

Central Connecticut Snow Snakes

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December 2006 Newsletter

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This Month's Meeting
December 13, 2006

7:30 p.m.

*South Windsor
Community Center
150 Nevers Road
Room: 206*

Refreshments served

Due to the holiday season this month's meeting date is different than the usual. In January we will resume the usual schedule of meeting the third Wed. of each month. Next meeting will be held on Wed. Jan. 17, 2007.

Message from our President, Lois A. Krause:

As of this writing, we are back to warmer weather again –

where is the SNOW??? They say it will get colder this weekend, but I will only believe it when I see it (it is 50 degrees at Okemo on today's website).

We had a lot going on for the November meeting, and I would like to thank Marie Carparelli and Lisa Briganti for stepping up, hand recording and distributing all of the pre-buy, discount tickets. We cannot survive without great volunteers like you. If anyone was upset because their ticket order was not processed as quickly as they thought it should be, please volunteer to help next time. We can always use another hand. **You will be able to pick up your discount tickets at December's meeting if you haven't done so already.** If you missed the November meeting, you missed the discount coupons to *Alpine Haus* for the first week of December. Sam and Dusty from *Alpine Haus* gave us a great talk about new equipment, and answered many questions from the floor. Normally, you can get a 25% discount at *Alpine Haus* if you show your Snow Snakes membership card, but during the first week of December, you will get a 30% discount with your coupon. Please remember to bring your CSC card - if you don't, you will not get the discount.

I would like to thank Ellen and



Rich Corrado for the refreshments - a nice assortment of confections and healthy snacks!

Remember we have our link from our website www.ctsnowsnakes.org to the *EmbroidMe* website for our Snow Snakes apparel with the new Logo. *****Speaking of the new Logo - Holly Fisher and Sarah Saunders**, please contact me (Lois Krause, President - Phone - 860-289-8150 (h), e-mail: (w) krausel@ripley-tools.com (h) pete912e@comcast.net), to tell me what logo item you would like for your prize for the Logo contest after you go online and look, or come to the meeting.

Please notice the change in the date for our Dec. meeting, it will be on **Dec. 13** instead of the 20th. (We don't want to cause any severe stress around the holidays.) **We will be having a Grab Bag exchange for December's meeting. Please bring a wrapped item for the grab bag (please make it around \$10), and you will get a gift from the Grab Bag.** If you do not want to participate, you do not have to bring anything.

Only those that bring a gift will get something, (we will keep track.) You don't have to bring something that is related to skiing, but please think of things that will be good for anyone, of any gender, age, or religion (eg., calendars, books, food gifts (nuts, candy), hand and toe warmers, etc.).

The Council is holding a Kids Day on Dec. 17, 2006 at *Okemo*, Ludlow, VT for only \$29 per child (ages 6-18). They will get lessons, a party, and give-a-ways. Tickets can be purchased at the Group Sales Window with proof of CSC club membership. Find a form on www.skiclub.com, fill it out and send it, no later than Dec. 8, 2006 to: Sue Poirier, 2357 Kingdon Road, Ludlow, VT 05149, to register your child.

We are still looking for some people to step up and help lighten the load of work to run the club. We are now almost 700 strong, so there is a lot to do – please come help. If you have a few friends that are members, consider doing a job as a team – it is fun, and you can socialize as you do it.

We may have a surprise program in addition to the Grab Bag Exchange - come on out and see. Think Snow!!!



CCSS NEWS

Join your fellow Snow Snake Club members at a holiday party at **Marco Polo Restaurant**, 1250 Burnside Ave. (near Wickham Park) in East Hartford, CT on Friday January 5 at 7:00 p.m. Dinner, drinks, giveaways, games -- a fun time for all!! \$ 5 per person to hold reservation (Full details to follow) Contact Chris Edelwich at (860)647-9415 or edelwich@sbcglobal.net by Dec.28 if you plan to attend. Checks can be sent to Sam Rubin, 233 Griswold Dr., W.Hartford, CT 06119-1022.

If you have not picked up your pre-buy, discounted lift tickets yet, they will be available at the December Snow Snake meeting.

