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Message from the President

The last day of winter, March 19, was definitely still winter. There was snow on the ground and some coming out of the sky. The groundhogs were right: winter is not ready to quit yet. Ski conditions are still great up north. Although I didn't make it (my boys have baseball tryouts) I heard from many sources that it's still great. Still a number of CSC days left. Stowe has a whole week of discount days from March 29 to April 4, and Killington has an April 18 day.

The CSC racing season is over. The awards party for the State races, Monday night series and the On-Snow Carnival will be Monday, April 12, 2004 at 7:00 PM at the CSC meeting location. Directions are on page 1 of this newsletter or at www.skiclub.com in the newsletter section. \$3000 worth of awards will be given out. If an award winner can't make the party, contact your club's racing chairman or Jackie Martovich (CSC racing chairman) at 203-881-2901. Copies of the results of all racing events will be available at the awards party and at the April CSC meeting. If you can't make it to either, drop me a note or leave a message at 860-232-7862 and I'll mail your request.

Club elections and Council elections are around the corner. This will be the last meeting of my CSC presidency. It has been 10 years for me. It has been a long but great venture. I have enjoyed it immensely. I hope whoever becomes your next President has as much enjoyment as I have from the position. Don't forget to forward new club officers names and addresses to Nancy Nolan or Ginny Ludwig. Current club officers should be receiving CSC mailings, and if they don't get the information, they can't pass it on to their membership.

We have a number of constitutional changes or suggestions to vote on in April. They are: 1) Format for ski club membership cards - a consistent format for ease of use for the mountains, and in obtaining member discounts. 2) Requirements for clubs to meet CSC participatory obligations. 3) New format for the CSC Ambassador. Since the April meeting is our annual President's meeting, it might be the time for a discussion. All presidents, please be there or send your representative! The proposals are published in this newsletter.

I want to say **thanks** to all the people who made this season such a success. Thanks to Jackie for her work running the racing programs. Thanks to Sue Poirier who, behind the scenes, put in an extraordinary amount of time tabulating racing results for both the State and On-Snow races, and coordinated the directory (distributed before the end of the calendar year for the first time!), and ran the Council web page. Thanks to Melanie who prepared all the meeting minutes. Thanks for John Filakovsky for coordinating the CSC Awareness days - bigger and better than ever (55 days!). Thanks to Nancy Nolan and Ginny Ludwig for editing the CSC newsletter and the incredible amount of work coordinating the bulk ticket program. Thanks to Kim Roberti our treasurer, who continues to spend CSC money. And to Ron and Phyllis Corrillo for all their hard work on the computer for our Monday night racing program. To Mt. Southington for hosting our Monday night series (and holding all 8 weeks with phenomenal snow). Thanks to Jane and Dennis Suto, Eileen Hertensten, and John Saresky for helping out at the Senior Olympics. To Pat Moore for posting race results and linking them to the web page. Thanks to everyone who helped at On-Snow Carnival, especially Jackie Martovich, PJ Tucciarone, Jane and Dennis Suto, Erika Walz, Mandy Lavallee, Sue and AJ Poirier and everyone at Bromley (especially Sheila Sullivan and Peter Dee) who helped make On-Snow a success. I apologize if I missed anyone - but to all - **Thanks, Thanks, Thanks!** With your hard work, you have made the CSC fun. Thanks all!!

You can still think snow!
Rob Dexter

AGENDA

APRIL 13, 2004, 8:00 PM
ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S MEETING

(All Presidents and Reps Invited)

Club Roll Call
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
Racing Report
On-Snow Report
Next Year's Selection Committee
Council Roster
Election of New Officers
Bulk Tickets
CSC Days
2004 Snowball
Eastern Regional Conference
New Club Application
Old Business
New Business

DIRECTIONS: Polish American Club, Union City, CT. Rt. 8 North to exit 28 (Union City). Go straight off exit ramp through light; go left at next light onto Rt. 68 West. Take left at stop sign and first left on Pulaski Walk. From Rt. 8 South take exit 28. Take right off the exit ramp. Go approx. 1 mile and take left on Golden Court (follow signs to Rt. 68) Take right on Rt. 68 West and follow directions above. PAC is at the end of deadend street on the right.

Newsletter Deadlines

All newsletter deadlines are the 20th of every month. Please send material to Ginny Ludwig at DonLudwig@compuserve.com, or by mail to: 45 Wintergreen Lane, Cheshire, CT 06410.

