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MEETING FAQs

Wed. February 18, 2009
7:00 p.m.
South Windsor Public Library
1550 Sullivan Ave.

Next meeting :
Wed. March 18, 2009

Presidents' Message

Let me start off by wishing everyone a very happy and healthy New Year!

I know most of you are planning on hitting the slopes soon if you have not already. Our club sold 930 bulk tickets this season -- 499 to Okemo, 165 to Stratton, 161 to Mt Snow and the remaining among Ascutney, Bromley and Sugarbush!

Speaking of our club, did you know that we have 786 members! That is a lot of skiers. I hope at least 55

of you have already signed up for our first bus trip to Stratton on January 25! Just a reminder -- the deadline to sign up for the **second Stratton Bus Trip**, taking place on **Feb. 8 is January 25**. Sign up before you leave the bus on the day of the first trip.

Make sure you read through the rest of the newsletter for information and updates on many other great activities you can enjoy this winter season.

One last note -- We all wish to thank Chuck Treat for coordinating the bulk ticket sales and Sam Rubin for coordinating membership as well as collecting checks and keeping everything in order! Thanks for a job well done!! Jennifer (JPBlooms@cox.net) and Lisa (Ldipinto@ugtic.com)

SNOW SNAKES NEWS

A SPECIAL THANKS

Hopefully you attended the Holiday Party and had a great time. A SPECIAL THANKS goes to **Tom White** for preparing the entertainment for the evening. The introductory game (a ski trivia bingo game) got us up and moving around, meeting other attendees, and retrieving information about them. It was a lot of fun, and some people received a small prize for their efforts. Another game, complete with slides from NE ski resorts, competed the most knowledgeable among us to guess which ones they were. A challenge to say the least, it was interesting and educational.

Tom came through again,

demonstrating his own knowledge of skiing and its' history. Thanks again to Tom!!

Also, the Marco Polo Restaurant came through for us. Prices everywhere are rising, but since we returned there again this year, they gave us last year's prices!! Everyone loves pizza, and it was delicious. Thanks to Marco Polo for the great time and good food.
---Chris Edelwich

SNOW SNAKES Day Bus Trips

The date for the first bus trip is quickly approaching. The January 25th CSC Awareness Day at Stratton is the first of the 3 Snow Snakes day bus trips.

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.15, 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

Please plan to arrive 30 minutes before bus leaves and have all your equipment out of your car and ready to go on the bus. BUS WILL DEPART AT 6:15AM

DIRECTIONS to the Bus Stop for the Stratton Bus Trip (Advance

Reservation Only)
Park & Ride Lot CT-218
Windsor/Bloomfield

91N Exit 35A-B for State Hwy 218
toward Bloomfield/Windsor
Turn Left onto 218W
Follow to Park & Ride Lot on left

91S Exit 35B for State Hwy 218
Toward Bloomfield/Windsor
Turn Right at CT- 218
Follow to Park & Ride Lot on left

I-291W take Exit 1 for CT-218
toward Bloomfield.
Turn Left at CT -218
Follow to Park & Ride on left

Snow Snakes at Sugarloaf
Thanks to Marie Carparelli for arranging a very *cool* trip to Sugarloaf, Maine. Twenty-five people braved below zero temperatures to ski in excellent snow conditions. Although the thermometer showed staggeringly low temps (-39 degrees one evening), the bright sun and low winds kept it skiable, provided you wore lots of layers, handwarmers, toast-toes and took frequent hot chocolate breaks. Lessons every day were great – instructors know how to find sunny trails and less windy lifts. The hot tubs and saunas were greatly appreciated, and the high spirits of the many skiers made for a pleasant January ski vacation. Worth the trip!!
---Linda Grodofsky

Snow Snakes
Aspen/SnowmassSki Trip
March 3 to March 10, 2009

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 or

call (860)653-5419 or (203)528-7818 and leave a message, he will get back to you.

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 1/2 Days Skiing or Snowboarding
2 Full Breakfasts at the Farm House Breakfast Buffet
Round trip Bus Transportation (provided by the Snow Snakes), leaving from the Buckland St. 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). Be the first person on your block to experience a chondola!

Lessons are available for an additional fee.

Please send your payments, 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 now due.

Questions? Contact Bill Doster at bdoster@cox.net 644-1155 or Sam Rubin srubin@50@comcast.net or Ldipinto@ugtic.com or jobblooms@cox.net

Need to buy or sell discounted lift tickets?
Any Snow Snake member looking to buy or sell extra discounted lift tickets can send an e-mail to 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.
Chuck Treat
chuck_treat@comcast.net
72 Concord St.
East Hartford, CT 06108

CT SKI COUNCIL NEWS

Ski Council Website
Check out the CT Ski Council website 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>

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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The bus seat price on all trips will
be \$18 per person.
Lift tickets are \$35 on Jan. 25 and
Feb. 8, \$39 on March 15
All dates are CT Ski Council
Awareness Days (Sundays) at
Stratton, with discounted lift ticket
prices for all paid up Snow Snake
members.

You must be signed-up and paid in
full 2 weeks prior to each trip.

