CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow constituents of the Council,

As with any season's beginning, there are plenty of exciting things percolating. As usual, we have the tireless efforts of our Southern and Northern tier reps to coordinate our bulk ticket program and bring us all an incredible benefit enjoyed by no other council outside of the Northeastern United States – hopefully your clubs are equally as busy filling out their order forms.

Our Snowball team is also working hard to arrange our "Awesome Winter" event this year. Our 2017 Snowball saw an inspiring roster of raffle and door prizes. Though not all clubs are required to directly assist with the planning of the Ball in a given year, we can all lend a hand in supporting the event by soliciting donations. Please encourage your club members to hit the streets and knock on a few doors!

Perhaps the event that I'm most hopeful about this year is the truly astounding Madonna di Campiglio trip that Brian McNamara has put together for us. If you haven't heard of it yet, there are more details further on in this newsletter, but take my word for it – this is a shockingly good value for a trip that promises to be a lifetime memory. It has been a couple of years since the Council has put a trip forward, but what a grand return we have here. I ask you all to do everything you can to get the information on this very special event out to all your members – we're hoping for a good turnout and more trips at the Council level in the future!

Your brother in winter, Ben

It's Snowball Raffle Time!

Please remember to bring your solicited raffle prizes to the CSC meeting on Tuesday, October 9. The "final" deadline for dropping off gifts will be the November Council meeting. However, any prize that is received after October 21 will not be printed in the Snowball program. The members of the Snowball solicitation team (NAVA Ski Club and CE Ski Club) will receive your donations and record them. Please be certain that you share with them the dollar value of your donation. Contact Bob Lewis (Hamden) or Marsha Baretta for a copy of the digital Excel data sheet to enter and list the prizes from your ski club.

If any prizes are donated (as opposed to purchased) from an outside vendor, please specify the donated value and send a black & white PDF graphic (min. 300 dot per inch) that is suitable for printing, to program chair Brian McNamara at <u>cscads20018@gmail.com</u> prior to the program deadline.

Let's get ready for an "Awesome Winter" Snowball, and help make this one of the best raffles that the Snowball has had in many years! It's up to every one of us! Thank you!

Marsha Baretta

Thanksgiving Lodge Rental

Danbury Ski Club is offering their lodge in Weston on Route 100 for the entire weekend. Sleeps 20-plus people in 6 rooms; 3-refrigerator, 2stove kitchen; cable, DVD player, wifi, fireplace, player piano. Price – negotiable \$750. Contact Dave Zuraw at dscwebmaster@yahoo.com, or lodge@danburyski.com.

COUNCIL MEETING:

Oct. 9, 2018 Time: 7:30 pm LOCATION:

The Back Nine at the Stanley Golf Course, New Britain

Following meeting: November 13, 2018

ALL RACE TEAM CAPTAINS

Race Team captains meeting at 7:00 PM prior to the next CSC meeting. Please be there on time for this half-hour discussion of age changes for Monday night races, and race schedule confirmation.

SAVE THE DATES!

Oct 21 – Ambassador Day reception and judging Nov. 17 – "Awesome Winter" Snowball Dec. 17 – Pizza Night and Race Registration Jan. 7 – First Monday Night race Jan. 27 – Kids Learn-to-Ski Day

Newsletter Deadline

The next newsletter will be for November. The deadline is October 20. **MY NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!!!** don.ludwig.45@gmail.com

Thanks, Ginny Ludwig

Mount Southington 2018-2019 Racing Pricing

Pricing for both Monday and Tuesday night racing is the same as last season.

CSC/CISC Race & Ticket: \$31 CSC/CISC Race ticket with NASTAR: \$40 Friend of CSC/CISC Race lift ticket: \$25 Just NASTAR ticket: \$10 CSC/CISC Race ticket with Season pass/Employee: \$17 CSC/CISC Race ticket with NASTAR and Season pass/ Employee: \$27 Night ticket with NASTAR: \$45 (\$35 ticket, and \$10 NASTAR)

All are available for sale where racers sign up.

Rob Dexter Race Chair

OnSnow at Mount Snow Info

OnSnow Winter Carnival will be March 1, 2 and 3, 2019 at Mount Snow, VT. Here is some early planning information.

Lodging:

Grand Summit Resort Hotel – full service; ski in/ski out; with full amenities.

