

# CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**And...right on cue...as I write this...THE FIRST MAJOR SNOWFALL of the season hit Vermont!!!!**

I hope that all who attended the 2016 Connecticut Ski Council **SNOWBALL** had a great time. **Janice Cohen**, our outgoing Council Ambassador, and **Adela Martinez**, our Council Vice President, co-chaired this event, and did a fantastic job!

The over 400 attendees honored the various club Ambassadors and the Outstanding Members nominated by their clubs for the hard work that they do to ensure that the ski club experience is one that is shared and enjoyed by all.

We also recognized **Joy Dutra** of Mountain Laurel Skiers as the new Council Ambassador. Joy will bring a lot of energy and drive to the position, and will serve her club and the Council very well over the course of the next year.

The rest of the evening was devoted to dancing to Redline, a terrific dance band, as well as multiple visits to the club hospitality rooms for additional refreshments and socializing. As always, a great **GREAT** time. Thank you to all who worked so hard on the Snowball committee.

**As we move into the season – here is WHAT'S going on, and WHEN:**

**MEETING PLACE** – We will meet in December back at the Polish Club in Newington, where we met in November. **PLEASE BE AWARE that the meeting date will be the FIRST TUESDAY in December – December 6, 2016** – as the Polish Club had already booked the room for the 13<sup>th</sup> (we normally meet the second Tuesday.)

**BULK TICKETS** – Nancy, Ginny, Cheryl and Mark will have the bulk tickets not already picked up. Please have someone from your club there to do this.

**CSC STICKERS** – Have been distributed to all but a handful of clubs. If you have not gotten them,

please see me. By last check, all of the member-clubs have paid their dues, so the stickers are waiting for you to pick them up and get them to your members. For clubs needing additional stickers, we will have them available at all of the meetings – you will need to sign for additional numbered stickers, and you are responsible to see that they are used properly within the guidelines of the Awareness Days program.

**CSC TRIP** – Scheduled for March 11-18, 2017. Hosted by Jane Suto – **a GREAT trip with GREAT people at a GREAT value.** Please note pertinent information on the flyer, or contact Jane Suto.

**CSC AWARENESS/APPRECIATION DAYS** – The schedule is finalized and posted on the website and on the website calendar. Be sure to let your membership know that incidents of abuse of the Awareness Days program or abuse of personnel at the mountain resorts that support us with this program will be reported to me, and I will deal with the club involved. You all did a GREAT job with spreading the word last season, as no such incidents were reported to me. Let's keep our record clean this season too.

**CSC TREASURER** – We held the election for Council Treasurer at the November Council meeting, and **Kim Roberti** has been elected to serve the two-year term covering this season and next. Join me in congratulating Kim, and thanking her for the job that she has done as the Council Treasurer for the past 18 years.

**CSC EVENTS** –  
**MONDAY NIGHT RACING** – begins at Mt. Southington (weather permitting) on December 19. Even without the right conditions, pre-registration will be held.  
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### COUNCIL MEETING:

**NOTE THE DATE  
DEC 6, 2016**

**Note Location  
NEWINGTON POLISH CLUB**

**Following meeting:  
January 10, 2017**

### Next Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the January newsletter is December 20. Please email all items to me: [donald.ludwig@sbcglobal.net](mailto:donald.ludwig@sbcglobal.net). Thanks, Ginny Ludwig

**Smugglers' Notch CSC Deals**  
*Lift ticket rates at ticket window:*  
Adults \$56; Youth \$44.  
*Stay and Ski Specials:*  
BrewFest Weekend: \$199 pp including 3-day pass; 2-night slopeside lodging; admission to BrewFest on Sat. Available Dec. 9-11; Mar. 31-Apr. 2.  
*Heart-of-Winter Special:*  
(non-holiday only)  
\$239 pp includes: 2-nights slopeside lodging; 3-day lift pass; use of resort facilities. Group vacation packages available. Youth ski/board rental - \$25/day; adult ski/board rental - \$30/day. 2-hour group lesson - \$35. Full-day children's ski camp - \$79.

Contact Ben Childs at 802-644-1282.

