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No January Meeting

Next Month's Meeting

Wed., February 20, 2008

7:30 p.m.

*South Windsor
Community Center*

150 Nevers Road

Room: 206

Refreshments served

President's Message

by Lois Krause

First of all, HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! I would like to thank Richie Staron for the pizza, and Rich and Ellen Corrado for the extras and drinks everyone enjoyed at our December meeting! I hope everyone had a nice holiday season, and had time to get out on the slopes. I did not, but heard from many that skiing this year is really great!

We had a gift exchange at December's meeting, but no one "stole" a present from someone during their turn. We did have a few people exchange gifts, but no real "stealing" went on. Maybe we can beef it up next year!

I heard that some people are having trouble with the newsletter and did not know about the Secret Santa gift exchange this year, or even that the meeting was a week early. Please let Linda Grodofsky know if you are having trouble getting the e-mail, opening the newsletter, or just need to get it via snail mail. If so, Sylvia Nolan will mail it to you. We can not go back to everyone getting it via snail mail because it is too expensive, but we can add a few people if they consistently are not getting the information.

Just a reminder, we will be having a **Holiday Party at Marco Polo**, East Hartford on Jan. 11, at 7 PM. The cost is \$5 per person to defray the overall cost, and to make sure you come if you say you are coming (usually if someone commits with money, they show up). We were having some problems getting the meeting room at SW Community Center that we want, and many of the officers will be at Sugarloaf, ME on Jan. 16, so **we are canceling the Jan. 16 meeting**, and will discuss some items at the Holiday Party. We will also be distributing discount tickets early that evening if you want to come in and get them (even if you don't want to stay for the party). There is information in this newsletter about ticket exchange, so please take notice.

***NOTE:** Please remember that all of our officers, and committee chairs are volunteers. If you do not like the **voluntary** service you are getting, and think you can do a better job, please volunteer to help or take over a position from the current **volunteer** for next year, or at least offer to help instead of being "less than nice".

We have many CSC discount days to take advantage of, and the

weather is finally cooperating with us for decent skiing/boarding, so let's get out there and ENJOY! I'm closing now, so I can get ready to take advantage of the \$32 day at Mt. Snow on Sat., so bye for Now and

Think Snow!!!

CCSS NEWS

We are considering the start-up of a ski ticket exchange for paid up Snow Snake members. First, the exchange would be just to "post" if members are seeking or offering extra tickets from or to other Club members - kind of a matching-service. Tickets would only be held by the current owner offering them. The member seeking tickets would make arrangements directly with the member offering the tickets.

Second, per CSC rules - tickets can only be "sold" to other Club members at face-value - plus any actual delivery costs. Any violations need to be reported to the Club as the Club has a zero-tolerance for any abuse of the discount ticket program.

Third, the transaction is completely at the members' risk and responsibility. The Club cannot be responsible for bounced checks, missing tickets, disputes, problems, etc.

Lastly, when members seeking tickets are connected to the member offering the same, they should agree upon the exchange within 4 days. This will give other members a chance at the offered tickets.

Discussion of this new proposal will take place at the January dinner meeting.

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 Jan gathering at Marco Polo Restaurant. (860.528.5515 or chuck_treat@comcast.net) (Please note corrected telephone number – you may have received a newsletter last month with the wrong number.)

To see the list of Ski Council Days for 2007-2008, click on the following link
<http://www.skiclub.com/documents/CSCAwdays07-08.pdf>

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

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 Feb. 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!

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Andorra, Spain - details at [skiclub.com](http://www.skiclub.com)

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

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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