Check in Thurs., Feb 28 or Fri., March 1. Room availability: Hotel room: 2 queen beds, private bath.

Studio: sleeps 4 with 1 queen Murphy bed and 1 queen sleeper sofa, kitchenette, private bath.

Prices: 3-night stay: 4 people - \$841.34 (\$210.34 per person)

2 –night stay: 4 people - \$672.60 (\$168.15 per person) *Snow Lake Lodge* – lodge-style accommodations with free shuttle and with amenities and continental breakfast. Room availability:

Hotel room: 2 double beds or 1 king, private bath.

Prices: 3-night stay: 4 people - \$414.70(\$103.68 per person) 2-night stay: 4 people - \$327.80 (\$81.95 per person)

Reservations: 800-817-0764 and reference CSC Winter Carnival. 2-night min. stay required. One night fee as a deposit will be charged when booking.

Lift Ticket pricing range: \$44 to \$131, based on age and number of days.

Dinner: Sat. night buffet: Adult - \$30, Junior \$14 – CSC will subsidize half.

BULK TICKET INFO

Reminder:

Bulk ticket orders are due at the October 9 Council meeting. All orders must be paid with a BANK CERTIFIED CHECK, made payable to the CT Ski Council. Remember: Monday October 8 is a bank holiday, so –prepare ahead. You must have separate checks for Southern and Northern ticket orders.

As of the newsletter deadline, we do not have bulk ticket pricing for Sunapee. We should have the prices by the last week in September, and bulk ticket coordinators will be notified at that time.

Weather predictions call for a cold and snowy winter – time to get your winter gear ready for a great season.

Nancy Nolan and Ginny Ludwig, Southern Tier Cheryl Parmelee, Northern Tier

From The Treasurer

Dues MUST be paid before your club can receive membership stickers or place bulk ticket orders.

If you need to know the amount that your club owes for dues for the 2018-2019 season, please email me with the subject "CSC dues" and your club name. Please make your checks payable to the Connecticut Ski Council and put your club name in the memo part of the check. Checks may be mailed to the address below, or handed to me prior to the regular meeting in October.

Invoices may be emailed, mailed, or provided to me at the monthly meetings. Please allow Net 30 days payment to allow time for me to process these.

Thank you for your support!

Amanda Aven, Treasurer 48 Terry Rd., Gales Ferry, CT 06334 <u>ct.ski.treasurer@gmail.com</u>. 810-300-9155

SKI SWAP

Please join Danbury Ski Club at our annual Ski Swap, at Ski Haus in New Milford. When: Thanksgiving (3-day) weekend and the weekend after. Times: 10 AM to 5 PM. Sell used ski/board equipment, jackets, race suits. Buy used equipment and apparel or new items from Ski Haus. Where: 162 Danbury Rd., New Milford. You can pre-register your items. Contact: Dave Zuraw, <u>dscwebmaster@yahoo.com</u>.

AMBASSADOR'S CORNER

2018 Awesome Winter Snowball!

Snowball Lodging Discounts

Hartford Windsor Marriott is offering a special discounted rate of \$101 for anyone booking a room for the Snowball. Mention The CSC when you make your reservation. Rooms have 2 double beds or 1 king. The Marriott is holding 60 rooms for us until November 2, 2018, or earlier if all rooms are booked. Don't wait – call the Marriott at 860-688-7500 and book now!

Outstanding Service Awards

Club presidents – do you have a club member who goes that extra mile in doing things for your club? If so, please send the information requested below and we will honor them with an Outstanding Service Award at the Awesome Winter Snowball. Email the following info to Melissa Patterson-Meador at mpatterson@snet.net by October 10.

- Club name and club president's name
- Outstanding club member's name
- Summary of the reasons for the award (100 words or less) to be read by the CSC president at the Snowball.

The Awesome Winter Snowball

The Council's annual season kickoff and only fundraiser is Sat., Nov. 17. We ask that all clubs sell tickets to the Snowball and donate prizes for the raffle. The raffle is the way we make money to help fund the Council's activities.

Snowball tickets are \$25 in advance, and \$30 at the door. We have a fantastic band, the RumRunners. Doors to the Hartford Windsor Marriott ballroom will open at 7 PM and the festivities begin in earnest at 8:00. Clubs will host their hospitality suites for extra fun.

