

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you all for re-electing me as your president for next year. Congratulations also to both Jane and Kim on their re-elections as vice president and treasurer! We have accomplished a lot this year, with the implementation of our validation stickers, which has helped reduce fraud and has made the mountains aware of the CSC's commitment to reducing the resale of tickets outside the CSC. Unfortunately, last month we did have an incident where a member was attempting to resell an Awareness Day ticket. That member was expelled from his own club and will not be able to share in the tremendous benefits the CSC offers.

I have been traveling around meeting with the mountains and they are concerned about the abuse but are happy with our efforts to reduce scalping. We all need to go back to our clubs and reiterate how imperative it is that we stop people from taking advantage of our programs, putting them in jeopardy.

The On Snow selection meeting will once again be at Erika's house, Monday, May 9, 7 PM (directions have been e-mailed.) We have seven mountains bidding on next year's On Snow: Stratton, Mount Snow, Okemo, Sugarbush, Stowe, Jay Peak and, once again, Bromley. Reps: If you cannot attend and want to vote by proxy or

assign your vote, you must give the rep your written proxy. That proxy must be given to me before the start of voting that night. We look forward to a successful bid meeting and will announce the winning mountain at the May meeting.

The Travel Committee headed up by George Krampetz is hard at work planning two 2006 CSC trips, one western trip and one eastern trip. We have narrowed it down to Aspen and Steamboat for our western trip, and Sunday River and Smugglers Notch for our eastern trip. This is a great opportunity for our smaller clubs to travel at a discounted rate, and for our larger clubs to all come together at a unifying and fun trip! We look forward to announcing a decision by the May meeting as well.

The Tech Committee, headed by Jo Mustaro, is also moving along on the re-design of our website. We hope to roll that out with a sponsorship package for the 2005-2006 ski season. If you are interested in helping out with sponsorships send me an e-mail.

We had a successful year with all your hard work. We need to continue to grow and I encourage every club to open up its membership to every skier and snowboarder because our strength is in our numbers. We all (continued on page 2)

AGENDA

MAY 10, 2005

- 8:00 - Monthly Business Meeting
- . Roll Call
 - . Secretary's Report
 - . Treasurer's Report
 - . 2005 Snowball Report
 - . 2005 On Snow Report
 - . Executive Committee Report
 - . Technology Committee Report
 - . Trip Committee Report
 - . Old Business
 - . Vote on new club:
Montachusett Ski Club
 - . Vote on proposed bylaw & constitution changes
 - . New Business

Next Meeting:

September 13, 2005

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An On Snow Selection meeting will take place on Monday, May 9, 7:00 PM at the home of Erika Walz. Each club will receive one vote per delegate. If a delegate cannot be present, a voting representative must have a signed proxy giving him/her authority to vote or stating your actual vote. Proxies must be given to the President before the start of the meeting that night. Proposals will be emailed when received. Go to president@skiclub.com for directions to Erika's.

Awareness Days Wrap-Up

It was another great season of Awareness Days at eleven Vermont, five New Hampshire, and one Massachusetts mountain, for a total of 67 days. Final attendance reports were not available from all participating mountains, but the best estimate counts 9500 skier and boarder participants. This topped last year's total of close to 8000, but was just under the 2002-2003 record figure of 10,400.

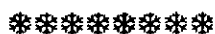
The number one day this season was at Okemo, Sunday, Feb. 13, with 1015 people participating under beautiful, sunny skies. The number two day was a week earlier (Sunday, Feb. 6) at Stratton with 847 people. Filling out the top ten are: Stratton (Mar. 13) 794; Okemo (Jan. 2) 776; Okemo (Mar. 20) 721; Okemo (Mar. 19) 717; Mt. Snow (Feb. 25) 553; Okemo (Dec. 19) 440; Haystack (Feb. 27) 268; Haystack (Feb. 26) 259. There were many days with over 100 attending at Sugarbush, Sunapee, Stowe, Mt. Snow, Haystack, Stratton and Ascutney. It is evident that CSC members favored southern Vermont's mountains this season. This may be partly because a large number of clubs have lodges in the area, and also partly due to rising gas prices. Those of us who drove the extra distance were rewarded with excellent skiing and boarding at Loon, Waterville, Jay Peak, Bolton Valley and Ragged. Although not part of Awareness Days, I should mention we had a great On Snow Winter Carnival at Bromley this March 4-6, with great weather and conditions the entire weekend.

This year's new policy of issuing one Awareness Day ticket for each CSC ID sticker on a club membership card seemed to end some of the confusion encountered when purchasing a ticket. The mountains have thanked us for making it easier to determine eligibility.

On behalf of the CSC and all our valued members I would like to thank the participating mountains for such great skiing and boarding at family-friendly prices. Many thanks also to those members who went out of their way to extend a sincere personal thank you to the hard-working staffs at the mountains. Your courtesy makes all of our jobs easier and more rewarding.

With much anticipation, I look forward to next season. Many thanks to the CSC for allowing me to contribute.

John G. Filakovsky, CSC Awareness Days Coordinator



President's Message, continued

need to be Ambassadors of the CSC. There is no reason why every skier in Connecticut is not a member of a ski club. The perception is that skiing and snowboarding are not affordable for the average family. We need to communicate that skiing and boarding are affordable by joining a club in the CSC. Contact me at President@skiclub.com. I would love to get feedback from everyone. Ask to be put on the President's distribution list and get timely monthly updates on what's happening!

I look forward to continuing as your president and working together to provide the best benefits of any council in the country! And I hope to attend your club's meeting to speak with your members about the CSC and its benefits.

