

# CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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## GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

The winter season is in full swing in New England, however I think someone forgot to tell the Snowmakers in the Sky that it's winter in Eastern USA as well as Western USA! Despite the lack of snow in New England (and especially Connecticut), the snowmakers have been covering our hills and mountains, which has enabled all of our Alpine snow bunnies to enjoy the season! Kudos to those mountain groomers and the snow guns for giving us some "white stuff" to ski on!

The CSC has had a busy winter as we return from the days of the pandemic. Monday night racing continues with a very enthusiastic group of racers that has returned to socializing after their competition. It's great to see enthusiasm and camaraderie restored! Thank you to Rob Dexter and Ron Kaprazewski for your tireless work in making the Race League a very strong function for our Council.

The CSC Kids' Day was held again this year on the coldest Saturday of the year!!! Sixty-one children were registered and despite the bitter cold almost all of them showed up to their ski or snowboard lesson. Robert Kot did a great job in registering all of the children and many thanks to Mount Southington for providing us with enough instructors to deliver quality instruction to our participants. In addition to this project, Robert has also stepped up to take on the leadership position of Vice President of the CSC. Thank you, Robert!

CSC Awareness Days were acquired at several of our Vermont mountains; however, we are still seeking a person to take on the organization responsibilities for 2023/2024. This year, the days came into fruition only through the cooperative efforts of Nancy Nolan, Jonathan Houck, Cheryl Parmalee, and me. We urgently seek someone to oversee this function for next year.

I am looking for people to work with me this summer to review our By-Laws and make some revisions. While most of our projects have been restored, we need our By-Laws to encompass some of the changes within the projects, and include new projects.

Other events are on the horizon: Spring/Summer Picnic, SnowBall, auction fundraiser, and maybe some racing in Vermont once again! To those of you who hold vouchers to the mountains this season...please use them! There are no guarantees on the return policy for any of the mountains this year. Thank you to those who serve in leadership positions within our Council, and as has been stated previously, anyone who is interested in stepping up to a position or helping out, please speak to the committee chair or me and we'll get you activated. Thank you, and continue to enjoy winter 2023.

Kindly,  
Marsha Baretta

**NEXT  
COUNCIL MEETING:**  
**March 14, 2023**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Back Nine at Stanley  
Golf Course**

**Following meeting:**  
**APRIL 11, 2023**

### Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the April newsletter is March 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.

The Picnic 2023 team will include the following clubs: Cronin (Kevin Cronin), Double Diamond (?), Electric Boat (?), Metroland (Brian McNamara), Montachusett (?), NAVA (?), Pinnacle (?), and UConn (?). If there is a (?) next to your club, please let me know who will be joining our team. ***We will have a meeting Tuesday, March 14, at 6:30 at the Back Nine.***

Thanks!  
Dave Zuraw  
CSC Ambassador  
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[dscwebmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:dscwebmaster@yahoo.com)

## 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](http://Skiclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/BURKE_2022-23SkiGroupSales.pdf)  
Must be booked and paid under one reservation.

Mark Robitaille

## Bulk Ticket Update

Not too many weeks left to use your bulk tickets, but March is expected to be a snowy month – your chance to get out and enjoy.

Returns will be due by the April CSC meeting in order to meet the May deadline to return them for credit.

Have a great run!

Nancy Nolan

## 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.

<u>Killington Resort</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
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	Mar 6, 9, 10	\$44

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

To purchase, go to: [killington.com/skicouncil](http://killington.com/skicouncil).

## 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: Mar 1; Mar 7 and Mar 13.

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

Purchase tickets at the Crane Lodge ticket window.

### BURKE

Dates: 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.

## MONDAY NIGHT RACE SERIES

Hello racers!

As of this printing, the last Monday night race is February 20 – that will make a full 8-week series of races for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary season of Monday Night Racing.

