over multiple seasons.

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.

<i>Merchant</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Discount</i>
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!

KIDS' LEARN TO SKI DAY

WHEN – Saturday, February 4, 2023
WHERE – Mount Southington Ski Resort
SEE – Registration forms on the CSC website
FOR WHOM –

- ✓ Kids from 6 (turn 6 before 1/1/2023) through high school senior (graduate in 2023)
- ✓ Kids sponsored by identified Council Club in good standing
- ✓ \$20 registration fee per child to be sent in with registration form

WHAT'S INCLUDED –

- ✓ Kids' Day lift ticket, good from 2:00 PM until closing!
- ✓ Registration sign-in from 2:00-4:00 PM. Free lesson from 4:30-6:30 PM.
- ✓ Adult lift tickets available for \$10. Discount for 8 Flex Ticket with CSC sticker. Must be reserved ahead of time on line.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED –

- ✓ Kids' equipment rentals (skis, boots, and poles) – available for \$40.00
- ✓ Food – available for purchase at the mountain.

FILL OUT – The registration form. Child's skill level MUST be filled out and e-mailed to me. The registration fee must be sent to my address below. Make check payable to: Robert Kot.

SEND TO – Robert Kot, 126 Hidden Valley Dr., Meriden, CT 06451. robertfk@hotmail.com. 860-810-4238

DEADLINE – **Registration and payment must be received by Friday, January 27, 2023. (NEW DATE)**

KIDS' DAY RULES

As with so much else, response to the pandemic has required all of us to alter our normal activities. Mt. Southington and the CSC Kids' Day team ask that all participants review and follow these guidelines for the event:

- ✓ Registration to be made via e-mail to my address above.
- ✓ **The \$20 registration fee must be sent to my address to arrive by the cutoff date of January 27, 2023. Checks made payable to Robert Kot.**
- ✓ Earliest age for participants is age 6 (turn 6 by January 1, 2023). Upper age limit is 18.
- ✓ Adult lift tickets MUST be purchased from Mount Southington in advance of the event. Let the mountain know that you are with the CSC, and have your sticker number ready to get a \$10. discount off the regular 8-hour lift ticket price.
- ✓ Mount Southington asks that boot bags and other gear not be left in the base lodge.
- ✓ If you are renting equipment, the event pricing for kids is \$40. Helmets are extra. Please leave plenty of time to rent and put on rental equipment.
- ✓ Due to budget constraints, food will not be provided by the Council. It will be available at the mountain.
- ✓ In the event of cancellation, all registration money will be returned.

As we all know, conditions with the pandemic change – there will be weekly updates containing any changes in the Kids' Day section of the Council's website – please monitor this.

Robert Kot
Kids' Day Chairperson

Oh, the Places You Can Go!

Trips sponsored by CSC member-clubs this season.

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.

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.

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>.

MAGIC MOUNTAIN, VT

Feb. 11, 2023 *Host:* New Haven Ski Club

Cost: \$105 includes lift ticket and transportation; \$33 for bus only (Indy Pass); add \$20 for non-New Haven Ski club members.

Departure : 6:00 AM in North Haven. I-91 exit 10 connector.

Exit 1; left onto Devine St. Rt. 40. Park and Ride lot.

Cromwell location: I-91 exit 21. Right onto CT 372. Right onto Sebethe Dr Park & Ride.

Contact: Frank Fiorillo, 203-589-5844, fiorillo@comcast.net.

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.

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.

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/quad; \$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

You Can Go to These Places Too!

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.

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

Day trip to KILLINGTON.

Sunday, March 19, 2023. *Host:* New Haven Ski Club.

Cost: \$135. (includes lift ticket and transportation.) Lift ticket price may drop. \$33 for *bus only*. (*IKON pass*). Add \$20 for non-New Haven club members.

Departure: 5:30 AM North Haven and Cromwell. North Haven: I-91 exit 10 connector. Exit 1; left onto Devine St RT. 40 to Devine Park & Ride. Cromwell location: I-91 to exit 21. Right onto Rt 372; right onto Seethe Dr. Park & Ride.

Contact: Frank Fiorillo, 203-589-5844, fjfiorillo@comcast.net.

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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.