Rich Cholewinski, President



Officers of the Connecticut Ski Council 2005-2006 season

Officers were elected at the April 12, 2005 meeting, for the 2005-2006 season. Our current officers will remain in their positions for the upcoming year.
President - Rich Cholewinski
Vice President - Jane Suto
Treasurer - Kim Roberti
Congratulations to all, and we look forward to another successful and fun-filled year.

Newsletter Deadline for the mid-summer issue is June 30. Please email me at Donald.Ludwig@sbcglobal.net.
Thanks, Ginny Ludwig

Ambassador's Angle

Well, it's that time of the year again where most people look forward to the warmer days of spring and the coming summer, while those hard-core skiers amongst us are still trying to get in that last spring snow fling. But the inevitable is here; the ski season is coming to a close. But now is the time to start making plans for next winter. Gather up all those ski brochures, start surfing the web and let's decide where our next winter ski adventure will take us. Out West? Europe? Maybe even a summer ski trip south of the equator?

This is also the time of the year when we look back on the last season and think about how long it may have taken us to get back into shape after a lazy summertime. So why not start now to get or keep ourselves in shape so we are ready as soon as the snowflakes fall again.

It is also time to plan for this year's Snowball. The committees are coming together, and by the time you read this, a planning meeting will be scheduled to decide on a theme and to put final touches on the event. *Remember, this is the only fundraiser for the CSC.* So mark your calendars now for November 12, 2005. The place: The Connecticut Grand Hotel at 3580 East Main Street, Waterbury, CT (exit 26 off I-84 West.) Visit www.ctgrandhotel.com for more info and to make reservations. Or call 1-800-446-1521. Two bands this year for non-stop music all evening - Johnny Six Gun, and Chillum (visit them at www.johnnysixgun.com and www.chillumband.com.)

Now is the time to begin your search for your new Club Ambassador!
See you at the final CSC meeting on May 10.

Alan Laidlaw, CSC Ambassador 2005
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American Cancer Society's **RELAY FOR LIFE, CT SHORELINE** takes place May 14-15, in Guilford, starting at 1:00 PM and ending at 10 AM the next day. One of the 15 team members must be on the track at all times. If we raise \$5000 we are a Silver Team (last year we made \$4800 making it #2 out of 58 teams.) \$10 registration fee. Each participant should obtain at least \$100 in pledges from sponsors. Contact Kim Roberti at 49 Stanton Rd., Clinton, CT 06413 by May 1 to join her team or sponsor her!! Make all checks payable to American Cancer Society.

ATTENTION BULK TICKET

COORDINATORS - PLEASE READ!

The ski season is winding down - except for those diehards who are still going to Killington or seeking the thrill of climbing up and skiing down Tuckerman's - but for the rest of us we already have the bikes out, or the boats out of storage and have moved on to another outdoor sport.

Club bulk ticket coordinators should be collecting any unused vouchers from club members, filling out the ticket return form, and attending the last CSC meeting of the season on May 10 to return those vouchers for credit towards the next ski season. **YES, May 10 is the final deadline** to turn in those unused vouchers to Nancy and Ginny at the meeting. **No exceptions!** We will not take back tickets for credit after May 10.

The rules for returns are the same this year as they have been in the past. Most areas will only accept back a certain percentage for credit towards the purchase for next year. After we verify the numbers, clubs will be notified of their credit for next season. Please be sure to put the contact person for bulk tickets on the return form, address, telephone, and email address. The bulk ticket return form has been distributed at the CSC meetings. If you did not pick up a copy, please email nancy@cthealth.org and I will send you a copy. Please complete two copies, keep one for your records and give one to us at the CSC meeting with your vouchers. If you have any questions, please get in touch with me. See you at the May 10th CSC meeting.

Nancy Nolan, CSC Bulk Ticket Coordinator

Join Sterling Ski Club for a fun-filled day at Six Flags New England, Sun., July 10. Meet at the main entrance at 9 AM - don't forget your bathing suit and water shoes, since the waterpark is the main focus. Call Diane King, 203-925-0183 for info. Passes: 4 @ \$54.99/each, 1 @ \$59.99/each before April 24, or on line @ BigYSupermarkets.

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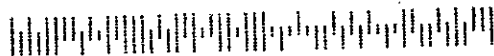
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The purpose of the CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL is to foster and encourage organized amateur skiing, to assist in the development of new clubs, to sponsor and run inter-club competition, promote club activity both on and off the snow, and to teach skiing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

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The following by-law and constitutional changes have been proposed and will be voted upon at the May 10 CSC meeting.

By Law Addition

Under Article V (Committees/Policies) add the following proposed amendment to the CSC by laws:

The CSC Awareness Days Committee shall consist of at least 2 members from the CSC and shall coordinate the Awareness discount ski days with various ski areas. The CSC Awareness Day Coordinator shall be appointed by the President to be the point of contact to negotiate price and schedule the discount ski days. The CSC President shall act as the backup point of contact and be a member of the committee by default. The coordinator's name will be published in the CSC newsletter.

Constitutional Addition

Under Article IV (Government) add the following section:

Section 6 (Executive Board): The Executive Board shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Past President, Ambassador and all CSC Committee chairs and coordinators (i.e. Bulk Ticket, Race, Awareness Day, CSC Kids' Day).

The Executive Committee shall be chaired by the President and shall meet at the request of the President and once/year. The Executive Board shall function within the policies and guidelines established by the Board of Directors and report its activities to the Board of Directors. The Executive Board shall act as an advisory board to the President and the Board of Directors.