ON-SNOW CARNIVAL 2004 at Bromley, VT

by Rob Dexter

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2004

The weather was not looking good. Forecasts of rain and warm weather were projected for the weekend. The trip to Bromley on Thursday night was spotted with fog. The last stretch of road near the mountain was slow going. More fog greeted us at the Bromley Sun Lodge at the base of the mountain. Upon checking in, we were welcomed with a white paper bag full of information on places to go, the weekend schedule, and discount deals from Bromley and surrounding sponsors. Danbury Ski Club and Hamden Ski Club took most of the 2nd and 3rd floors. We settled in quietly for the night, reading and absorbing the info.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2004

There was fog on the first day. And it was good. The fog did not dampen the spirits of Connecticut Ski Council members here for Bromley's On-Snow Carnival, last held here ten years ago. Early risers were at the 2nd floor Bromley lodge to register for the downhill. Jackie Martovitch, in her usual jovial early morning disposition, was ready with her crew to take on 99 people at the start of registration at 7:30 a.m. And she did have her coffee! The downhill race course was set from Upper Thruway around a left corner to Lower Thruway. The blue square trail was one of the longest the CSC has seen in recent years for a downhill race. It was also easy enough for all levels to compete. Toni from Bromley was the starter. She pointed in the direction of the first gate: she had to - the top of the course was in fog. The first two gates were the trick on the course - usually gates go from side to side on the hill. These were in a straight line and you couldn't see the next gate until you were a bit past the first. A blue chalk line in the snow wove its way down the hill to give racers guidance to the gates. The chalk was helpful. Some racers missed gates, but there were questions: if the racers on the course couldn't see the gates, how could someone else see the gates they missed? Most were given the benefit of the doubt.

New photographers were on the hill. Gameface Photos' digital camera peered through the fog. No real spectacular, out of control shots, but a good sequence as the racers approached the finish. The photos can still be seen on-line (address at end of this article). The fastest time of the day was Graham Garber of Danbury with a 57.63. Chip Simplicio of Mt. Laurel was on his heels with 58.59. The fastest woman was junior Marguerite Meinzer (MTL) with 63.38; Sara Sherter from Danbury had 68.03. Mt. Laurel earned first place for the downhill with a

combined time of fastest male and female totaling 121.97 (10 points). Danbury was second at 125.66 (9 points) and Winterset with Paul Chabot and Jeanette Cebry third with 137.97 (8 points). Bromley ran a great race with minimal results problems, even though yours truly got a rerun.

The afternoon saw an alpine race clinic on Upper East Meadow to the Ridge trail. A Bromley coach set some short stubby gates for slalom training drills. The fog was intermittent, but some lessons were learned and about 20 racers honed their skills. A new drill (to me) had bristles sticking up in the snow. The object was not to run them over, but to straddle them in making a turn, keeping your skis at shoulder width through the turns. I bent them over a lot.

A few miles down the road in Peru, at Wild Wings Cross Country Center, Sue Poirier had 5 people join her for a cross-country clinic. Off in the woods they practiced on the trail that Sunday would become the state cross-country venue. Later that evening, after all the skiing was completed, groups went out to eat. Our group of 15 drove down the hill towards Manchester stopping at Laney's Restaurant. Great food and lots of "racing in the fog" stories entertained us for the rest of the evening. Other restaurants in the area visited were the Mill Tavern and Johnny Seesaw's, with The Perfect Wife, and Maxwell's Flat Road Grille offering discounts.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2004

The second floor of the Bromley lodge was a flurry of activity in the early morning. Race packages were picked up from Jackie Martovich by each club team captain. Jackie and her group had seeded all the teams and written the starting order on the result sheets. The team captains passed out bibs and directed racers to their course and approximate start times. Last minute substitutions were submitted. The fog was still there and rain was coming down, a bit more than a drizzle. The first race was **Junior A** (under 10) over on School Slope at 9:00. Sheila Sullivan from Bromley and Rob Dexter were at the top encouraging the 21 skiers taking the challenge. Jeffrey Norton (26.79) of New Haven and Simone Monette (29.59) of Newington had the fastest boy and girl time. Newington took top honors with Simone Monette and Phil Ogorzalek's total time of 63.23, earning 4 points. New Haven took 2nd for 3 points with Megan Golski and Jeffrey Norton's total time of 64.36. Sterling earned 2 points for 3rd place with Jill Murray and Greg Murray's total time of 71.91.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Connecticut Ski Council will hold its annual elections on Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at its regular meeting at the Polish American Club.

