

# Central Connecticut Snow Snakes

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April 2007 Newsletter

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## MEETING FAQs

This Month's Meeting

**Wed., April 18, 2007**

**7:30 p.m.**

*South Windsor  
Community Center*

150 Nevers Road

Room: 206

Refreshments served

Next meeting will be held on

**Wed. May 16, 2007**

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## Message from our President,

Lois A. Krause:

Well it looked like the ski season was winding down if you came on the Jay Peak, VT Trip - (really Spring skiing), but then the cold came back. There have been some flurries and one white out here in the area, but they got 1-2 feet of snow up

North, so get on out there and ski - use up those discount tickets because you have to turn them in very soon. See details elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Jay Peak had great sunny weather, and we had snow on Friday night (thanks in part to Tom White for his prayers for snow), but boy, was it changing conditions as you skied down. You could start at the top with rock hard ice, then hit some really great snow, and finally ski into mush. All in all, we had a great time, with lots of friends, and the food was great, too (like last year). We also found out the afternoon we left that our Trip Chairman, Trip Coordinator, and Treasurer, had signed an agreement for the next two years with Jay Peak for return visits to the Hotel (they are then going to tear it down and build something bigger). They promised to keep the costs reasonable, and we promised to come back, so plan on next year and the year afterward - it really is a great time. The food alone is worth the price.

Thanks to Ellen and Rich Corrado for the snacks at the last meeting (more so Ellen than Rich, as Rich told me that Ellen had it all taken care of by the time he thought about it). Nice job both of you (he did help carry it all in and helped to set up).



Remember we have our link from our website [www.ctsnovsnakes.org](http://www.ctsnovsnakes.org) to the **EmbroidMe** website for our Snow Snakes apparel with the new 20th Anniversary Logo.

This month (April) is our nominations for officers meeting, so put on your thinking caps to nominate some good people (there is a sheet elsewhere that has open positions and a small description of each). We will vote in May.

Again, e-mail Linda Grodofsky [lgrodofsky@aol.com](mailto:lgrodofsky@aol.com) and Dave Anderson [andersdo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:andersdo@sbcglobal.net) with your correct e-mail address, so we can make sure everyone gets a notice of the newsletter each month (if we don't go snail mail). We are trying to keep the costs lower, so we can use our treasury to do more for the membership, like sponsoring the bus for the Jay Peak trip. If we save money on the newsletter each month, we can do more things!

Our Snail Mail distribution and proofreader, Sylvia Nolan, lost her Mom last month, that is why she couldn't maintain the "Care and feeding" of the paper newsletter. I am sure you all want to offer your condolences to Sylvia and her family, so I will do it here, as well as thank her for her tireless dedication to the task. It is a daunting one, and we hope we did almost as good a job filling in, in your absence Sylvia.

Linda Grodofsky tried to send everything out, but didn't get all of them out until after she got the e-mail version rolling. I am sorry (as she is) if anyone did not receive their newsletter on time for the meeting. Please, if you ever miss it, just remember the meeting is the third Wed. of the month at the SW Community Center. Call me if you think it might be different, or if you just want to make sure we haven't changed it.

If anyone has some pictures of Jay Peak, please share them at the April 18 meeting, in addition to turning in your un-used discount lift tickets.

Think "Streeeeetching" The Snow Season!!!



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## CCSS NEWS

Our condolences go out to Sylvia Nolan on the loss of her mother in March.

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**Returning unused bulk lift tickets** – Tickets may be returned at the upcoming **April 18** meeting. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you may return them to Christina Logue at 29 Miller Rd. Bethany, CT 06524, telephone no.(203)444-7722, e-mail [christina52206@yahoo.com](mailto:christina52206@yahoo.com). If you return tickets by mail you should insure their delivery, and perhaps send them via registered or certified mail or a FEDEX equivalent. **Tickets must be received by Christina by April 30 in order to be credited toward your ticket purchase for next season.**

Bill Doster will discuss the plans for next year's SnowSnake trip to Banff/Lake Louise at the April 18 meeting. Bill is an experienced travel agent and will help train a person this year (2007-2008 ski season) to become the trip coordinator for the Club the following year. This is an exciting opportunity for anyone interested in learning about travel planning, as well as a great way to contribute to the SnowSnakes. Please let Bill or Lois Krause know if you are interested.

Other volunteer positions that are open for the 2007-2008 season are highlighted in this edition of the Newsletter on the last few pages. Please step up – helping the club operate will enhance your skiing and riding enjoyment, honest !

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Deadline for newsletter entries is the first Monday of the month. Contact Linda Grodofsky at (860) 644-5924 or [lgrodofsky@aol.com](mailto:lgrodofsky@aol.com)

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## MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

**SUGARBUSH** HAS GREAT SPRING CONDITIONS AND WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL APRIL 22 DAILY. WILL CLOSE APRIL 23-27 AND OPEN FOR THE LAST WEEKEND IN APRIL FOR A FINAL BLAST OF SPRING SKIING.

**KILLINGTON** EXPECTS TO BE OPEN UNTIL MAY 6TH BUT CHECK THE WEB SITE FOR UPDATES.

**OKEMO** STILL HAS MORE THAN HALF THEIR TRAILS OPEN WITH GREAT SPRING SKIING.

**MT. SNOW** HAS DECIDED TO REOPEN FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 14 BECAUSE OF CONTINUED SNOWFALL AND COLD WEATHER.

