

Central Connecticut Snow Snakes

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This Month's Meeting

September 19, 2007

7:30 p.m.

*South Windsor
Community Center*

150 Nevers Road
Room: 206

Pizza and Snacks Served

Next meeting will be held on
Wed. October 17, 2007

***Meetings are always held on
the third Wednesday of the
month.***

President's Message:

by Lois Krause

As I was driving home from work today, I felt a cooler breeze and it felt like Fall was in the air. That means that Winter cannot be too far behind, so we have a lot of work to do!!! We need to get our pre-buy ticket money in, to buy our Snow Ball tickets, and to send in our deposits for the Sugarloaf, ME

and Banff, Canada trips (so much to do, so little time). Please take a look at our newsletter and read it cover to cover – there is a lot of information in it this month, and that is why we are sending it to everyone through the “Good Ol’ Postal Service” – or “Snail Mail” to you “techies”.

During our nominations and elections last season, we wound up without a Recording Secretary, and without some of the other necessary offices being filled. We had to re-think the way we run the club without some of these vital functions being filled. We also are finding it harder to get people to help take on even minor duties, and it has become a chore for the few of us trying to keep it all together. We do believe in keeping the Snow Snakes going, so we decided to try the “carrot” instead of the “stick” this year. In the absence of a Secretary, we do not have anyone to record the meetings (which is against our bylaws), so we decided to have someone at each meeting take the notes, get them written and typed properly by the next month, and keep them in a loose-leaf binder along with the newsletter and agenda for that month.

How are we going to get people to volunteer to take minutes each month you ask? Well, we are now going to have two rewards levels for the club. If someone brings in some treats, books a program, takes notes at a meeting, jumps in and helps give out tickets with our distributor, or helps our

Treasurer organize forms while he is trying to get all the memberships done, etc. etc., etc., their name will be entered into a raffle for some incentives, such as a \$25 gift certificate for Ski Market, a bottle of wine, movie tickets, etc. Anyone that volunteers to be an officer, council rep, chairperson of a committee (trips, racing, etc.) will be entered into a raffle for a larger incentive, such as new skis or a snowboard, free trip, etc., etc., etc.

You will also notice that there is a new line on our membership form asking for a service you have recently performed for the club, or one you are volunteering for this year. This will help us to make sure you get into one raffle level.

REMEMBER: THE MORE YOU DO, THE MORE TIMES YOUR NAME GOES INTO THE RAFFLE BIN, AND THE MORE CHANCES YOU WILL HAVE TO WIN !

We all had a great time at our picnic (thanks Pam, Jim and Alex Cropley for the use of your lake house and boat, etc. – a great time was had by all) and our night of Miniature Golf (thanks Chris Edelwich for getting that going) during the summer. We know we will all have a great time on our upcoming Sailing trip on Sept 23 (thanks to Jen Paliuca for putting that together). At press time there are still a few spots left on the sailboat. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sam Rubin immediately

We have had a few meetings of

the Decorating Committee for the Snow Ball. Please thank all of your fellow members that volunteered for that. Without our involvement this year in a Council event, the Snow Snakes would have lost their ability to purchase discounted pre-buy tickets to area ski mountains. Thanks, Marie Carparelli, Jen Paliuca, Linda Starr, Bill Doster, Rich and Ellen Corrado, Adam Fitzgerald and Katie (??? last name???) for coming out and helping to create a great "Downhill Dream" setting for the Snow Ball.

One more time, e-mail Linda Grodofsky lgrodofsky@aol.com and Dave Anderson andersdo@sbcglobal.net with your correct e-mail address, so we can make sure everyone gets a notice of the newsletter each month. With the cost of snail mail increasing again by years' end, we are trying to keep costs lower. With the monies left in our treasury, we can do more for the membership (like sponsoring the bus for the Jay Peak trip, giving out incentives, paying down payments for some trips and lowering the costs to all). In this case, less is more.

We will be meeting at the South Windsor Community Center on Sept. 19 for our first meeting this season. You can purchase pre-buy tickets, give in your membership dues, get extra information on new programs, trips, and just catch up on any news from the Council, or just catch up on what your Winter friends have been doing!

Welcome back to a new, improved, Central CT Snow Snakes Ski Club!

Think Snow and Service!!!



CCSS NEWS

Membership forms and bulk ticket order forms for the 2007-2008 ski season are included in this newsletter and will be available as a link at the club website

www.ctsnownsnakes.org

Please fill out and sign the appropriate forms and send them to Christina Logue with your bulk ticket order (due back Oct. 3), or to Sam Rubin if you are only sending a membership form. If you have friends and relatives that want to join, feel free to copy the forms for them. We love new members! *Only paid up Snow Snake (or other Ct. Ski Council Club members) can buy bulk tickets or take advantage of Ski Council Days! So submit those bulk order ticket forms by October 3!*

There was a delay from the Ct. Ski Council regarding credit amounts for unused lift tickets from last season. As you know American Ski Company sold off Killington and Mt. Snow, so credit amounts have not been finalized yet. If you are expecting credits from Okemo, that will be \$44.50 per adult ticket; \$42 young adult/Senior; \$31 junior/Super Senior (all last year's prices. There are 35 families that will be receiving credits from Okemo. *We will*

send out corrected copies of bulk ticket order sheets with credits from last season's ticket returns as soon as we get the full information from the Council. Hopefully we will have the information by the Sept. 19 meeting.