Snowball ticket sales packages were issued to clubs at the Sept. CSC meeting. If your club does not have one, please contact Melissa Patterson-Meador at 860-913-7777 or <u>mpatterson@snet.net</u> to make arrangements to get your ticket package. Advance ticket sales end Nov. 13. All clubs must turn in a check (payable to CT Ski Council) for the tickets they have sold, along with any unsold tickets. Clubs also must email a ticket sales log to me at the above email address by Nov. 13.

Bob Lewis is running the raffle and solicitation team with help from our VP Marsha Baretta. Raffle prize donation goal is 10 prizes and/or a total prize donation value of \$1000 from each club. Clubs can buy prizes o have them donated by area businesses. We ask that the prizes be something our skiing, boarding and snow-shoeing members would value.

We will provide an electronic raffle prize log and sample solicitation letter. Businesses that donate will get an ad or listing in the program.

Melissa Patterson-Meador 2018 CSC Ambassador

CSC SKIS ITALY!!

This is Council's first ski trip in several years – enjoy gorgeous views, great mountain villages, and outstanding skiing!!

MADONNA DI CAMPIGLIO, ITALY

Date: March 15-23, 2019

Includes: R/T air JFK to Milan via Air Emirates

- R/T ground transfers
- 7 nights at 4-star Sport Hotel Plaza
- Full hot & cold breakfast buffet daily
- 4-course dinner on 5 nights
- Spa, fitness center, hydropool, sauna, free yoga
- Ski room w/ boot heaters
- Guided snowshoe excursions
- Taxes, fees & surcharges

Cost: \$1660 per person, double occupancy Add \$45-50 per day lift ticket

Contact: Holidaze Ski Tours. Squareup.com/store/metroland-ski-club-4-Madonna-Di-Campiglio-Italy, or Brian McNamara, <u>Metrolandskiclub@gmail.com</u>.

Warren Miller's **FACE OF WINTER**

CSC members can buy discounted tickets!

Kick off the season on November 17 at The Bushnell, at Warren Miller's Face of Winter film, presented by Volkswagen. Show times: 6 PM and 9 PM, with a pre-show ski bash starting at 4 PM – lots of lodge grub, local craft beer, vintage Warren Miller movies and free swag!

CSC-member purchases will be discounted about \$3 per ticket, and there will be no extra perticket convenience fees – a total savings of about \$6-\$7 per ticket!

To order, call David Rodriguez, 860-987-6096, and don't forget to mention the CT Ski Council!

Webmaster's Email Please send all information you wish to have posted on the CSC's website to Bill Leuze at: webmaster@skiclub.com

Ski and Ride – It's Time to Decide

SUGARLOAF, MAINE

Date: Jan 6-11, 2019Host: Central CT Snow SnakesIncludes: 5 nights at your choice of standard or preferred unit lodging,Perfect Turn clinics.

Cost: Studio lodging- \$670 or \$730. 1 BR - \$785 or \$880. 2 BR - \$1050 or \$1245. 3 BR - \$1280 or \$1530. All prices per person based on number of occupants in each unit. 5-day lift tickets: Adult - \$250 or use an IKON pass; Juniors (4-14) ski free on 5-day lift ticket, rentals and lessons with paying adult. Deposit: 50% due Oct 15; add \$25/pp after that date. *Contact:* Marie Carparelli at mcarparelli@att.net or 860-649-5765.

MONT SAINTE ANNE/LE MASSIF, QUEBEC

Date: Feb 6-10, 2019 – Quebec's Winter CarnivalHost: Danbury Ski ClubIncludes: 3 days skiing; 4 nights at Hotel Chateau Laurier; daily breakfast;1 dinner in Old Quebec City at le D'Orsay; R/T motor coach.Cost: \$\$947 dou occ; \$500 deposit due now – final due Nov. 1Contact: Jim Seri, jimseri@yahoo.comor O'Haras at weskisnow@gmail.com

MOUNT SNOW, VERMONT

Date: Feb 11-14, 2019Hosts: Nava and Danbury Ski ClubsIncludes: 3 nights at Grand Summit; 4-day lift ticket; 3 breakfasts; welcomereception; tubing session; club party; Snowbarn pizza/dance party.Cost: \$425 pp/doub occ. \$200 deposit due Oct 28.Contact: Janice Cohen, 860-921-7324.

