

Central Connecticut Snow Snakes

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November 2007 Newsletter

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MEETING FAQs

This Month's Meeting
Wed., November 14, 2007
8:00 p.m.
South Windsor
Community Center
150 Nevers Road
Room: 206
Refreshments served

Next meeting will be held on
Wed. December 12, 2007

President's Message

by Lois Krause

First of all, thank you Ruth Reiser for setting out some very nutritious and delicious snacks for our October meeting. This is the first time Ruth has offered service to the club, and we all appreciate it – GREAT JOB Ruth! I would also like to thank Linda Grodofsky (our current Newsletter coordinator) for letting me “cajole” her into taking minutes at the Oct. meeting – Thanks Linda – I owe you one!

We have a lot to do between now and the time that the snow flies (if it flies this year, and this weather is giving me pause in that area), but I am sure if everyone chips in, we will get it all done, and have fun doing it. By the time you get this, it may be too late to come to the *Snow Ball*, as it is the Sat. before our next meeting. I know from past *Snow Balls* that we will have a great time, and we know it will look beautiful, because the “Snakes” are handling the decorations.

Take note for the November meeting – we will be having **Alpine Haus** come out to give us a presentation on the latest and greatest in equipment this season. They are one of the most technically advanced shops in the area for tunes and boot fittings, so use your CCSS discount coupon available at the meeting and get fitted or tuned for the perfect beginning of the season.

We will also have the discount ticket vouchers from all of the mountains at this meeting (at least all that offered pre-buy tickets this year). **NOTE: We will be distributing the tickets toward the end of the meeting. This will be the first time organizers will have to process and log tickets for record keeping. Chuck Treat is our Ticket Distribution Person this year, and he will have some help from former distribution people, but he will be learning “on the job” – please be kind and patient.**

Sorry we could not get our Helmet program off the ground, but we had a lot of information to deal with in October at the meeting, so we may not have had time for it anyway.

Please note (again) the change in the date for our Dec. meeting, it will be on **Dec. 12** instead of the 19th. We didn't want to cause any **Extra** severe stress around the holidays.

We are still looking for some people to step up and help lighten the load of work to run the club. We are now considered a large club, which gives us more voting rights at the Council level, but also creates 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. You don't have to volunteer for one of the jobs already listed. If you believe you can provide a service we do not have now, bring it to the Executive Committee's attention, and I am sure we will find a way for you to contribute!

Think (and pray) Snow!!!

CCSS NEWS

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

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 Nov. meeting to get your ticket for this fun, inspirational event with its popular prizes and ski discounts!

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. Deposits of \$195 per adult, \$50 per child, due by NOV. 9;

balance 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 Nov. 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.

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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).