### Ambassador's Angle

Congratulations go to **Joy Dutra** on becoming the 2016-2017 Connecticut Ski Council Ambassador. Joy is a member of Mt. Laurel Skiers, and she will introduce herself to those of you who don't already know her in the January newsletter.

We all wish you well in the coming year!

### RACING DATES

**Monday Night** racing kicks off on Dec. 19 with a pre-registration and pizza night at Mt. Southington. Maybe we'll even get to race that night! See the website for full race and bib schedule. Fees are due prior to this night. Come out and meet with old friends. We have 2 waivers – one for Mt. Southington and the CSC, and the other for NASTAR – both have to be signed. They are available on the Mt. Southington web page.

**CT State races** are open to all CSC members or CT residents.

*Giant Slalom* is Wed., Jan. 11 (rain date Jan. 18) at Mt. Southington at 7:00 PM.

*Slalom* is Wed., Feb. 8 (rain date Feb. 15), same time/place.

*Super G* is Fri., Mar. 3 at Loon, NH at 9:30 AM (OnSnow)

*Snowboard* is Sat., Mar. 4 at Loon at 10:00 AM (OnSnow)

*Cross country* is Sun., Mar. 5 in NH (location TBA) at 9:00 AM

**Senior Games** are scheduled for Tues., Feb. 21, starting at 8 AM, at a CT location to be determined.

Rob Dexter, CSC Race Chairman

### North Haven Ski Club Bus Trips

Sun., Jan. 8 – Okemo Mountain - \$83

Sat., Jan. 28 – Mt. Snow - \$82

Sat., Feb. 4 – Killington - \$80\*\*

Sun., Feb. 26 – Stratton Mountain - \$80

Sun., Mar. 19 – Okemo Mountain - \$75

Sun., Mar. 26 – Mt. Snow - \$70

*Price includes round trip bus and lift ticket.*

Bus leaves North Haven at 5:30 AM; for Killington at 5:00 AM

Pick-up locations: Exit 21 on I-91N at Cromwell Commuter

Lot at 5:50 AM (Killington, 5:20 AM);

Exit 47E on I-91N at Enfield Commons at 6:20 AM (Killington at 5:50 AM)

Contact: Annette at 203-927-3071, or [dapdmurph@aol.com](mailto:dapdmurph@aol.com).

### President's Message, continued

Waivers will be collected (waivers are on the Council website). Free pizza will be served that evening for all attending. A big Thank You to **Rob Dexter** in once again making this 10-week program available to all!

**KIDS' LEARN-TO-SKI-DAY** will be held at Mt. Southington, Sunday, January 22. See the information about sign-up on the website. Please contact **Dave England** with information on participants. When you see Dave, personally thank him – he is the personification of enthusiasm for the sport.

**THE CSC ON SNOW CARNIVAL** will be held at **Loon Mountain**, March 3, 4 and 5, 2017. Please pay attention to the website, as lodging options are posted. This will be our first carnival at Loon – a great chance to explore a new mountain while having fun with your friends in your club and other clubs in the Council. **Adela Martinez** is heading up the planning for the Carnival, so let's get up to Loon and have a great winter weekend, so we can thank her in person.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND WEBSITE** - Don't be like me and wait until the last minute to get articles in by the deadline for the January newsletter. Articles are due to **Ginny Ludwig** by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. Ginny does a wonderful job with the newsletter, but she can't include what she doesn't have.

On a similar note, make sure that you get items of interest to **Bill Leuze** for the website. He is prompt in posting news of ski deals, club trips and other items of interest to you and your membership.

**IN ADDITION – NOW THAT WE HAVE A NEW AND EASY-TO-NAVIGATE WEBSITE – BE SURE TO ENCOURAGE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO USE IT AND STAY INFORMED ON ALL THE GREAT INFORMATION IT CONTAINS – AN ADDED BENEFIT OF THE COUNCIL!!**

I hope that you all had a warm and happy Thanksgiving. Of all of our blessings, we can count the activities and friendship that the Council can bring in providing value to Winter fun!

Have a full, fun and safe time out there and Merry Christmas to you all!!