At week #7, New Haven is in first with an insurmountable lead at 4759 points; Newington is 2<sup>nd</sup> with 3724; Mt. Laurel is third with 2936; fourth, Danbury Ski Club with 1490; and 5<sup>th</sup>, Hamden Ski Club with 1298. New Haven has dominated the Monday night series, jumping out with an early lead and staying in front all the way!

The last Monday night will hopefully see all of the bibs collected. If they are not turned in that night, your club will be responsible to replace it.

It has been a very warm season, but Mount Southington has done an extraordinary job of keeping the snow on the hill. Southington was able to make snow the Friday before our last race so that we could go out with a bang. There are still some good snow conditions out there; I hope you find some in northern locations.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary awards for Monday night will be handed out at a party at the mountain on Monday, March 6, two weeks after the last race. All are invited to celebrate the end of the Monday night racing season; please plan to be there. Ron Kapraszewski and Lynn Swanson have been organizing and handing out swag during the race season. Also, the CSC and Ron & Lynn have purchased T-shirts with the CSC logo and 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration for anyone who has raced for four or more times. The shirts will be handed out for free.

Last year the Monday night series averaged 97 racers for the 8-week program. This year we increased participation (only counting 7 weeks to date) to an average of 117 racers, an increase of 18% - great progress!

We can only hope that next year will allow all the CSC events - the State races, the Winter Carnival (OnSnow) and the CT Senior Winter Games to return to our racing calendar.

Think snow, or at least think cold!

Rob Dexter  
[skicouncil@gmail.com](mailto:skicouncil@gmail.com)  
CSC Racing Chairperson

## KIDS' DAY 2023

The 2023 Kids' Day came off pretty well despite that Saturday being the coldest day of the season, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mount Southington restricted attendance for the event to the same number as last year - 80 children was the limit. The deadline for registration was January 20, which later was extended to January 27. 63 children signed up for the lessons and lift tickets. Two children cancelled before the event due to illness. Out of 61 children there were eleven no-shows. I suspect that the cold weather was the main reason. I really appreciate the many offers of help on the day of the event, but with limits on attendance and no party after, there was no need for volunteers at this year's Kids' Day.

I had to work double shift for the Intro to Racing Program, so I want to thank Jonathan Houck and Krzysztof Lompart for the help given in the distribution of the lift tickets. Mountain Room provided us a dedicated table in a warm environment. New Britain Falcons Ski Club provided hot coffee and donuts.

Mount Southington did their usual great job in providing discounted lift tickets for both our kids and accompanying adults, as well as quality instructors for our kids. A warm thank you to Andrea and Posi and the entire staff at the mountain!

In summary, we had 61 children participating, with 15 clubs represented. We were able to provide all of our registrants a quality skiing experience with staying at about 75% of budget allotted for the event. The following clubs signed up: Electric Boat Ski & Snowboard Club, AE Ski Club, Norwich Ski Club, CT Soul Ski Club, Ski Bears, Danbury Ski Club, Winterset Ski, New Haven Ski Club, Mt Laurel Skiers, and New Britain Falcons Ski & Golf Club.

Robert Kot  
CSC Vice President  
Kids' Day Coordinator

## 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., 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., 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!

## **Oh, the Places You Can Still Go!**

Trips sponsored by CSC member-clubs this season.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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, [ffiorillo@comcast.net](mailto:ffiorillo@comcast.net).

## **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. I also just learned that Sugarbush is no longer interested in this event, and Killington/Pico has also declined.

**Note:** Burke is only +/- 12 minutes further than Sugarbush, and is an easy drive straight up I-91. 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!

Dave Zuraw

CSC Ambassador 2023

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The National Brotherhood of Skiing's Golden Anniversary celebration took place this February at Vail, CO. Of the 58 regional clubs in the organization, two of Connecticut Ski Council's member-clubs were in attendance: Double Diamond and CT Soul. They participated in the name of "Back East Skiing."

### **TOKO WAX SPONSORSHIP**

The CT Ski Council is proud to welcome sponsorship from Toko Wax on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> 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:

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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.