

# Central Connecticut Snow Snakes

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## MEETING FAQs

**Fri. January 9, 2009  
7:00 p.m.**

Marco Polo's Restaurant  
1250 Burnside Ave.  
East Hartford, CT 06108

Join us for a combined meeting  
and holiday party!

*(Please note, there will not be a  
December meeting)*

Next meeting :  
Wed. Feb.18,2009

## Presidents' Message

The ski season has finally arrived. During Thanksgiving weekend Ski Sundown began operations with the mountain covered in snow, the lifts in motion, the lights beaming and the roar of grooming cats. If this is any sign of our upcoming ski season we have a lot to look forward to.

If you missed the November meeting, you missed Sam and

Dusty from *Alpine Haus* who gave a great talk about some new equipment, and answered many questions from the floor. Remember, you can get a 20% discount at *Alpine Haus* if you show your Snow Snakes membership card at the time of purchase. We appreciate all they do for our club so please consider the *Alpine Haus* when purchasing your ski/snowboard equipment.

Bulk tickets are in and most have been distributed. If you were unable to pick up your tickets at the last meeting please read through the newsletter to find out how you can do so. We would like to thank Chuck Treat for all his efforts in this very important task.

We also thank Ellen and Rich Carrado for the refreshments as well as Richie for bringing pizza from ABC Pizza.

Finally, we wish all our members a joyous holiday season.  
Lisa ([Ldipinto@ugtic.com](mailto:Ldipinto@ugtic.com)) and  
Jennifer ([JPBlooms@cox.net](mailto:JPBlooms@cox.net))

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## January Program

**Come to the Holiday Party!**  
Have fun and good food, and meet your fellow Snow Snake members. We will have a variety of pizzas (all you can eat) with salad, soda, water and coffee. There will be a cash bar available. We will have games to play and prizes to win!

**Place: Marco Polo Restaurant  
1250 Burnside Ave  
EastHartford,CT 06108**

**Time: 7:00 p.m. to ??????**

**Date: January 9th, 2009**

**Cost: Only \$5 per person (cost is subsidized by club).This is a deal!!**

**RSVP** Call Chris (860 647-9415) to sign up, by January 6th. Show your spirit for the Snow Snakes!!

## Directions

### **Eastbound From Hartford:**

I-84 to Exit 60, turn left onto Burnside Avenue (Route 44); Marco Polo is 1 mile on the right-hand side.

### **Westbound From Boston:**

I-84 to Exit 62/60; Follow signs for Exit 60; Turn right onto Burnside Avenue (Route 44); Marco Polo is 1/2 mile on the right-hand side.

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## SNOW SNAKES NEWS

### **SNOW SNAKES Day Bus Trips**

The date for the first bus trip is quickly approaching. The **January 25<sup>th</sup> CSC Awareness Day at Stratton is the first of the 3 Snow Snakes day bus trips. Your check for bus and lift ticket (\$53) must be in by Jan.11. If you plan to attend the January 9 Holiday Party/Meeting at Marco Polo Restaurant in East Hartford, you can sign up and pay at that time.**

A bus will be chartered to Stratton Mountain on 3 CSC Awareness Days (those are dates when Stratton lift tickets will cost \$35- Jan. 25, \$35 –Feb.8, and \$39 – Mar.14, to paid up Ski Council members.) Bus tickets will cost \$18 per person. You must reserve a seat and be paid in full (Lift and bus ticket, \$53 or \$57, 2 weeks before the trip.) Full refunds will be issued if the trip is cancelled due to inclement traveling weather or too few reservations. If you need to cancel, you will be refunded the price of the lift ticket. If we are able

to fill your seat, we will refund the additional \$18. Join us! Contact Jennifer Paliuca with questions [JPBlooms@cox.net](mailto:JPBlooms@cox.net)

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**Snow Snakes  
Aspen/SnowmassSki Trip**  
March 3 to March 10, 2009  
**There are currently 2 openings!**  
Send all checks, made payable to Central CT Snow Snakes, to Sam Rubin, 233 Griswold Dr., West Hartford, CT 06119

Questions? Contact Jeff Sutton, Trip Chairperson at [Jeff.Sutton@Waterburyha.org](mailto:Jeff.Sutton@Waterburyha.org) or call (860)653-5419 or (203)528-7818 and leave a message, he will get back to you.

