

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Constituents of the Council,

Happy October to one and all, I hope you're all well and getting excited for the approach of cold and (hopefully) snowy weather.

As a practical matter, I just want to comment on our recent crisis with respect to our meeting venue. For the time being, our Board has decided to continue meeting at the Back Nine Tavern at the cost of \$250/night. As disappointing as this shift in the venue's policy is, their fee has proven to be more accommodating than others, and the Back Nine has treated us well over the last few years. We're grateful to have their space.

Still, I view this as a temporary solution to a longer term problem. I'm hopeful that we can find a location in which to meet that will suit our needs without being charged. After all, it's a difficult time for the Council to be incurring new expenses. Please keep your ear to the ground and let us know if you can think of a place in central CT that might be a good fit.

Your brother in Winter,
Ben

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. 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
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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

Nov. 8, 2022
7:30 PM
Back Nine at Stanley
Golf Course

Following meeting:
DECEMBER 13
Location TBA.

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the December newsletter is November 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 November meeting on the 8th 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

My thanks to the clubs who sent in their orders and payments by the deadline. Once I have received all orders and payments, I will forward them to Killington. Hopefully, I will have the bulk tickets in time to distribute them at the November 8th Council meeting.

Time to tune up your skis and boards and get excited about the ski season!

Nancy Nolan
Southern Tier Coordinator

NORWICH SKI CLUB'S ANNUAL SKI SWAP

Saturday, November 12; 10 AM to 2 PM
St. David Episcopal Church, Rte 12 and Rte 214
Gales Ferry, CT

New and used equipment at discount prices. Drop off equipment for tune-ups. Day trip raffles. Sign up for trips. Sell your used equipment at no fee (shop-maintainable only & bring in between 9:30 & 11:00. Limit of 6 per family.) Club info available. Free refreshments.

Membership@norwichskiclub.com.

Membership and Officer Forms

I have received 2023 membership forms from many clubs, but some are still missing. We need these to keep the database current so that Council announcements reach the correct persons, and so that the correct number of membership stickers is distributed to each club. If you do not have the form, email me at nancynolan@snet.net and I will email it to your club.

“Anywhere From Here” Ski Film

Presented by Danbury Ski Club at Danbury Palace Theatre on Main Street, on Sat., Nov. 26. Doors open at 7 PM, film at 8 PM.

Tickets on sale now for \$20 – general admission only. Many door prizes including: skis, ski and snowboard bags, heated ski boot bags. Raffle for an IKON pass!

RSVP on Facebook at <https://fb.me/e/1NvcAnhsQ>.

SNOWBOUND EXPO, BOSTON

The newly formatted SNOWBOUND EXPO is coming November 18-20, 2022 to the Hynes Convention Center, Boston. Times vary. Features include all the usual demos, resort reps, trip offers and live music. Also: latest gear, equipment, and products. Ski passes available.

FREE TICKETS WITH CODE: TDALTON –
<https://invtr.io/1exbc5ty3z9> Or go to snowboundexpo.com.

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, dexwebmaster@yahoo.com

Greetings from the Vice President

Greetings from your VP (discounts, auction, and so much more!)

Welcome to Autumn and the season to prep your ski/snowboard gear for the 2022-23 “snow” season. I trust that your CSC reps have shared with you the list of discounted benefits available to every member of a ski club within the CSC. All you have to do is present your current ski club member card with this year's active CSC sticker! Those discounts are available in CT ski shops and at ski areas. Please check out the list on the CSC website: skiclub.com.