If you have not paid your Central Connecticut Snow Snakes club membership dues yet, please pay by Dec 31st or you will be dropped from this season's roster. If you have purchased discount tickets, please be aware of the policies regarding their use. The policy is attached to this newsletter (paper form or link to <http://www.skiclub.com/documents/CSC-bulk-policy-06-07.pdf>, as is the list of CSC Awareness Days 2006-2007, days when you can present your CSC membership card and get discount lift tickets at a designated ski area on a specific day http://www.skiclub.com/documents/CSC_Days_06-07.pdf.

Send membership forms and checks to Sam Rubin 233 Griswold Drive, West Hartford, CT 06119-1022.

Questions about upcoming CCSC ski trips?

Contact Marie Carparelli (860)649-5765, *Sugarloaf* trip, Jan. 7-12, 2007.

Contact Bill Doster (860)644-1155 or (860)841-0186, *Winter Park* trip, March 3-10,

Contact Mark Zaza (860)747-4130, *Jay Peak* weekend, March 23-25, 2007.

Due to a lack of interest by membership there will be no racing program through the Snow Snakes this year. If anyone is interested in running the racing program, please contact Lois or Peter Krause.

To raise funds for bus trips, meeting refreshments and other activities, we are pleased to offer the **Entertainment Book** for sale. If anyone is interested in purchasing an entertainment book, which provides restaurant and other leisure activity discounts, for either Hartford or Springfield areas, please contact Chris Edelwich (860)647-9415 or edelwich@sbcglobal.net.

CSC NEWS

The Council is sponsoring a Kids Day at *Okemo* on Dec. 17, \$29 per child (ages 6-18). Registration and other info. at www.skiclub.com.

Save the date for the **CSC On Snow Winter Carnival**, March 3-4, 2007 at *Mount Sunapee*, N.H. Please contact event chairperson John Filakovsky (203) 375-6357 JFilakovsky@microphase.com if you would like to volunteer.

CSC Hotel Deals

There are lodging discounts available at Vermont and New Hampshire hotels/motels for CSC members. When making your reservation please identify yourself as a member, and when checking in show your club card with a valid CSC sticker. These rates are the best rate available and beat AARP, AAA and Hotel.com rates. Please see the following list:

2006-2007 CSC Season Lodging Discounts

COMFORT INN & SUITES -

Voted the #1 Comfort Inn

Worldwide 703 US Route 5

South St. Johnsbury, Vermont

05819 Phone: (802) 748-1500

www.vermontvacationland.com

(Stay when skiing Jay, Burke, & Bretton Woods)

Weekend \$99.99

Mid-week \$89.99

Holiday \$149.99

FAIRBANKS INN - Vermont's

Best Kept Secret 401 Western

Avenue St. Johnsbury, Vermont

05819 (802) 748-5666

www.stjay.com

(Stay when skiing Jay, Burke, & Bretton Woods)

Weekend \$69.99

Mid-week \$59.99

Holiday \$129.99

HAMPTON INN - Ranked in the

top 10% of Hampton Inns

Worldwide 580 Meadow Street

Littleton, New Hampshire (603)

444-0025 www.littletonhotel.com

(Stay when skiing Burke & Bretton Woods)

Weekend \$99

Mid-week \$89

Holiday \$149

Hampton Inn

Colchester, VT (Burlington)

42 Mountain View Dr Colchester, VT 05446

(802) 654-7646

hamptoninnburlington.com

(Stay when skiing Jay, Mad River, Stowe, Sugarbush & Smugglers Notch)

Weekend & Mid-Week \$69

Holiday \$149

Best Western

Rutland, VT

1 US Route 4 Rutland, VT 05701-

9705 (802) 773-3200

www.bestwestern-rutland.com

(Stay when skiing Killington, Pico & Middlebury Snow Bowl)

Weekend \$119.99

Mid-week \$79.99

Holiday \$159.99

Holiday Inn Express

Springfield, VT

818 Charlestown Road

Springfield, Vermont (802) 885-4516

www.ihotelsgroup.com

(Stay when skiing Okemo & Ascutney)

Weekend \$99

Mid-Week \$79

Holiday \$129

Comfort Inn

Concord, NH

Flat Rate of \$75

Holiday Inn Express

Keene, NH

Flat Rate of \$79.99

Holiday Inn

Salem, NH

Weekend \$89

Mid-week \$79

MISC NOTES

Deadline for newsletter entries is the first Monday of the month.

Contact Linda Grodofsky at

(860)644-5924 or

lgrodofsky@aol.com

DIRECTIONS

The South Windsor Community Center

150 Nevers Road

Directions:

From Route 84 East: Take Exit 62

(Buckland Rd). Turn left onto

Buckland Rd. At the fifth traffic

light, go straight onto Sullivan Ave (Rte 194) Note: Wapping Community Church is on your right after intersection.

*At the second traffic light, turn right onto Sand Hill Rd, then left onto Nevers Rd. Community Center is on the right (across from the South Windsor High School).

From Route 84 West: Take Exit 62 (Buckland Rd). At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Pleasant Valley Rd. At first traffic light, turn left onto Buckland Rd. At the third traffic light, go straight onto

Sullivan Ave (Rte 194) Note: Wapping Community Church is on your right after intersection.

*At the second traffic light, turn right onto Sand Hill Rd, then left onto Nevers Rd. Community Center is on the right (across from the South Windsor High School).

From route 91N:

Take the Rte 291 exit toward South Windsor Bissel Bridge. Take Exit 4, (Rte 5). At the end of exit, go straight across Rte 5 onto Ellington Rd (Rte 30). Follow about 3.5 miles to Sullivan Ave (Rte 194)

Note: Wapping Community Church is on your left after intersection.

Turn left onto Sullivan Ave. Follow directions from*

From route 91S:

Take Exit 44 onto Rte 5. Follow Rte 5 south for about 4 miles. Turn left onto Sullivan Ave and follow for about 3 miles. Turn left onto Sand Hill Rd, then left onto Nevers Rd. Community Center is on the right (across from the South WindsorHighSchool).



rwtech.com



LIFT TICKETS

\$15 **Mon, Tues,
Wed & Thurs!**
excluding holiday periods.

 Great Barrington, MA
SkiButternut.com
413-528-2000

CONNECTICUT SKI COUNCIL AWARENESS DAYS 2006-2007

Members MUST show valid CSC Club Membership card and can ONLY purchase one ticket for each CSC sticker on the membership card. Tickets are available at the listed pickup location ONLY and sales close at 1 PM.

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Please extend every courtesy and a sincere thank you to the following ski areas and staff for their participation.

Date	Day	Place	Cost	Date	Day	Place	Cost	Date	Day	Place	Cost
12/1/05	Fri	Stowe *	\$37/1	1/18/06	Thur	Stowe*	\$114/4	2/23/07	Fri	Ascutney	\$28
12/2/05	Sat	Stowe *	\$62/2	1/19/07	Fri	Stratton	\$30	2/24/07	Sat	Mt Snow	\$30
12/3/06	Sun	Stowe *	\$88/3	1/20/07	Sat	Sugarbush	\$30	2/25/07	Sun	Mt Snow	\$30
12/8/06	Fri	Killington*	\$30/1	1/21/07	Sun	Sugarbush	\$30	3/2/07	Fri	Sunapee	\$ **
12/9/06	Sat	Killington*	\$55/2	1/22/07	Mon	Sugarbush	\$30	3/3/07	Sat	Sunapee	\$ **
12/10/06	Sun	Stratton	\$30	1/26/07	Fri	Loon/Water/Cran	\$25	3/4/07	Sun	Sunapee	\$ **
12/15/06	Fri	Mt Snow	\$30	1/27/07	Sat	Loon/Water/Cran	\$25	3/5/07	Mon	Burke	\$26
12/16/06	Sat	Mt Snow	\$30	1/28/07	Sun	Loon/Water/Cran	\$25	3/6/07	Tue	Burke	\$26
12/17/06	Sun	Okemo	\$29	1/29/07	Mon	Loon/Water/Cran	\$25	3/7/07	Wed	Burke	\$26
12/22/06	Fri	Ascutney	\$25	1/30/07	Tue	Bolton Valley	\$26	3/8/07	Thur	Burke	\$26
12/23/06	Sat	Ascutney	\$28	1/31/07	Wed	Bolton Valley	\$26	3/9/07	Fri	Burke	\$26
12/24/06	Sun	Sunapee	\$26	2/1/07	Thur	Bolton Valley	\$26	3/10/07	Sat	Burke	\$26
12/25/06	Mon	Ragged	\$20	2/2/07	Fri	Bolton Valley	\$26	3/11/07	Sun	Stratton	\$32
12/26/06	Tue	Ragged	\$20	2/3/07	Sat	Bolton Valley	\$26	3/12/07	Mon	Bromley	\$23
12/27/06	Wed	Ragged	\$20	2/4/07	Sun	Okemo	\$34	3/16/07	Fri	Ascutney	\$25
12/28/06	Thur	Ragged	\$20	2/5/07	Mon	Magic	\$20	3/17/07	Sat	Mt Snow	\$30
12/29/06	Fri	Ragged	\$20	2/6/07	Tue	Magic	\$20	3/18/07	Sun	Mt Snow	\$30
12/30/06	Sat	Ragged	\$28	2/7/07	Wed	Magic	\$20	3/21/07	Wed	Stowe*	\$37/1
12/31/06	Sun	Ragged	\$28	2/8/07	Thur	Magic	\$20	3/22/07	Thur	Stowe *	\$62/2
1/1/07	Mon	Okemo	\$34	2/9/07	Fri	Magic	\$20	3/23/07	Fri	Stowe *	\$88/3
1/5/07	Fri	Mt Snow	\$30	2/10/07	Sat	Magic	\$25	3/24/07	Sat	Okemo	\$29
1/6/07	Sat	Mt Snow	\$30	2/11/07	Sun	Stratton	\$32	3/25/07	Sun	Okemo	\$29
1/7/07	Sun	Mt Snow	\$30	2/12/07	Mon	Smugglers	\$29	3/30/07	Fri	Killington	\$30
1/8/07	Mon	Jay Peak	\$25	2/13/07	Tue	Smugglers	\$29	3/31/07	Sat	Sugarbush	\$30
1/9/07	Tue	Jay Peak	\$25	2/14/07	Wed	Smugglers	\$29	4/1/07	Sun	Sugarbush	\$30
1/10/07	Wed	Jay Peak	\$25	2/15/07	Thur	Smugglers	\$29	4/2/07	Mon	Sugarbush	\$30
1/11/07	Thur	Jay Peak	\$25	2/16/07	Fri	Smugglers	\$29	4/6/07	Fri	Killington	\$25
1/12/07	Fri	Jay Peak	\$25	2/17/07	Sat	Smugglers	\$29				
1/13/07	Sat	Jay Peak	\$25	2/18/07	Sun	Sunapee	\$26	* Multiday tickets are not refundable			
1/14/07	Sun	Jay Peak	\$25	2/19/07	Mon	Ragged	\$20	Prices are for consecutive days			
1/15/07	Mon	Stowe*	\$37/1	2/20/07	Tue	Ragged	\$20	For example any 3 consecutive			
1/16/07	Tue	Stowe*	\$62/2	2/21/07	Wed	Ragged	\$20	days Stowe Ticket is \$88			
1/17/06	Wed	Stowe*	\$88/3	2/22/07	Thur	Ragged	\$20	** ON SNOW Special Pricing			

Get Awareness Days tickets at:	Loon/Waterville Valley/Cranmore: Any open ticket window
	Mt Snow: Sundance Base Lodge Group Sales Office
Ascutney: Base Lodge main floor ticket counter	Okemo: Group Services Trailer on right before the LOFT Bar.
Bolton Valley: Base Lodge inside @ Guest Services counter	Ragged: Elmwood Lodge Guest Services Desk
Bromley: Any open ticket window	Smugglers Notch: Any open ticket window
Burke: Sherburne Base Lodge (Lower) Main ticket window	Stowe: Spruce Peak Lodge ticket desk
Jay Peak: Hotel building Customer Services office	Stratton: Any open ticket window
Killington: Snowshed Base Lodge	Sugarbush: Any open ticket window
Magic: Base Lodge look for CSC sign at ticket office	Sunapee: Group Sales Office in the Spruce Lodge.

Connecticut Ski Council Season Discounts 2006-2007

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To receive these discounts Members must show Club membership card with valid CSC sticker(s).

Ascutney 802-484-7711

www.ascutney.com

A \$15 discount off the regular \$58/56 Adult(week end or holiday/ week day) or \$44/39 Jr 7-16 and Sr 65-69 rate good all season long with no holiday blackouts.
As usual skiers and snowboarders 6 and under and 70+ are free.

Blandford 413-848-2860

www.skiblandford.org

Saturday and Sunday Adults \$29 (regular \$37) Juniors 6-12 \$25 (regular \$32)
Friday 8:30-4 PM non-holiday Adults and Juniors \$10 (regular \$22)

Bolton Valley info 877-926-5866

www.boltonvalley.com

A \$10 discount on full rate full day lift tickets excluding holiday periods .
Holidays 12/23/06 –12/31/07, 1/13 –1/14and 2/17 –2/25.
Regular weekend rates \$52/42/39 Weekdays \$45/32/32 (Adult/college,teen/Jr,Sr)

Butternut 413-528-2000 X154

www.skibutternut.com

Club Sunday Program valid every Sunday including Holidays. Only available by showing Club membership card with valid CSC sticker at the Group Services Booth to the far left.
Lift tickets \$25 (save \$21 off regular Adult \$46 rate) Group Lessons \$10 (regular \$30)
Ski or Snowboard Rentals \$20 (regular \$30) Ages 7+
Mon. thru Thur. Non Holiday tickets are available at any ticket window for \$15

Catamount 518-325-3200

www.catamountski.com

Every Saturday \$32, Every Sunday except MLK \$28, Non Holiday Fridays \$17
Xmas week, Pres. week and MLK Sun. and Mon. are \$10 off.
Monday-Thursday days \$15 non holiday. Wednesday and Thursday Nights starting 3 PM \$17, Friday and Saturday nights starting 5 PM \$17.
Members must show Club membership card with valid CSC sticker/s and photo I.D.

Magic 802-824-5645

www.magicmtn.com

\$10 discount off the weekend and holiday full rate throughout the season (Regular \$49A)
Does not include non holiday Monday thru Friday's when tickets are regularly \$25 for all.

Mohawk 860-672-6100

www.mohawkmtn.com

Monday thru Thursday nights 4-10 PM buy one ticket (\$18) get one free! No holiday exclusion.

Stowe 802-253-3427

www.stowe.com

Free Stowe Points Card (\$65 value) to members who present their Club membership card with valid CSC sticker at the Mansfield base Season Pass Office. It is good for a \$55A/ \$47 Jr lift ticket Sunday thru Friday non holiday. Also earn points towards a free lift ticket for every rental, lesson, tune up, food, and retail shop purchase.

Ski Sundown 860-379-7669

www.skisundown.com

Club Wednesday nights 6-10 PM Adults \$24, Jr \$21 (7 to 14).
Members must show Club membership card with valid CSC sticker/s and photo I.D.

Connecticut Ski Council

Bulk Ticket Policy 2006-2007

The following is the policy of the Connecticut Ski Council regarding the sale and use of bulk ticket vouchers.

- Bulk tickets will be sold to Connecticut Ski Council member-clubs only, after one full year of membership in the CSC.
- Bulk tickets are for the exclusive use of dues-paying individual members of CSC-member ski clubs and their immediate families.
- CSC dues must be paid prior to placing bulk tickets orders.
- Distribution of tickets through other avenues such as but not limited to websites, eBay, or resort parking lots, will result in the banning of the individual from purchasing vouchers in subsequent seasons.
- Names of chronic or blatant individual violators will be provided to all CSC-member ski clubs on an annual basis.
- All tickets will be sold by the CSC to member clubs at the discounted face value of the voucher without any additional fees of any kind.
- No club may charge its members a per-ticket fee, and will sell vouchers at the discounted face value only. Shipping/handling/ mailing charges may be imposed on members by individual clubs on a PER ORDER BASIS ONLY.
- Violation of these rules will result in possible termination of the individual's membership in his/her club, and possible expulsion of the club from the CSC.

Return Policy:

Killington, Mt. Snow and Sugarbush will only accept 15% unused vouchers at the end of the ski season for credit towards the next season's purchase.

Stratton will only accept 10% unused vouchers at the end of the ski season for credit towards the next season's purchase and Okemo will only accept 20% unused vouchers at the end of the ski season.

Although there is no cap on returns at other resorts at this time, we ask you keep returns to a minimum.

Guidelines will be strictly upheld in order to maintain the integrity of this program.

"The CSC has the right to refuse entitlement of a CSC benefit to any club member who abuses the privilege, or is abusive to any ski area employee or CSC officer when the abuse concerns any promotion, discount ticket program, CSC Awareness Day, CSC Kids Day, or any other CSC function or event. This stipulation may be enacted by two or more officers of the CSC."

Copies of these guidelines should be given to EVERY club member who purchases bulk tickets. These guidelines were printed last season, but I still had people telling me they didn't know there were restrictions on returns. It is important that every club member who purchases discounted vouchers - knows the rules!