



The GLEBE OCTOBER, 2015

Buy Bulk Tickets Wisely

Every year our hardworking John Streaky is responsible for taking bulk ticket orders to the CSC council. It's a yearly ritual, and each envelope represents the hope for a great season. Less, exciting, is the process of returning tickets, which have to be in by April, and finally determining the credits due in September. It's a painstaking job for which the club owes Saresky a great deal of gratitude. And the club returns a large amount of tickets. For example, this past season, of 805 tickets purchased over 1/4 were returned (219 total). Furthermore, the club does not receive a 100% refund for these tickets, for a total loss of \$2,566 in value.



Although the over purchase of bulk tickets is a tribute to the club enthusiasm, **it is not the most cost effective way to enjoy the ski season.** Extra tickets are hard to get rid of at the end of the season

when deals and specials are in abundance, and there are **MANY other options.** So consider some of the options below, take note of “blackout dates” and make a buying plan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1

General Meeting
7pm Norwalk Public Library

October 10

Chili Cook-off, Ludlow 11-2pm (details follow)

November 3

General Meeting
7pm Norwalk Public Library

November 14

Annual CSC Snowball, Hartford
(Go to skiclub.com for details)

November 21-23

OKEMO SKI SWAP

Dec 12 Okemo Kids Day

(November 29 deadline, details follow)

Council Days

Check the CSC website (Skiclub.com) or the NSC website for a link to a listing of “Council” days when tickets are deeply discounted to CSC card holders. If you can take advantage of these days it may mean buying few bulk tickets.

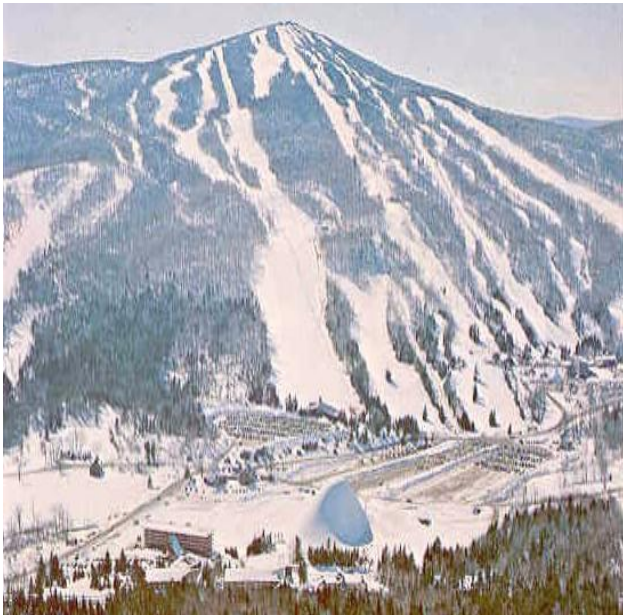
Please NOTE you must have



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a CSC Sticker on your membership card and a photo ID to receive these discounts. Keep up-to-date with Council days throughout the season by checking the CSC website (skiclub.com) and signing up for the CSC newsletter.



Mt. Snow

Mt. Snow honors CSC discounts **throughout the season.** Just have your membership card (with sticker) and ID ready at the ticket window.

Okemo “Super-7”

If you are going to ski often and start the season early, the “Super-7” is a great deal. I bought “Super-7” passes for myself and kids in November and by January we had an automatic 40% off all

Okemo lift tickets. Discounts start at 10% get progressively bigger, and your 7th visit is free.



Okemo Bulk Tickets

If there is long term blizzard, or you decide to take a week off with the family you can buy minimum of 25 vouchers from Okemo at the discounted pricing, with your CSC card.

Costco Discounts/Liftofia.com/Ski Vermont.com

This past season Costco was offering a great deal to Killington, and other deals will be posted this year. Liftofia and Ski Vermont are also a good place to check for deals. For example Ski Vermont is offering a “Fifth Grade,” passport with hundreds of discounts and free passes for fifth graders (check out skivermont.com)



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AROUND THE LODGE.....

Security has come to the forefront this year. This summer there were reports of folks using the lodge without signing in the book or paying the proper fees. To that end, a **SECURITY CAMERA** was installed at the garage entrance to prevent other infringements. It has been noted that some members may view the camera as an invasion of privacy, and members are encouraged to express any concerns at the next meeting. Another issue is the inside **DOOR LOCK**. Upon arriving at the lodge several members have mentioned the inside door from the garage had been bolted shut, preventing entry. This door should never be locked. The outside door with the combination lock should suffice for security. It was mentioned however that the outside combination lock was not securing, hence the reason for the locked inner door. This issue is being addressed

and further instructions and updates will be posted.