INNSBRUCK, AUSTRIA

Date: Feb 15-23, 2019Host: Metroland Ski ClubIncludes: R/T air Newark-Zurich via Lufthansa; R/T transfers; 7-nights at 4-starHotel Grauer Baer (private bath); welcome drink & orientation; breakfastbuffet daily & 5 dinners; Wellness center; local taxes, fuel charges, air taxes.Cost: \$1525 pp/doub occ; \$1745/pp single.Contact: Brian at Metrolandskiclub@gmail.com.

ST. ANTON, AUSTRIA

Date: Feb 22-March, 2019Host: AE Ski ClubIncludes: R/T air JFK to Munich; R/T transfers; 7 nights at 4-star Hotel KarlSchranz; hotel shuttle; European buffet breakfast & 4-course dinner daily;pre-trip party; welcome party; taxes, fees, gratuities.Not Included: lift tickets (\$376), lunch.Cost: \$2540 pp/doub occPrague extension: Mar 2-5 - \$464 pp/doub occContact: Mark Riesbeck, mriesbeck@aeskiclub.com

PANORAMA/KICKING HORSE, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Date: Feb 24-Mar 3Host: Pinnacle Ski ClubIncludes: R/T air LaGuardia to Calgary; ground transportation; 7 nights at1,000 Peaks condos; 2 group dinners; 4-day lift ticket; 1-day bus trip & ticketto Kicking Horse. Optional day heliskiing.Cost: \$1760 pp/triple occ - 2BR each w/ bath.Contact: Drew Berescik, 203-572-2401, drewster333@aol.com., or MikeFinick. 203-218-7282. mrfinick@vahoo.com.

Ski and Ride Trips, continued

TELLURIDE, COLORADO

Date: Mar 2-9, 2019Host: Danbury Ski ClubIncludes: R/T air Newark to MTJ via United;transfers, taxes, surcharges, portage; 7 nights atluxurious 4-star Camel's Garden; ski in/ski out;Continental breakfast daily, après ski wine &cheese daily; 5 out of 7 day lift pass; hot tub; mostrooms w/ fireplace & balcony.Cost: \$2275 pp/doub occ; \$2795 singleContact: Dave Zuraw, 203-729-9060 ordscwebmaster@yahoo.com.

JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING

Date: Mar 4 – 11, 2019 Host: Metroland Ski club Includes: R/T air Newark to Jackson Hole; ground transportation; 7 nights at Mountain Modern Motel; hot breakfast daily; indoor pool; shuttle to resort; welcome reception; 4-day adult lift ticket (add \$89 for day 5; subtract \$70 for 4-day senior). Optional day trips to Grand Targhee & Yellowstone National Park.

Cost: \$1469 pp plus Metroland membership fee. *Contact:* squareup.com/store/metroland-ski-club-3-Jackson-Hole. In association with Ski White Diamond.

HEAVENLY/LAKE TAHOE, NEVADA

Date: Mar 6 – 13, 2019 Host: Meriden Ski Club Includes: R/T air Hartford to Sacramento via United; R/T ground transfers; 7 nights at Forest Suites Resort or Landing Lake Tahoe Resort; 5 out of 6-day adult lift ticket (also valid at Kirkwood and Northstar); taxes; Meriden club membership. Cost: Forest Suites: \$1470 pp/4 per 2 BR suite; \$1590 pp/3 per 2 BR suite; \$1785 pp/ 2 per 2/2 unit. Condos are close to lifts; daily breakfast; \$15 credit for lunch at a Vail-owned property on day skied; at Heavenly gondola; 2 outdoor pools & hot tubs; full kitchen, LR & sleep sofa.

Cost: Landing Lake Tahoe: same as above. 1 mile from mountain, shuttle bus provided; daily breakfast; waterfront Lake Tahoe; restaurant; outdoor pool & hot tubs.

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

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BAD WEATHER

Bad weather may necessitate the postponement of a CSC meeting. Please check the CSC website at skiclub.com. CT SKI COUNCIL MEETING LOCATION: The Back Nine Restaurant at the Stanley Golf Course, 245 Hartford Avenue, New Britain

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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.