With lots of snow and cold weather in the past week trails have been reopened and winter conditions have returned. Come on out and enjoy the skiing and riding!!!



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## Central CT Snow Snakes Club Service Opportunities

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### Officers

**President** – Officiate meetings, contact for Executive members, has legal signing authority for club.

**Vice President** – Assist President, and act as President in President's Absence

**Treasurer/Membership** – Keeps club books and has legal signing authority for club. Logs all membership (and dues), and distributes membership cards. Collects and logs all money transfers.

**Secretary/Historian** – Records notes of meetings and keeps pictures and correspondence for the club for posterity.

**Council Reps (4)** – Attend the Council meetings and vote for the club in matters of the Council – report back to club

about Council activities.

**Council Alternate** – Acts as Council Rep. in the absence of one of the Council Reps.

### Newsletter Team

- **Editor** – Puts the different parts of the newsletter together, and formats it for distribution.
- **Mail Distribution** – Proofreads the newsletter for accuracy and distributes the printed newsletters to people without internet access.
- **Internet Distribution** – Distributes the newsletter via e-mail and link to the website to those with internet access (currently the Editor).

**Snow Snakes Web Site** – Sets up and keeps website updated on a regular basis with input from Club and Council Members.

**Race Chair** – Coordinates Racing program for the Club – attends all Racing meetings at the Council, races, and coordinates the “gate-keeping” responsibilities for the Snow Snakes turn on “Gate-Keeping”.

**Youth Chair** – Coordinates Youth (under 18) activities

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### Coordinators

**Club Trips** – Plans trips with Executive Committee and input from membership. Gets prices to present to Membership, and books and coordinates large trips (Western trips, and helps other coordinators to do short trips).

**Bus Day Trips** – Coordinates

Buses and Mountain lift tickets for day trips.

**Discount Ticket Tracker** –

Receives ticket requests from membership, logs on computer, collects money and gives to Treasurer, consolidates purchase, gets check for Council from Treasurer, gives in purchase consolidation and check to Council, receives tickets at Council Meeting, logs all numbers of tickets and puts them in envelopes for individual members for distribution. Takes return tickets back from membership, logs in computer, and consolidates to turn in to Council. Gets and logs credits for following year when they come in, and distributes the information to members that have credits coming.

Coordinates with Distribution Ticket person for distribution.

**Discount Ticket Distribution** –

Receives tickets from Ticket Tracker, and attends monthly meetings to distribute to membership. Is contact during the season for members to buy and sell tickets they may not need, or who may want extra. Distributes tickets that club buys to new members as instructed by Treasurer.

**Merchandise Distribution** –

This is no longer needed because we have the link from EmbroidMe to get merchandise. We still have some items in the “suitcase” for purchase, but we will bring those to the meetings during the higher attended meetings for sale.

**Summer Picnic** - Books place to have the picnic. Takes RSVP's from membership to make sure we have a number for

the event. Coordinates with Treasurer and Exec. Committee for food and may purchase food to bring to the event (that the club pays for). Makes sure the facility is booked, paid for, and all details (grills, pools, ball field, etc.) are coordinated and communicated to the membership – coordinate with Newsletter Editor for distribution of invitation.

**Summer Activities** – Like picnic for other activities.

**Holiday Party** – Like Picnic, but for Holiday Party.

**Holiday Party Entertainment**

– Thinks up entertainment and coordinates games, etc. for Holiday party.

**Council Ambassador** – Studies Skiing/Boarding History, and represents the Club as our Club Ambassador in a contest for the Council Ambassador at the Ambassador's Day, and at the Snow Ball (both in November) where they find out which club wins the Ambassadorship. If they win the Ambassadorship, they will plan the next year's Snow Ball (with the help of the Club and other clubs).

Ambassadors are also responsible for manning the booth at the Ski show, and helping to “gatekeep” at On Snow Carnival for racing.

**Snowball Tickets** – Picks up tickets from Council meeting, sell them to people in club that want them, and turn the ticket money & list or unsold tickets back in to the Council (Usually one of the Council Reps does it).

**Snowball Raffle Gifts** – Helps Ambassador collect gifts for Snow Ball, or coordinates

donations from club members for the Council in the absence of an Ambassador.

**Snowball Committee** –

Committee of club members to participate in the club's group to work on a committee for the Snow Ball so the Club retains the right to purchase pre-buy tickets. We need to participate every 3 years, and this coming year we need to participate, and we have signed on for decorations.

**On Snow** – Coordinate with Council to get lift tickets, race lists, dinner/party tickets and sell them to membership. Coordinate all information from Council to Club.

**Banner** – Keep the banner and bring it to club meetings and club functions. Make sure we get it to and from the Snow Ball.

**Refreshments** – Bring and set up refreshments for each general club meeting, turn receipts into Treasurer, and receive reimbursement for any money you spent.

**Entertainment Books** – Order and sell Entertainment books for a fund raiser each Sept. through Dec., send unsold books back to Company, give money collected to Treasurer.

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