The following slate of officers has been selected by the nominating committee for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

President	Rich Cholewinski
Vice President	Jane Suto Don Schock
Treasurer	Kim Roberti

Rich Cholewinski is president of The Goodmen Club. Both Jane and Kim currently hold their nominated positions with Connecticut Ski Council and are seeking re-election. New officers terms will begin at the May CSC meeting. Jackie Martovich, Glen Cassis, Daniel Moalli
Nominating Committee

BULK TICKET RETURNS

Spring has sprung (well, almost) and it's time to think about putting away the skis and getting out the bikes and tennis racquets. But I must remind you that your unused bulk ticket vouchers must be returned to the Council by the May 11 meeting.

Please allow plenty of time to get the word out to your club members that this is the **ABSOLUTE DEADLINE!**

We will accept vouchers **ONLY** from the club bulk ticket coordinators, hand delivered by the May 11 meeting. Keep in mind the limits on returns.

But don't panic and try selling them in the parking lots or on eBay. Go ski ... and if you can't use the vouchers, pass them on to a club member who might want to do some spring skiing. We will have the return voucher form at the April meeting. Please send a representative to pick it up for your club. If you have any questions, email me at nancynolan@snet.net.

Nancy Nolan, Bulk Ticket Coordinator

ON-SNOW CARNIVAL, CONTINUED



The **Snowboarders** followed close on the heels of the Juniors. Seventeen "buttboarders" (as my son likes to call them, since they spend so much time on their butts) all managed to complete the course. Although Tom Cole was the fastest, he only led his team to 4th place for 7 points, along with Caitlin Manchester for a time of 40.78. Winterset took top honors for 10 points with a Matt Taylor/Ross Brier combined time of 57.60. An older team of Pat Moore and Fred Murray with a combined age of 107 and a combined time of 61.38 was good for 9 points. Hamden held 3rd with Eric Caswell and Deb Brom's combined 67.88 time. All participants were damp by race end, as were the starters.

The venue for **Junior B** (11-17) was the top of Upper East Meadow. The course was well salted. The salt melts the snow, then it refreezes to keep it hard and less movable. The original venue of Ridge would have had more transitions, but the warm temperatures forced the race to Upper East Meadow to ensure the snow depth would last. Sue Poirier lined up each of the 34 racers for their trip down the course. Dennis Suto and Claire O'Connor relayed race times from the timing hut to the base lodge to record. Mandy Lavallee wrote in the scores in the dry comfort of the lodge rather than the rainy outdoors. The Juniors were led by Evan Diamonds' fastest time of 36.72. Evan, along with Matt Diamond and Elana Rogers, led NAVA for 6 points with a combined time of 112.50. The 3 fastest skiers' (one must be a girl) combined time equals a club's total. Mt. Laurel with Marguerite Meinzer, Ricky Meinzer and Ben Poirier totaled 119.32, earning 5 points. New Haven's Kelsey North and Caroline Chalker along with John Chalker earned 4 points (131.82), good enough for 3rd place.

Next to start on the same course was the **Club Race**. Mt. Laurel took top honors with their 5 best finishers: Pat Moore, John Turner, Doug Turner, Paul Nyberg and Richard Meinzer (10 points, 210.82). Both Turners stood, which was fortunate for MTL as either dad or son Doug has a tendency to fall over when competing against each other. Winterset earned 9 points with their top 5 team of Mike Montesi, Mark Krasnickas, Mike O'Toole, Ross Brier and Brian Burke's combined time of 223.48. Newington earned 8 points with the team of Ted Rogala, Dave Dyson, John Paturel, John Ogorzalek and Bruce Laroche's total time equaling 241.09.

The ruts got worse. The schedule called for a pause but we didn't. It unfortunately meant that some of the pictures were missed, but the decision was to get everybody out of the rain sooner than later. The **Women's race** was next. Mt. Laurel's top 3 (Anne Edwards, Trish Maceletti and Carol Sweeney) totaled 143.59 to earn 10 points. Meriden (Lori Inman, Maggie Manchester and Sue Scheibenpflug) earned 9 points with a 150.07. Third place was earned by Newington (Debbie Rogala, Mal-sun Marletto and Karen Ellegard) with a time of 150.09 - only 2 hundredths of a second separated the 2nd and 3rd place teams. Mal-sun skied the course with what was later determined to be a torn ACL; she goes into surgery at the end of March. By the end of this race, the course was getting extremely rough.

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The last race on the course, and the hill, was the **Team race**.

Some men's comments were: "I haven't been bounced around that much since driving on the dirt backroads of Vermont," and "My teeth are still chattering!" Suffice it to say it was rough. The course was set well by Bromley - just the weather was not favorable. A one-two punch of Graham Garber and Joe Genet along with Dave Kiley and Sara Sherter gave Danbury 10 points with a time of 158.57. Mt. Laurel captured 2nd and 9 points with Chip Simplicio, Jon Nelson, Rob Dexter and Fran McPhee totaling 161.79. NAVA gained 8 points with Bruce Diamond, Todd Renz, Dave Rogers and Gary Gilroy's time of 163.83.