Directions to the Library

Note: The South Windsor Public Library is located just North of the intersection of Routes 30 and 194. The library shares its site (and sign) with the Town Hall. The parking lot is accessible from Route 194 (Sullivan Avenue) and from Petersen Way, and is connected to the parking lot for the Wapping Community Church, which faces the 30/194 intersection.

From the Springfield area via I-91 South:
Take Exit 44, Route 5 (South) and follow it to the intersection of Route 194 (Sullivan Ave.). Turn left onto Route 194 and follow Sullivan Avenue to the library - approximately 3 miles.

From the New Haven area via I-91 North:
Take Exit 29 to Route I-84 (East) and follow directions below,
OR
Take Exit 35, Route I-291. At end of exit, turn right onto Route I-291. Follow Route I-291 across the Bissell Bridge. Take Exit 4, Route 5. When the exit ramp forks, follow the left fork (towards Route 5 North) staying in the far right lane. Cross the intersection, curving left onto Route 30 (Ellington Road). Follow Route 30 to its intersection with Route 194 (approx. 3 miles). Turn left onto Route 194. Library parking lot is the 3rd driveway on right.

From Sturbridge via I-84 West: Take Exit 63, Route 30 (Oakland Road). Follow Route 30 to the intersection of Routes 30 & 194 (approx. 3 miles). Turn right onto Route 194 (Sullivan Avenue). Library parking lot is the 3rd driveway on right.

From Hartford via I-84 East: Take Exit 62, Buckland Road. At the end of the exit, turn left onto Buckland Road. Follow Buckland Road to the intersection of Routes 30 & 194 (approx. 2 miles). Continue across Route 30. Library parking lot is 3rd driveway on right.

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**FEBRUARY 8 TRIP, deadline is
JANUARY 25**

\$53 for lift ticket & roundtrip
transport

**MARCH 15 TRIP, deadline is
FEBRUARY 27**

**\$57 for lift ticket & roundtrip
transportation**

GROUP RENTAL COSTS ---
\$35 A DAY SKI/SNOWBOARD
INCLUDES ALL EQUIPMENT
INCLUDING HELMET
GROUP LESSON RATE ---
\$65 PP FOR MAGIC TRAXX OR
LEARN TO RIDE, INCLUDES
RENTAL, LESSON AND LOWER
MOUNTAIN LIFT TICKET

When signing up for trips please
send your check to Sam Rubin
(make payable to Central CT Snow
Snakes) 233 Griswold Dr. West
Hartford, CT 06119 Anyone not
able to attend a trip that they are
signed up for will receive a refund
for the lift ticket cost. Only if and
when we can fill your bus seat do
you receive a refund for that as well
(\$18). If we need to cancel a trip
due to lack of interest or weather,
then a refund will be mailed to you.

Please email: Jennifer Paliuca
JPBlooms@cox.net with any
questions you may have BEFORE
signing up for a day bus trip.

**Some Bus Rules & Basic
Information:
Or Everything You Always
Wanted To Know
About Skiing With SNOW
SNAKES**

- You will only be notified if you are NOT on the bus (due to the bus being full), at which time you will have the option to be put on a waiting list.
- If for some reason the trip needs to be cancelled, you will be called. Please make

sure you include your phone number when filling out your reservation. Please also make sure your phone number is correct. You may want to include a second phone number or a cell phone number on the slip.

- The bus meets at the commuter parking lot located at I-91 @ Route 218 (Exit 35). Please plan to arrive 30 minutes before bus leaves and have all your equipment out of your car and ready to go on the bus. BUS WILL DEPART AT 6:15AM
- The bus makes no stops along the way. Knowing this, please bring any food and/or beverages you will need for the trip to and from the mountain.
- There is a restroom on the bus.
- When we get to the ski area we ask that you wait on or next to the bus while the Ski Trip Director gets and passes out the lift tickets. After you get your lift ticket you are free to go.
- There is usually a PG movie on the bus ride home. There is no movie in the morning, due to most people wanting to get a little additional sleep.
- No ski boots can be worn on the bus. In the morning ski boots can be brought on the bus and placed under the seats. At the end of the day, we ask that ski boot be placed underneath with the skis. Snowboard boots may be worn on the bus.
- Please refrain from calling the Bus Trip Director at

unreasonable hours - this includes both the night before and the morning of the trip.

- When placing equipment in the storage bins under the bus, we ask that you please try to keep all skis and snowboards together in one or two bins and leave the other bin for coolers, boots, bags and other equipment.
- Please take the same seat for both the ride up and the ride back.
- Books, pillows, food for the ride home and such may be left on the bus during the day. The club and/or the bus company are NOT responsible for these items. There will be no access to the bus during the day - please bring everything you need with you into the lodge.
- WE NEED YOU TO MAKE SURE YOU LEAVE THE BUS CLEAN - trash bags can be found in the front and rear of the bus, check your area and take all trash and garbage with you when you leave.
- Unless otherwise noted the bus leave promptly at 4 PM - do not make us wait for you!
- Please note the bus number
- An adult must accompany anyone under 18.
- State law forbidding the possession and/or consumption of alcohol by anyone less than 21 years of age will be strictly enforced.

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our website at
www.ctsnovsnakes.org