*Jonathan*

**Connecticut Ski Council**  
**2017 LAKE TAHOE SKI TRIP**

**Date:** March 11 to March 18, 2017

**Trip Includes:** R/T from LaGuardia to Sacramento via United; R/T airport to hotel transfers; baggage handling; all current taxes; Seven nights at Forest Suites Resort; Welcome reception March 12; Breakfast daily; Five-day lift pass to Heavenly, Northstar and Kirkwood (shuttle additional); \$100 per person Helly Hanson gift card provided by Vail Resorts

**Price:** \$1580/pp, based on 4 persons per 2 bedroom/2 bath suite; \$1680/pp, based on 3 persons per 2 bedroom/2 bath suite \$500 per person deposit due NOW. Balance due Jan. 4, 2017.

Baggage fees not included; fuel adjustments possible.

No air/no transfers: deduct \$630. No lifts: deduct \$325.

Sixth day adult lift: add \$55. 5-day senior (65+) lift: deduct \$60;

six-day senior: deduct \$15.

**Contact:** Jane Suto at 203-430-4713 or

[CSCTrips2017@gmail.com](mailto:CSCTrips2017@gmail.com) to reserve – all guests must complete form.

**Club trips open to cSC members**

**Jay Peak, VT**

**Dec. 28-Jan. 1** Host: *The Goodmen Club*

Cost: \$555/pp for 5, \$615/pp for 4, \$715/pp for 3 in a 2 bedroom/2 bath cottage; \$620/pp for 3, \$720/pp for 2 in a 1bedroom/1bath cottage. Final payment due Oct. 21, 2016.

*Includes:* 4 nights at Golf and Mountain Cottages; 5-day lift ticket; 4-day breakfast; gratuities, taxes; welcome reception; pizza party. No transportation included.

*Contact:*

Donna Yanick, 203-641-8599; [thegoodmenclub@gmail.com](mailto:thegoodmenclub@gmail.com).

**Mt. Bachelor, Oregon**

**Jan. 7-14, 2017** Host: *Meriden Ski & Snowboard Club*

Cost: \$1405/pp, doub occ; \$1365 over age 65; \$1297 over age 70. Final payment due Nov. 1.

*Includes:* Meriden SSC membership; 5 of 6-day lift ticket; R/T air Hartford to Portland on Southwest; 2 checked bags; bus transfers; 7 nights at Double Tree Hotel, Bend; 7 full breakfasts; welcome reception; 25% off food and drinks at hotel bar; mountain après pizza party with 2 drinks; mountain lunch with souvenir and group photo; mountain ski shuttle.

*Contact:* Bob Curry, 203-314-9605; [bobski2snet.net](http://bobski2snet.net).

**Sunday River, Maine**

**March 19-24, 2017** Host: *NAVA Ski Club*

Cost: \$429-\$519 based on number of guests per room and/or type of accommodation

*Includes:* 5 nights; 5-day lift ticket; 5 daily clinics; taxes

*Contact:* Enid, 203-723-1071; [enidgary@yahoo.com](mailto:enidgary@yahoo.com)

**Whistler/Blackcomb, BC**

**Jan. 28- Feb. 4, 2017** Host: *Winterset Ski Club*

Cost: \$1798/pp in 2-bedroom condo; \$1811/pp in 3-bedroom condo; \$1917/pp in 1-bedroom condo. Add \$15 for non-Winterset club members.

*Includes:* R/T air Newark to Vancouver; R/T bus transfers; 7 nights' ski-in-ski-out at Legends Condos; 5-day lift ticket; first tracks breakfast voucher; baggage handling, taxes; farewell dinner, welcome reception.

NOTE: PASSPORTS REQUIRED

*Contact:* Carolyn Eiseman, 203-791-9051 or

[wintersetkitrips@gmail.com](mailto:wintersetkitrips@gmail.com).

**Snowbird, Utah**

**Jan. 28-Feb.4, 2017** Host: *New Haven Ski Club*

Cost: \$1800/pp doub occ. Deduct \$385 for no air.

*Includes:* R/ T air and ground transportation from Harugari, West Haven and Utah; baggage fees (Southwest Airlines); 7 nights at Cliff Lodge (slopeside); 6-day lift pass to Snowbird and Alta; one group dinner.