The ski races were done, but no rest, on to the **Volleyball!**

Erika Walz was the chairperson. Two volleyball courts were set up just off the sun (?) deck outside the base lodge. Eight teams pre-registered, with New Haven signing up the night before. Neither Norwalk nor New Haven showed up, so it was down to 7 teams. Hamden had the only bye in the first round. Mt. Laurel vs. Newington, with every point counting for score, saw MTL win 15-3. Winterset and Meriden duelled in possibly the closest game, with Meriden squeaking out a 15-12 win. Nutmeg and Danbury, another close one, had Nutmeg 15-10 at the end. Semifinals saw Hamden vs. MTL (15-10), MTL taking it. Meriden vs. Nutmeg (15-3) saw Nutmeg dominating the service for the win. Consolation round Meriden vs. Hamden (7 points), a very close game, Meriden capturing it 15-11. The finals: Mt. Laurel vs. Nutmeg. It was the match of the day. The lead exchanged repeatedly. Ski boots hampered any spiking or jumping. MTL snuck away with a 15-12 win earning 10 points and Nutmeg gaining 9 points.

Slopeside competitions were done for the day. Time to get ready for dinner, to be served in the base lodge that evening. About 140 people waited in a line that moved so swiftly it could hardly be called a wait. The food was exceptional. Bromley food service had tables filled with vegetables, salad, boneless chicken, mashed potatoes, pasta, a slab of roast beef, and a slab of ham. Dennis and Jane Suto, dinner chairpersons, did a great job collecting tickets, but the real cudos go to Bromley for preparing such a great meal. All were replete.

We moved to Wild Boar Tavern where the band, Higher Ground, was set to play for the night. CSC opted for a DJ, but Bromley stepped forward and substituted Higher Ground for the same price. It was great. The 5-piece band's fiddle player rocked the house. I felt the floor shake as the crowd got up and danced. A short band break let Sue Poirier award medals to all juniors participating in the Junior races. This year we made sure

junior boarders also got medals; last year we messed up since that was the first time we had a snowboard event. Tons of raffle ticket prizes were solicited by Bromley. It was one of the largest collection of prizes CSC has had at On-Snow. Even an extra snowboard was thrown in at the last minute from ?where? A big thanks to both Peter Dee and Sheila Sullivan of Bromley - they made the best of everything.

Sunday, March 7, 2004

Temperatures dropped to the 20s overnight. All the fog had disappeared. It was partly cloudy with the sun popping out more than not. Thirty-eight skinny skiers made their way down the road to Peru to the **Cross-country** venue at Wild Wings. Sue Poirier and her crew of Erika Walz and Penny Trick handed out bibs still wet from the day before. The race started over a bridge above a small stream and did 2 laps on a single track in the hard, frozen snow. The finish came back over the bridge and with the gestapo crew of Erika and Pat, no one could hover over them as they concentrated on the 30-second interval start time and staggered finish time of the racers. The quicker men went out first with Paul Nyberg not letting anybody come close. His 2-lap time of 15.02, along with Trish Maceletti's (fastest woman) 20.45 combined to 35.47 for 1st place and 10 points for Mt. Laurel. Second place went to Norwalk with the team of Christine Ogren and John Saresky in a time of 38.24 and 9 points. Meriden gained 8 points by Caitlin Manchester and Tom Cole (41.46) just beating Nutmeg with Sue Poirier and Bob Monty (41.53) by only 7 seconds combined. Back at the main mountain Marty Nagot organized the **Ski Rally**. Five clubs accepted the challenge to search the mountain for answers to his 14 questions. Kids were there to support the teams. Winterset earned 10 points with a perfect test. Mt. Laurel was 2nd with 12 correct; Danbury also had 12 correct, but the tie was broken by the fact that MTL turned in the list first. 9 points to MTL, 8 to Danbury.

PJ Tucciarone chaired the **Tug-of-War**. Some of the late finishes in the cross-country race missed joining MTL and Nutmeg pulled against a minimal team for their first round win. Meriden came out on top of Newington, Winterset over Danbury, and New Haven was a no-show, to let Hamden earn points. The second round saw Nutmeg over Meriden, Hamden over Winterset, and set up the consolation round for Winterset to earn 7 points and 4th place, and Meriden 8 points and 3rd. Finals between Nutmeg and Hamden proved too much for Hamden and the "Nuts" pulled away for a victory earning them 10 points.