In another light, we announced plans to conduct our initial Online Council Silent Auction as a fundraising initiative. This will be the event to supplement the Spring Picnic social/dance event in June 2023. Together, these two activities will replace the former SnowBall. The 12 ski clubs (CE, Cronin, Double Diamonds, Electric Boat, Hartford, Meriden, Metroland, Montachusett, NAVA, New Haven, Pinnacle, Powder Pigs, and UConn) that would have implemented the 2022 SnowBall will be broken into 2 groups of 6 clubs each. One group will assist in the solicitation of prizes for the Auction, and the other will help with the implementation of the Spring Picnic in 2023. The presidents of these 12 clubs have been contacted and, at the time of this writing, we are waiting for word from them to determine in which event they choose to participate. Time for the Auction is running short so...the sooner we have responses the sooner and more lucrative the Auction will be for everyone! The Auction will be managed completely by technology and the solicitation will be managed in the same manner. No more pounding pavement to beg ski shops/merchants for hard goods to be raffled at a one-night event! Technology can and will make our work much easier! So...if you are among those 12 clubs...kindly confer with your club president, as we need to activate the solicitation list now in order to conduct our Auction before the commencement of our 2022-23 ski season. We have a database of over 700 contacts waiting to receive communication from us. Can you be part of the success team initiating a new CSC initiative? Kindly let me hear from you!

In the meantime...please check out the Online Silent Auction that is currently underway by the National Ski Council Federation. The auction closes at 5:00 PM on November 1, 2022. Many of our New England ski resorts, along with destinations in the western USA, have items up for auction. ANYONE can access that auction via this email address: <https://www.32auctions.com/MSCAuction2022>.

While waiting for your first day on the snow, please continue to enjoy our amazing Autumn in New England. Go on a hike, take advantage of discounts in our ski shops, and by all means, get your snow gear ready for your first day!

Kindly,
Marsha Baretta

CSC Racing

Monday Night Racing is celebrating 50 years of competition. Southington will be open, and it should be very similar to last year. We will again use AdminSports for racer registration and lift tickets. NO exception: registration will be through them. However, the improvement is that their sign-up deadline will be extended to noon the day of the race. We hope the restaurant will offer food similar to what they have done in the past – we are working on it – so not sure exactly how that will pan out. Stay tuned!

The Monday night CSC race series at Mount Southington, CT schedule for 2022-2023 is: December 19, 26; January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and February 6 (8 weeks), with two make-up dates: February 13 and 20.

STEP 1: The yearly registration season waivers will be through AdminSports. The yearly waiver will be required BEFORE you register for any individual races. We will not do the pizza nights – people who registered early but did not race made it difficult for me to keep track of racers vs. non-racers, so everything will be on line.

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.**

If you have registered for a race, come down to Southington and get your bib the first time you race.

Men born in 1958 and prior, women, and all snowboarders will have bibs 1-199. Men born 1959 and later (under 64) will have bibs 200-399. **Bibs will be handed out on a first come, first served basis – and since we have the lottery for race bib order each night, there is no advantage to getting there early – except for the FIRST NIGHT – be there early.**

BIBS: We will do as we did last year and hand out CSC bibs for the year. Racers will be responsible to bring their bib each week. Each week will be the same bib sequence order, but the first racer number will vary. Racers **MUST** turn in their bibs at the end of the season (last race night) or they or their club will be billed for the missing bib.

TICKETS: 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. Tickets will be handed out by Mount Southington on this side of the gate at the ticket window, so there should be no issues entering the area with skis. To purchase a lift ticket prior to the race day, an on-line waiver will need to be electronically signed.

LODGE: The plan is to have the lodge open to racers to put on their boots – however the current plan: **NO BAGS will be allowed in the building.** The mountain will follow CT Covid guidelines, so the mandate will depend on what the mandates are at that time.

OTHER RACES: There will be no State Slalom or Giant Slalom, nor Cross Country races. Also, the CT Senior Winter Games (typically at Ski Sundown) have been cancelled for this year. The OnSnow Carnival (no location determined as yet) might be reduced to a one-or-two day event – we will update as soon as we have the proper information.

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

Rob Dexter

CSC Racing Chairperson

skicouncil@gmail.com

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, , Hartford, ,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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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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CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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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.