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### **Snow Snakes at Sugarloaf**

Save the dates for the annual January ski trip to **Sugarloaf, ME.**  
*Sunday, January 11 – Friday, January 16, 2009*

Includes 5 days of skiing, lessons, condo lodging, fitness club access.  
\$315 per person, \$90 per child (age 4 – 14). Final payment is due.  
For more info contact Marie Carparelli, Trip Chairperson  
[mikelcarp@aol.com](mailto:mikelcarp@aol.com)

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**Snow Snakes March  
Weekend Trip to  
Sunday River Ski Resort,  
Bethel,ME  
March 20-22, 2009  
Friday to Sunday**

2 Nights stay at the Grand Summit Hotel (ski-in/ski-out property)  
2 1/2DaysSkiing or Snowboarding  
2 Full Breakfasts at the Farm House Breakfast Buffet  
Round trip Bus  
Transportation (provided by the Snow Snakes), leaving from the Buckland Commuter Lot in

Manchester, CT at 6 a.m. Friday March 20. **There will be no other pick-up or drop-off locations.**

\$285 per adult, based on double occupancy  
\$255 per child (age 6-12 years), children must stay in room with adults  
\$255 per Senior (age 65+), based on double occupancy

Lift tickets for 2 1/2 days, lodging, transportation to and from Sunday River and 2 breakfasts all included in the above price. There are many restaurants of all price ranges at the resort, along with free shuttle bus service. Heated outdoor pool, fitness center, and other amenities at the Grand Summit ([www.SundayRiver.com](http://www.SundayRiver.com)). Be the first person on your block to experience a chondola!

Lessons are available for an additional fee.

**Please send your first deposit of \$150, made payable to Central CT Snow Snakes, to Sam Rubin 233 Griswold Dr. West Hartford, CT 06119-1022 by December 15, 2008.** The balance is due by January 15, 2009.

The number of bus seats may be limited, so reserve your spot as soon as possible.

Questions? Contact Bill Doster at [bdoster@cox.net](mailto:bdoster@cox.net) 644-1155 or Sam Rubin [srubin@50@comcast.net](mailto:srubin@50@comcast.net) or [Ldipinto@ugtic.com](mailto:Ldipinto@ugtic.com) or [jpblooms@cox.net](mailto:jpblooms@cox.net)

For Snow Snakes members who have still not picked up their paid up bulk lift tickets. Chuck Treat will be providing a second pick-up date and location. Please read....

### **Dec 10 between 7:00pm and 8:00pm at Margaritas Restaurant (East Hartford, I-84 Exit 58)**

I'll be in the lounge with a Snow Snakes sign. I will ask for ID. Margarita's restaurant in East Hartford at Exit 58 of I-84, across from the Holiday Inn. Coming from Hartford - take I-84 East to Exit 58 bearing left at then end of the exit. Margarita's is less than 1/4 mile on the left. Coming from Manchester/Vernon - take I-84 West to Exit 58. At the end of the Exit, bear right and you'll be in front of Margarita's.

Still can't make Dec 10th? Mail me the sufficiently USPS stamped, self addressed envelope - understanding that the Club will not be responsible for lost or miss-delivered tickets sent via USPS. If you would like delivery insurance or mailing by any other means, you must first contact me via e-mail.