The final point-collecting event of the weekend was the **Fun race**,

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or the no-fun race as I like to call it. We never know the rules until after the event is complete. Al Poirier always manages to come up with a different theme each year. This year, it was various throwing events. Water balloons were used as: footballs, thrown through a gate target; basketballs, thrown into a pail; and shotput, thrown up hill and caught. Balloons were transported down the trail between competitors' legs. Some were impressive, holding the maximum 3 at one time. The overall time taken to complete the event was recorded. Hamden earned 10 points for first place and beat Danbury (originally tying) for 9 points. The tie-breaker favored the team with more juniors. Mt. Laurel earned 8 points for 3rd, and Winterset earned 7 and 4th. Al said this is his last year chairing the event - he must be out of ideas.

The final event, though not counting for weekend points, was the debut of **Skier/Boarder cross**. Run on the terrain park by Pat Moore, it was well received. Skiers lined the trail to watch various heats compete for boasting rights down the challenging course. Matt Taylor was the junior boarder winner, Ben Poirier was the junior skier, Chas Perry the adult boarder and Fran McPhee the adult skier. The photos were great!

Though the weather did not cooperate, Bromley Mountain did a fantastic job of running the races, hosting the event, and providing the meal, the band and all the other behind the scenes activities they coordinated. Lift ticket purchases were as painless as they have ever been; CSC members could go to any ticket window with their membership cards and purchase all their tickets for the weekend.

Thank you Bromley! Thanks also everyone who helped coordinate the weekend.

It was an excellent fun-filled adventure.

Proposed Constitutional Addition

The following is a proposed addition to the Connecticut Ski Council constitution, which was most recently revised on September 9, 2003.

The current version can be found in the 2004 CSC directory.

Proposed:

Article III (Club Membership)

(ADD:)

Section 4: Member clubs must submit each year copies of their ski club membership card. As a minimum, the card must contain the following: 1) the written ski club name (logo optional); 2) an indication that the club is a member of the CT Ski Council; 3) a date showing the validity of the card (either expiration date or the ski season year [2003-2004]), and 4) the specific name of the club member and the total number of members associated with the card. As in the case of a family membership, a listing of all family members by name, OR individual cards issued to each member. If a club allows family membership, a sample (with names) of both a family card and a single member card shall be submitted to the CSC. This card sample shall accompany the CSC membership dues. The CSC reserves the right to deny a club any or all Council benefits until the membership card sample(s) are submitted and approved by the CSC Board of Directors. The CSC has the authority to reject any club applying for membership in the CSC if the stated requirements are not met. The CSC also has the authority to deny a current CSC member club access to any CSC activity or benefit should the club membership card be in noncompliance with the above stated requirements.

Discussion and voting on this constitutional addition will take place at the April meeting.



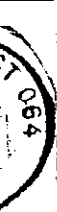
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Final standings (maximum points, 110):

Nutmeg	Seventh	38 points
Hamden	Sixth	54 points
Meriden	Fifth	64 points
Newington	Fourth	65 points
Danbury	Third	66 points
Winterset	Second	75 points
Mt. Laurel	First	96 points

On-Snow Carnival photos are available for viewing and for purchase on www.gamefacephotos.net



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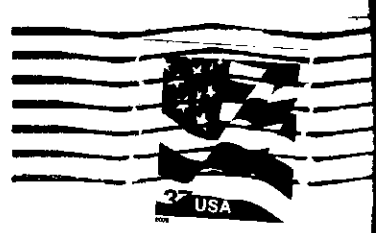
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The purpose of the CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL is to foster and encourage organized amateur skiing, to assist in the development of new clubs, to sponsor and run inter-club competition, promote club activity both on and off the snow, and teach skiing and ski safety skills to others. The Council offers discounts on lift tickets, lodging, ski trips, competitive racing, Nordic programs, ski instruction, social and sporting events, community involvement, physical conditioning, meeting people and having fun.



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Ambassador's Angle

Congratulations to NAVA for taking first place in Monday Night Racing. A special thanks to Jackie Martovich for all of her hard work and dedication to the Monday Night racing program.

Congratulations to Mountain Laurel for winning first place in the On-Snow Carnival. Another special round of thanks goes again to Jackie, in addition to all the CSC committee chairs and volunteers who helped make On-Snow a success once again this year! We didn't let the rain get us down and had a great weekend! Thanks to all for their dedication and support.

Mandy Lavallee, 2004 CSC Ambassador

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Remember -

All unused vouchers for the 2003-04 season must be returned for credit at the MAY CSC meeting

