

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Constituents of the Council,

Welcome to the other side.

Of what, you may ask? Well, for one, of another CSC 2-year election cycle, in which we've retained our president and picked up a brand-spanking-new treasurer. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Amanda Aven of Electric Boat for her service to us over the last two years as treasurer and to recognize Thad Stewart of CT Soul for stepping up to take Amanda's place – thank you both sincerely.

We are also on the other side of a decidedly un-eventful season, of course. Much of our membership has enjoyed a winter full of quality skiing and riding, and I want to recognize our partners at Mt. Southington for their success over the 2021-2022 months in particular. However, defining events for the CSC, the SnowBall and the OnSnow Winter Carnival, have had to be deferred yet again because of COVID concerns as new variants have crested and fallen.

And yet...As the singing of birds and warm(er) weather once again herald the coming of Spring, I'm filled with the hope that we're on the other side of COVID as well. This is, perhaps, an old refrain that's wearing the elbows of my newsletter addresses, but even the airlines are no longer required to enforce sweeping mask mandates, and I will take that as a positive sign.

More than anything, I want to say that I'm proud of the Council. What challenges – between COVID, uncertain weather conditions, the advent of collective passes – of this magnitude have tested us before and all at once? The headwinds all combined to create one hell of a storm and yet here we are, our ship unbroken, and we are still strong

in our purpose to enjoy skiing and riding and to celebrate winter. I truly believe that the worst is in our wake and that the growth that comes after adversity is just before us. I am excited to enjoy the convalescence of summer, I hope you all will be healthy and well for it, and that we can begin in earnest to take the Council forward into a (mostly) post-COVID world in September.

So, once again, welcome to the other side, and we'll see you all soon.

Your brother in Winter,
Ben

**NEXT
COUNCIL MEETING:
MAY 10, 2022
7:30 PM**

**Following meeting:
SEPTEMBER 13**

Have a great summer!

Election Results

At the April business meeting, elections were held to choose our President and Treasurer for the next two years.

BEN TOMCZAK of HS Ski Club was unanimously re-elected to serve as our Council President. Ben has selflessly served our Council in this trying time of the pandemic and has a keen interest in helping us to not only recover from the recent trying times, but in making the Council and what we offer to our member clubs a committed force in the local ski industry.

AMANDA AVEN of EB Ski Club has stepped down as Treasurer to spend more time with her young family, but her place has been taken by **THAD STEWART** of one of our newest clubs, CT Soul and Snowboard. Thad will be a terrific addition to our management team and will serve us well in maintaining the financial health that we need to prosper and grow.

Please let Ben and Thad know how much they are appreciated when you see them and to thank Amanda for her service to the Council for the past two years.

Also, please take time to thank the election committee of Paul D'Attilio of CAST Ski Club, Kevin Cronin of Cronin Ski Club, and Joe Mahowski of Newington Ski Club for arranging the slate of candidates and conducting the election.

Greetings from the Vice President

Hello, CT Ski Council and welcome to Spring in New England! I trust that by now you've waxed your skis and stored them for summer. It's time to get on those bikes, start swinging those golf clubs, and paddling the kayaks, along with hiking. Our region has so much to offer outdoors every season of the year...we are so lucky!

Now...on to Spring and events that the CSC has in store for you. Please join us at Falcon Field in New Britain on Saturday, June 25, 2022 for our very first all-Council Spring/Summer picnic! It promises to be a fabulous event for all ages! Mike Brown successfully distributed ticket packages to the ski club reps who were present at the April CSC meeting, so if you didn't acquire yours, please contact him. The event has so much in store for all ages – volleyball, corn hole, dancing to "Eight to the Bar", food trucks, door prizes (NO raffle), and free parking. The event will take place rain or shine as the venue has a large cement floor with a canopy that is large enough to contain banquet tables with much room for dancing!! It's from 3:30-10:30 PM during one of the longest sunlit days of the year, so please take time to join us for a portion or all of the day!

Next on the agenda is the initial planning committee meeting for (hopefully) SnowBall 2022, which we expect to resurrect in November this year. A planning meeting will be held on Tues., June 14 at 7:00 in the Terrace Room of the Back Nine Tavern. Ski clubs that need to have a representative present are: Goodmen, UCONN, Meriden, Montachusett, New Haven, Metroland, Cronin, Hopmeadow, Hartford, Double Diamonds, Pinnacle, Electric Boat, CE, NAVA, and Fairfield County Flakes. Those clubs need to designate a representative to serve on the committee and please share the contact info with Dave Zuraw (CSC Ambassador) and me asap. The SnowBall is scheduled for Sat., Nov. 12, 2022 at the Hartford/Windsor Marriott.

That's it for now. The CSC has a lot to do this Spring so please stay in touch. This is the last newsletter until September but please stay connected as Mike, Dave and I have much to keep us busy and to share with you over the summer months. Our email addresses are always on the last page of every newsletter so please reach out to any of us with concerns. See all of you at our regular CSC May meeting and again at our picnic!

Marsha Baretta

OnSnow Winter Carnival 2023

Several OnSnow Winter Carnival planners will have a Zoom meeting on the third Tuesday in May (May 17) at 7:15 PM. Ben will send an invite to this committee. If you would like to be part of the committee, let me know.