Chuck Treat  
[chuck\\_treat@comcast.net](mailto:chuck_treat@comcast.net)  
72 Concord St.  
East Hartford, CT 06108

**Any Snow Snake member looking to buy or sell extra discounted lift tickets can send an e-mail to [chuck\\_treat@comcast.net](mailto:chuck_treat@comcast.net) and he will try to set up an exchange. Discount Tickets may only be exchanged among Club Members and only at their face-value. Anything else would be against strict CSC Policy, ski area requirements, and Vermont State Law.**

## Warren Miller Movie at the Bushnell

Club members were in attendance at this always sold out event. Some met for dinner in Hartford before the 9 p.m. screening, then had a great time as they watched a breathtaking skiing/riding movie (*Children of Winter*) on a truly big screen. One of the best reasons for attending is the discounts included in your movie program book – free lift tickets, discounts on ski merchandise, and chances to win skis, trips, cars, etc. Check it out next year when the annual Warren Miller film comes to town.

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## CT SKI COUNCIL NEWS

### Snowball 2008

The Ski Council's annual gala, the "Crystal Snowflake Ball" took place on Sat. November 22 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Southbury, CT. A great time was had by all 650+ attendees. The dance floor was crowded all night long as the band Steppin' Out rocked! Although the number of Snow Snakes who attended was small, we walked out with lots of raffle prizes -- a snowboard, gift baskets, gift certificates and even a Grand Door Prize (a Mt. Southington Season Pass).

Next year the Ski Council Snow Ball will be in the Windsor area, so plan on attending. It's a great night out!

### Killington Club Card

Killington Club Card Discount -- **purchase by Dec. 17** (you can pick it up the first time you ski Killington this season)

This offer is for paid up ski club members only. **\$.199 for 4 lift tickets per person, good any day** (no weekend or holiday blackout days)

You must present ID and ski club card with each lift ticket purchase and the card can be "reloaded" at the same rate for 2, 3 or 4 additional days at the same price if you had purchased the card by Dec. 17. For information and to purchase online, link to [www.killington.com/clubcard](http://www.killington.com/clubcard) or call 800-887-3257.

Also note the early Okemo Skier Appreciation Days on Thursdays, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18 -- lift tickets \$39 and Ladies' Days at Okemo on Tuesdays, Dec. 9, 16, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 -- women pay only \$39.

Mt. Snow will have its first Demo Day on Sat. Dec. 13 -- try out as many skis as you would like for free.

### Ski Council Website

Check out the CT Ski Council website [www.skiclub.com](http://www.skiclub.com) for timely info on ski club activities and discounts in the region. Here is a direct link to their newsletter <http://www.skiclub.com/Default.aspx?uc=Newsletters>

Even though the bulk ticket order date has passed, you can look to buy, sell and exchange bulk tickets with other CSC members via the CT Ski Council bulletin board. Once the season is underway check it out on the Council website. Also, Ski Hitch for ride sharing can be found on this website.

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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## Ski News

### Rutland Herald 12/6/08 By Bruce Edwards

"Okemo Mountain Resort, one of Vermont's oldest and largest ski resorts, was sold Friday (December 5, 2008) to CNL Lifestyle Properties of Orlando, Fla.

Triple Peaks owners Tim and Diane Mueller sold the Ludlow resort along with Crested Butte Mountain Resort in Colorado and Mount Sunapee Resort in New Hampshire for \$132 million. The sale was first reported in Friday's Wall Street Journal.

The Muellers will continue to manage the three resorts under a 40-year lease-back arrangement with CNL Lifestyle Properties, with Triple Peaks LLC making lease payments to CNL.

"Although we're selling the assets, we're maintaining obviously all the operations and control of the resort and signed a long-term lease," Tim Mueller said Friday in a phone interview from Florida, where he and his wife closed on the sale. "As I say, we look at it as more of a financing arrangement as much as anything since we'll still be in control of the operations."

CNL Lifestyle is a real estate investment trust that owns 115 properties in the United States and Canada, including 13 ski areas and eight village-centered retail developments. The portfolio includes Bretton Woods Mountain Resort and Loon Mountain Resort in New Hampshire, Sunday River and Sugarloaf/USA in Maine, Northstar-at-Tahoe Resort and Sierra-at-Tahoe Resort in California.

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