*Contact:* John Paul Harkleroad

at [johnpaul2@comcast.net](mailto:johnpaul2@comcast.net). Or 203-230-0760.

**Whistler/Blackcomb, Canada**

**Feb. 2-9, 2017** Host: *Mt. Laurel Ski Club*

Cost: \$1499/pp doub occ

*Includes:* R/T air to Vancouver from Hartford; 7 nights at Crystal Lodge; taxes R/T airport/hotel transfers; A & S Travel escort. NOTE: PASSPORT REQUIRED.

*Options:* 5-of-6 day ski pass to Whistler & Blackcomb w/ FastTrack and breakfast for 1 morning (\$369/adult; \$329 over 65); travel insurance; overnight at Sheraton Hartford Airport hotel (\$139); heli-skiing trip

*Contact:* Eric Ardolino, 203-265-9293, [ASTravelCenter.com](http://ASTravelCenter.com)

**Snowbird, Utah**

**Feb. 4-11, 2017** Host: *AE Ski Club*

Cost: \$1765/pp doub occ

*Included:* R/T air Hartford to Salt Lake City; motorcoach transfers airport to Snowbird; 7 nights ski-in ski-out Cliff Lodge Inn; full breakfast daily; 6-day Snowbird/Alta lift pass (no boarders at Alta – deduct \$125)

*Contact:* Mark Chester, [aeskiclub.com](http://aeskiclub.com).

**Indian Head Resort, Lincoln, NH**

**Feb. 5 – 10, 2017** Host: *NAVA Ski club*

Cost: \$605/pp doub occ; \$540/pp triple; \$510/pp quad \$150 non-skier discount

*Includes:* 5 nights, 5 breakfasts, 4 dinners; 5-day pass to Cannon, Loon, Bretton Woods, Waterville Valley; apres ski wine and cheese party

*Contact:* Enid Batista-Gendron 203-723-1071, or

[enidgary@yahoo.com](mailto:enidgary@yahoo.com)

## More Club trips this season

### Eastern Townships, Quebec, Canada

**Sun., Feb. 19 – Fri., Feb. 24, 2017** Host: *Danbury Ski Club*  
Cost: \$965/pp single occ; \$705/pp doub occ; \$635/pp triple occ; \$600/pp in quad occ. Children 18 and under – ask for rates.  
*Included:* 5 nights at Villegia Manoir des Sables; 5 full American breakfast; wine and cheese welcome reception; 3 sit-down dinners; 5 days skiing – 2 at Mont Sutton, 1 at Mont Owl's Head, 2 at Mont Orford; access to on-site ice skating, cross country, snow shoeing (skis and shoes free of charge); spa.  
NOTE: PASSPORTS REQUIRED  
*Contact:* Greg and Mary O'Hara at 203-791-8565 or at [weskisnow@gmail.com](mailto:weskisnow@gmail.com).

### Big Sky, Montana

**Feb. 25 – March 4, 2017** Host: *Central CT Snowsnakes*  
Cost: \$1989/pp; \$2039 if deposit made after Oct. 10, 2016.  
Deduct \$580 without air and ground transportation.  
Deduct \$340 without lift ticket.  
*Includes:* R/T air Bradley to Bozeman; 7 nights at Huntley First Class Lodge; Ski-in/ski-out in Big Sky Village; welcome reception; full daily hot breakfast; outdoor heated pool, hot tubs, workout room, sauna; baggage handling on arrival; free local shuttle; 5-day lift ticket (6-day available).  
*Contact:* Jen Gillotti at 860-989-8386; [jpblooms@cox.net](mailto:jpblooms@cox.net)  
Patti Christiana at 860-978-2744; [Pattic1745@comcast.net](mailto:Pattic1745@comcast.net)