I have made some progress with several mountains in Southern Vermont. There has been more interest than we have had in the last few years. We may have to consider moving most of the adult racing to Friday (keeping JRA and JRB on Saturday), limiting the number of racer starts, limiting the dinner, limiting the lodging, eliminating other events, flexibility on the date, etc. We also need to discuss backup plans if a weekend event doesn't work out.

Thanks.

Dave Zuraw
Chairperson

From the Former Ambassador (and now Picnic Czar?)

Plans are coming along for the Spring picnic on June 25 at Falcon Field, New Britain. We have Ted's Famous Steamed Cheeseburgers, Wayne's Wings and Things, and Ben And Jerry's ice cream providing the food. There are games for the family, a volleyball tournament, corn hole and more. Gates open at 3:30, food trucks start serving at 4:30 and "Eight to the Bar" takes the stage at 6:30 for your musical and dancing entertainment.

Advance tickets are \$15 and include a \$5 voucher that can be used at any of the food vendors. Tickets will be \$20 (with the same \$5 voucher) at the door, cash only. If your club has not gotten its tickets yet, please contact me ASAP. You can email me at 2020cscamb@gmail.com or call or text 860-803-5927. We would like as many advance sales as possible turned in at the May meeting so we can get a sense of headcount. We might look for a third food truck option if we have enough people attending. We do have an option to turn in pre-sold tickets at the June 14 SnowBall planning meeting, but note this is NOT a regular CSC meeting. It is the absolute last chance to turn in ticket sales at the \$15 price. Everything after that will be \$20.

Thank you.

Mike Brown
2020 (and 2021) CSC Ambassador

USED Items for Sale

15 skis and snowboards; 20 clothing items; a few boot 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. Some items are for kids, some old race skis, one pair of fat skis.

No reasonable offer refused.

Dave Zuraw

dscwebmaster@yahoo.com.

SnowBall 2022

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Ambassador for the 2022 SnowBall, Nov. 12, 2022 at Hartford/Windsor Marriott. The band, Rumrunners, has been reserved.

I'd like to start some preliminary planning/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, Fairfield Flakes, Goodmen, Hartford, Hopmeadow, Meriden, Metroland, Montachusett, NAVA, New Haven, Pinnacle, and UConn.

Thanks.
Dave Zuraw
CSC Ambassador

BE SURE TO SEND IN YOUR CLUB REGISTRATION FORMS FOR 2022/2023

We meet again on May 10 for the final time in the current ski season. This is the perfect time to get your club registration forms and information to Nancy Nolan.

Nancy does yeoman's work in letting everyone know what is happening in the Council but needs your help!

The registration forms, and contact information on your club's officers, board members and CSC reps are the basis of the group CSC emails that we all get throughout the year.

In addition, giving information on the number of individuals in your club forms the basis for the order for the CSC stickers that has to be made in the summer.

Please get this information to Nancy (one less thing to do) as soon as possible – and have a GREAT summer!

Jonathan Houck, CSC Secretary

Summer Fun!

Whitewater Rafting

Class IV rapids on the Deerfield River in Charlemont, MA

Sunday, July 10, 2022

11:00 AM to 4:30 PM. (Ride is 3.5 hours)

Host: Meriden Ski and Snowboard Club

Cost: \$135. per person. Includes rafts with guides, personal floating devices, helmets, and a barbeque.

Wet suit rentals available. Minimum age is 14.

Address: 7 Main Street, Charlemont

Providers: Zoar Outdoor Adventure

Contact: david.guzzo@sbcglobl.net.

BULK TICKET RETURNS

Northern Tier

Thanks to all the clubs participating in the discount voucher program. If your club has Northern tier returns (Jay Peak, Burke Mountain, Loon Mountain or Waterville Valley), please fill out and submit the online form which has previously been shared with each club's discount voucher liaison and club presidents. Make sure to coordinate with your club's discount voucher liaison, as only one submission per club will be accepted. The unused vouchers must be mailed to Mark Robitaille at the address included on the form by Tuesday, May 10, 2022 or can be handed in at the May CSC meeting.

NOTE: Returns are subject to the respective resort policy and are not guaranteed. Credit amounts will be shared in August/September 2022.

If there are any questions, or if your club did not receive the link, please contact me. Thanks.

Mark Robitaille
CSC Northern Tier Voucher Director
marklrobitaille@gmail.com
860-713-3644 (m)

Southern Tier

The Southern tier bulk ticket return form has been sent to club bulk ticket coordinators. Please complete the form and email to me prior to the May 10 CSC meeting. Killington/Pico requires the return counts no later than May 10, no exceptions. Please return all unused vouchers to me at the May 10 Council meeting. If you have any questions contact me at nancynolan@snet.net.

Have a great summer!
Nancy Nolan
Southern Tier Coordinator

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the September newsletter is August 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

And Next Fall!

Don't miss the newly formatted SNOWBOUND EXPO "The Home of Winter and Outdoor Sports", headlined by the one and only Bode Miller. November 18-20, 2022 at the Hynes Convention Center, Boston. Features include an indoor dry slope, Rider's Lounge, Shred Stage, Skate Mini Ramp, and Alpine Apres Bar with live music. All your favorite brands will be there with their new merchandise.

Check it out at snowboundexpo.com.

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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.