Sample bulk ticket prices for the new season are Okemo \$47, Stratton \$44, Bromley \$36 and Sugarbush \$43. At press time we have info on CSC Awareness Days at **Stratton**, at \$30 per lift ticket, on Sat.Dec.8, Sun. Dec.9, Sun.Jan.20, Sun. Feb 10 and Sun.Mar.9. A complete listing of CSC Awareness Days will be available in November.

Want to go away on a ski vacation? Why not join other Snow Snake members for one of these upcoming trips this season.

Sugarloaf/USA, Maine **January 13-18, 2008**

Includes 5 nights mountain-side lodging, 5 days lift tickets and lessons, access to sports & fitness center, and a Monday night welcome party. \$305 per person, Children (age 4-14)\$90 each. Deposit of \$195 per adult, \$50 per child due by Nov.9; Final payment of \$110 per adult, \$40 per child due by Dec.12. Cancellation fee of 50% after Dec.12. Contact Marie Carparelli at (860)649-5765 or e-mail mikelcarp@aol.com with any questions. Send checks payable to *Central CT Snow Snakes* to Marie Carparelli, 106 Hublard Dr., Vernon, CT 06066. This trip has been a club favorite over the years, worth the price just for ski lessons alone. ***Sugarloaf*** (www.sugarloaf.com) has 1,400 skiable acres and features the only lift-serviced above treeline skiing in the East.

Banff/Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada

March 1- 8, 2008

Includes round-trip airfare from Bradley to Calgary, lodging at Banff Caribou Lodge & Spa, 5 days lift tickets to 3 ski areas - Banff@Norquay, Sunshine Village and Lake Louise (www.banfflakelouise.com), incl. local transportation. Total package price \$1200 per person, first deposit due Sept.19. Send checks payable to *Central Ct Snow Snakes* to Sam Rubin, 233 Griswold Dr., West Hartford, CT 06119. Contact Bill Doster at (860) 644-1155 or (860) 841-0186 or e-mail bdoster@cox.net with any questions. This is your chance to ski the beautiful Canadian Rockies! Bill will bring flyers to the meeting. They must be filled out as part of the reservation process. Since this trip is outside of the U.S., up-to-date passports are required.

Entertainment Books are Here!!!

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 first 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 yourself!

Guest Speaker at September Meeting

An auditor for the Council will be at the September Snow Snake meeting to give advice about the Council's fiscal responsibility, and officers have submitted questions to be answered at that time.

CSC NEWS



Save the date!

Come out to this year's CSC **Snow Ball** on Saturday, Nov. 10 at the Windsor Marriott. This year the location is nearby, and our club has provided the decorations for the **Downhill Dreams** theme. Buy your tickets, support your club, dance to live music, win free ski stuff, enjoy a great night out!

This season's **Connecticut Ski Council On Snow Carnival Weekend** is Feb. 29-March 2, 2008. **Okemo** will be our host for this year's games and races.

Interested in CSC sponsored ski trips to Europe?

Montachusett Ski Club is going to **Grindewald, Switzerland** on Jan.25-Feb.2, 2008. Contact David Anderson at (978)874-2165, (978)790-3535 or e-mail swededfa@msn.com

If you are interested in a ski trip to **Andorra, Spain**, Feb.8-17, 2008, which includes 2 days in Barcelona, contact Don Schoch at (203)426-8201 or ddschoch@att.net for more info. Deposits are due now, so call ASAP.

Ski Club Membership – Did you know that the total membership of all the Ct. Ski Council clubs (members of all

ages) in 2006-2007 was 19,191. These club census figures show that skiing and riding is thriving in Connecticut!

MISC NOTES

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

The 2007/2008 will be the Best Eastern Ski Season we have seen in years. We promise!!! Because...

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Bill Jones, Publisher

Snow Snake Officers

There are still open positions. If you would like to get involved in running your club, please step forward and contact Lois

Krause. Every job is an important one!

1. **President: Open**
2. **Vice President:** Rick Paliuca
3. **Secretary: Open**
4. **Treasurer:** Sam Rubin
5. **Council Reps:** Pete Krause, Pam Cropley, Adam Fitzgerald, **Open**
6. **Council Alternate:** Marie Carparelli
7. **Race Chairman: Open**
8. **Youth Chairman: Open**
9. **Trip Chairman:** *Bill Doster will do trip next year, and offered to train, Jennifer Paliuca and Lisa Briganti who want to do it together.*
10. **Ticket Coordinator:** Christina Logue
11. **Ticket Distributor:** Charles Treat
12. **Summer Picnic Coordinator:** Jennifer Paliuca and Lisa Briganti offered to coordinate some sort of outdoor get together, perhaps with kayaking involved.
13. **Holiday Party Coordinator:** Christina Edelwich
14. **Holiday Entertainment:** Tom White
15. **Ambassador: Open**
16. **Refreshments:** Rich & Ellen Corrado, and Ruth Reiser will share
17. **Decorations Committee for Snow Ball** Jennifer Paliuca, Rich and Ellen Corrado, Sandy DesJardin. **Website, Newsletter Writer, and Newsletter Editor will**

continue to be:
Dave Anderson, Linda Grodofsky, and Sylvia Nolan respectively.

**We still have no one to do:
Snow Ball Tickets, