

Central Connecticut Snow Snakes

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December 2007 Newsletter

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MEETING FAQs

This Month's Meeting
Wed., December 12, 2007
7:30 p.m.
South Windsor
Community Center
150 Nevers Road
Room: 206
Refreshments served

President's Message

by Lois Krause

First of all, thank you Rick Paliuca for once again hosting the November meeting for me - nice job Rick! Second, I would like to thank Rich and Ellen Corrado for doing such a great job with the snacks - well done! Third, Chris Edelwich (our current Past President) for taking minutes at the November meeting - thanks Chris! Fourth, thanks Sam Rubin for handling all the membership cards with the Council Stickers on them, and taking care of deposits and other money for lots of things - way to go, Sam! Last but

definitely not least, I would like to thank Marie Carparelli and Chuck Treat for separating, logging the numbers and distributing the discount bulk tickets. Unfortunately we were not able to get the tickets earlier than the evening before, and everyone had to work during the day, so all the logging, separating and stuffing was done right there at the meeting. This is the third year in a row (at least) that Marie did this for us. Thanks for your tireless help Marie, and Chuck for your friendly positive attitude!

The tickets that were not picked up went back to Christina Logue for logging on the computer, and stuffed into the envelopes she already printed out for our distribution. She will send them back to Chuck for distribution when she is done - so contact Chuck if you need to pick them up. By the way, Christina was the "Outstanding Member" this year, recognized at the Snow Ball, for her great work, dealing with many of our more demanding members with our ticket orders and coordinating it all. Thanks Christina you deserve it!

At our November meeting - Alpine Haus came out to give us a presentation on the latest and greatest in equipment and methods to get more miles out of your current equipment this season with "foot beds", etc. They gave us discount coupons for Snow Snakes only. To use your discount coupon you must show your Snow Snakes membership card. I hope everyone gets to go over there

the first week in December to take advantage of the discounts and to ask any questions they have, because they didn't get to ask any during the presentation.

NOTE: If anyone turned in tickets last year in a timely manner and did not get to order more tickets for those credits, and want the tickets this year, please contact Christina and get her any money needed to make up for the new tickets this year. The club did order all the tickets this year that we had credits for, so we can get you at least what you turned in for credit last year. (203.444.7222 or christina52206@yahoo.com)

Please note (again) the change in the date for our December meeting to December 12th.

The program will include a "Santa" exchange. Bring a generic gift (it need not be ski/snowboard related, but can be) for \$10 or less, wrapped, to exchange for another gift that someone else brings! We will make a game of it, and see how much fun we can have!

We will also be drawing some names from the various "hats" for the different levels of "service awards". Come on out and have some fun with us!

Think (and pray) Snow & Service!!!

CCSS NEWS

At the December meeting we will have a Santa gift swap. Bring a wrapped item with value up to \$10. It need not be ski related. The fun is in the giving and seeing what you get in return.

Support your local ski shop! **Alpine Ski Haus** is offering discounts to Ct. Ski Council Members for all goods and ski services. Just show them your membership card. If you haven't brought in your skis and boards for a tune-up, now is the time! The slopes are calling. During the first week of December there will be additional deep discounts for Snow Snakes members with coupons provided by staff, so come on down.

Membership forms for the 2007-2008 season have all been sent out. If you have not received yours, or would like additional forms, please print them out from the Snow Snakes website www.ctsnovsnakes.org or contact Sam Rubin with any questions.

Membership dues should be sent to Sam Rubin 233 Griswold Dr. W. Hartford, CT 06119 as soon as possible in order to expedite membership card processing. This way you will have your membership card when you need to present it for discount lift ticket purchases.

The **Ski Council Awareness Days Preliminary List** has been posted on the Ski Council website at www.skiclub.com/Default.aspx?uc=MemberBenefits

Contact Chuck Treat if you have not picked up your bulk tickets yet. Also, if you had returned tickets from Killington last year, you will be able to receive lift tickets for this season to be used in the 2007-08 season only (they cannot be turned in at the end of the season). These tickets will be distributed at the Dec. 12 meeting. (860.568.5515 or chuck_treat@comcast.net)

For some skiers and snowboarders the season begins only after they have seen the newest Warren Miller film. This year there will be two screenings of **Warren Miller's Playground** at Hartford's Bushnell Theater on Dec.14, 6:30 pm and 9:30 pm. Your ski club will be offering a limited number of tickets for you at \$22 each. This is list price, but no shipping, handling or traveling expenses to get them. Please come to the Dec. meeting to get your ticket for this fun, inspirational event with its popular prizes and ski discounts! Contact Linda Grodofsky at Lgrodofsky@aol.com or 644-5924 if interested in tix.

Snow Snakes Ski Trips

Jay Peak, VT

April 4 – 6, 2008

Includes bus, 3 days lift tickets, 2 nights lodging at Hotel Jay (a few yards from the gondola and other lifts at the base of the mountain), Fri. & Sat. dinners, Sat. & Sun. full breakfasts. Price is \$230 per adult, age 13 & under \$53. The hotel will be CSC guests only, and evening entertainment will be provided. Contact Bill Doster ASAP if you are planning to attend (860)841-0186 or email bdoster@cox.net First deposits of \$150 due now, balance due Jan.15. Send all checks, payable to Central CT Snow Snakes to Sam Rubin, 233 Griswold Dr. W.Hartford, CT 06119

Sugarloaf/USA, Maine

January 13-18, 2008

Lodging, Lift tickets and Lessons for 5 days, \$305 per adult; \$90 per child. Payment due by Dec.12 Contact Marie Carparelli at (860) 649-5765 or e-mail mikelcarp@aol.com

Banff/Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada

March 1-8, 2008

Airfare, lodging and 5-day lift tickets to Banff, Sunshine Village & Lake Louise for \$1200 per person. Contact Bill Doster at (860) 644-1155 or (860) 841-0186 or e-mail bdoster@cox.net with any

questions. Passports required.

We are going to start calling Bill Doster Gandalf soon, as he tries to conjure up a great deal for skiing in New Zealand. Start saving your money now so that you can join us as we look for the precious ring (or precious powder) with the Snow Snakes in New Zealand, late summer of 2009.

The new **Entertainment Books** have arrived. As always, they provide many ways for you to save money (to spend on ski trips!). Try a new restaurant, go for a Sunday drive and get an ice cream cone, or play golf on different courses. There's dry cleaning, car washes, stores, hotels, etc. It's a **win-win** for you and the club (which is **YOU** again). Buy one for your self, as a gift, or sell one to a colleague or neighbor. Who doesn't need to save money! They are also available for other states.

Come to the Dec. meeting and pick up a book, or two. If we run out, leave your name and we will order more. It's that simple. If you can't make the meeting, call Chris at 860-647-9415. Support your club, and help your self!

CSC NEWS

CSC Ski Trips

Andorra, Spain - details at skiclub.com

Sunday River, Maine February 22-24, 2008 with the North Haven Ski Club, contact Peter Murphy (860)388-7181

Grindelwald, Switzerland January 25-February 2, 2008 with the Montachusett Ski Club, contact David Anderson,(978)874-2165 or email swededfa@msn.com or Jack Lemoine (978)660-6593

Winter Park, Colorado January 26-February 2, 2008

-or-

Telluride, Colorado, February 16-23, 2008

with the New Haven Ski Club, contact Debbie Jones at (203) 924-2957 or debbiejones17@sbcglobal.net

Quebec City's Winter Carnival/400th Anniversary February 14-17, 2008 with the Danbury Ski Club, contact Jim Seri, (203) 798-2597

Lake Tahoe, February 16-23, 2008 with The Goodmen Ski Club, contact Rich Cholewinski (203) 980-2438 or rich.cholewinski@ipc.com

These Ski Council sponsored trips need to be reserved ASAP.

Save the date for On Snow Carnival Weekend at Okemo, Feb. 29-March 2, 2008.

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

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DIRECTIONS

The South Windsor Community Center

150 Nevers Road

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 Bissell 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 Road, then left onto Nevers Rd. Community Center is on the right (across from the South Windsor High School).



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