### Solden, Austria

**Mar. 3-11** (14th with extension), 2017 Host: *AE Ski Club*  
Cost: \$2350 pp, doub occ; extension to Vienna add \$460/pp; all lift tickets extra.  
*Included:* R/T air from JFK to Zurich on Swiss Air; baggage fees; motorcoach transfers airport to hotels; 7 nights at Hotel Tyrolerhof; full European buffet breakfast and 4-course dinner daily; wellness oasis with pool, sauna, steam bath; pre-trip party; welcome party; hotel taxes, fees and gratuities.  
NOTE: PASSPORTS REQUIRED  
*Contact:* AE Ski Club, [aeskiclub.com](http://aeskiclub.com)

### Eastern Ski Tour

**Mar. 15-19, or Mar. 17-19, 2017** Host: *The Goodmen Club*  
Ski Stowe (\$44 Appreciation Days), Mad River Glen (\$17 St. Pat's Day), Bolton Valley (\$35 Awareness Days) and Sugarbush.  
Cost: \$133/per night, doub. occ.: \$16 per extra person at The Commodores Inn.  
*Includes:* breakfast, tips and gratuities, Friday night happy hour food, and Saturday night pizza party.  
*Contact:* Donna Yanick, 203-641-8599, or [thegoodmenclub@gmail.com](mailto:thegoodmenclub@gmail.com).

### Big Sky, Montana

**Mar. 11-18, 2017** Host: *Meriden Ski & Snowboard*  
Cost: Big Horn Condos - \$1709pp/doub occ (6 people in 3 bedroom/ 3 bath condo); \$1809pp/doub occ (5 people in 3 bedroom/3 bath condo). Stillwater Condos - \$1750 pp/ (4 per 2 bedroom/2 bath condo). Huntley Lodge - \$1990/pp doub occ hotel room (w/ full buffet breakfast daily at Huntley only.)  
*Includes:* R/T air Hartford to Bozeman; air to hotel transfers; 7 nights' accommodations; 5-day lift pass; baggage handling; welcome reception; all current taxes.  
*Additional cost info:* No air/transfers deduct \$590; no lifts deduct \$360; additional day lift pass add \$75.  
*Contact:* Wayne Gineo, 860-463-5903, or [wgineo@cox.net](mailto:wgineo@cox.net).

### Sugarloaf, Maine

**March 12-17, 2017** Host: *Newington Ski Club*  
Cost: \$495/adult ages 16-69; \$469/senior ages 70-79; \$395/senior ages 80+; \$363/child ages 6-15.  
Deduct \$100 without lift ticket. MAX pass honored.  
Pricing based on minimum occ – 2 per bedroom.  
*Includes:* 5-and a half day lift ticket; 5 90-minute group lessons; access to sports and fitness center; welcome party; all taxes and fees. Limited to first 30 people.  
*Contact:* John Hunter at [mtholly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtholly@sbcglobal.net), or 860-635-3257.

### Banff/Lake Louise, Canada

**March 14-21, 2017** Host: *Metroland Ski Club*  
Cost: \$1335/pp doub occ; \$1265/pp triple; \$1235/pp quad; \$100/pp 1-day Kicking Horse; \$325/sing supp; deduct \$495 no-air; deduct \$230 no adult lifts; senior rates available  
*Includes:* R/T air LaGuardia or Newark to Calgary; 7 nights at Banff Ptarmigan Inn; 5-day 3-mountain lift including transportation to area; daily buffet breakfast; R/T airport – hotel transfers; baggage handling; taxes.  
NOTE: PASSPORT REQUIRED  
*Contact:* Brian McNamara at 210-262-7588, or [Metrolandskiclub@gmail.com](mailto:Metrolandskiclub@gmail.com)

### Big White, British Columbia

**March 18-25, 2017** Host: *Danbury Ski Club*  
Cost: \$1624/pp doub occ. Deposit - \$300. Optional Fri. night (Mar. 17 at Marriott Newark Airport \$128.)  
*Includes:* R/T air on Air Canada Newark to Kelowna; R/T motorcoach transfers; 7 nights at White Crystal Inn (rooms have 2 queen beds); 6-day lift ticket; ski-in/ski-out; hottub.  
NOTE: PASSPORTS REQUIRED.  
*Contact:* Ray Hepburn at 203-364-9808 or 631-834-2198; [Rayhep51@yahoo.com](mailto:Rayhep51@yahoo.com).

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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.