Garbage The club is working on securing a new garbage removal surface, as collection is no longer provided by the town. This will result in an increase in cost, and reflects an overall upswing in club maintenance and utility expenses.

New Lodge Rates Due to increasing expenses nightly lodge rates have been adjusted as follows:

\$10 rates are now \$13

\$15 rates are now \$18

Guest rates are now \$30 per night.

For those who may be wondering how to get a lower rate, volunteering for club duties is a great way to earn points. Opportunities will be posted.

Reservation Weekends

Dates for Lodge Reservation weekends are as follows:

December 24th through January 1st

January 15th and 16th

February 11th-15th

March 17th-19th

March 24th-26th

Reservations are accepted a month in advance. There can be **NO REFUNDS** on reservations.

Silent Auction Items

The auction was a great success last year. It's not too early to start thinking about how to contribute and who to ask for donations.



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OKEMO GETS FANCY WITH “ELECTRONIC” TICKETS.

This year Okemo has gone the way of the European resorts and started a new “electronic” ticket program. First, Okemo will offer a refillable pass for a one-time fee of \$5.00. Second all tickets sold will now be encrypted so they can just be registered through your pocket. No need to present at the lift.

HOWEVER BE CAREFUL not to go to the lift with more than **ONE TICKET**, or all will be scanned and registered as used.

offers tours through October for prime leaf peeping. Check out their website at www.rails-vt.com.

A **CHILI COOK OFF**, sponsored by the Ludlow Rotary Club is planned for October 10th from 11 am to 2pm. The event will take place by the intersection of RTE 103 in the center of Ludlow. Cash prizes will be offered. (Entry deadline is Oct 2nd email

Suzanne.garvey@sothebysrealty.com for details)

Many other events, from fairs to hayrides, are also featured on the Okemo and Skivermont.com websites.

ENJOY VT. FALL FOILAGE



There are many October events to enjoy in VT, making fall a prime time to visit the lodge. The Vermont Rail System,

Kid's Corner

Kids' Day – Reserve a space for your kid now!

Once again the CSC and its volunteer instructors are offering a super day of free skiing/boarding lessons (about 2 hours), a party, and a great opportunity to Held in conjunction with Okemo's Council Awareness Day, this is a wonderful way to have the kids freshen up their skills, have fun, meet old friends and make new one, and, did I say, HAVE FUN????!!!

Date: Saturday, December 12 Place: Okemo Main Base Lodge Cost: \$46* with valid CSC membership card. If your child uses ONLY the magic carpet and/or the lower quad chairs, the cost for the lower mountain ticket is \$20. AND,



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the first 75 kids to sign up will, upon proof of ticket purchase, receive a \$20 rebate. Also, between Nov. 1 and Nov. 29, CSC adult members can sponsor a non-CSC club member kid. There are limited spaces for non-CSC kids for the free lessons and party.

The registration form is posted on the CSC website and can also be obtained from your club. Deadline for registration is Nov. 29 – no exceptions. All participants must be pre-registered! Need more info? Contact Sue Poirier at spcolby@gmail.com or 802-236-2683.

Let your friends **with 5th graders know**. Visit the Skivermont.com website to find out about the:



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COUNCIL ANNUAL SKI TRIP

Let's Ski Somewhere! Connecticut Ski Council's annual trip Whistler, BC February 6-13, 2016

Cost: \$1659 per person Includes:
Roundtrip air Newark to Vancouver
Roundtrip ground transportation 7 nights at Delta Whistler Village Suites, incl. taxes 5 out of 6 day Whistler/Blackcomb lift ticket Complimentary First Tracks Welcome reception and Farewell dinner All taxes and gratuities

For more information contact Gabe Cordova at 203-710-2530, or gabeskier@gmail.com or Judy Bernay at 203-507-5022, or at judith_a_bernay@sbcglobal.net. Deposit of \$400 due upon signup; \$400 due Oct. 15; balance due Dec. 1, 2015.

Sugarloaf, Maine Date: Jan. 10-15, 2016
Price: \$390 – 3-5 bedroom condo (empty bed supplement: \$214 start off the ski season!

CHECK OUT THE CSC WEBSITE SKICLUB.COM FOR MORE GREAT TRIPS AN DEALS

Editor's Note

Contributions to the Glebe are always welcome. Please email Anne: burnishment@gmail.com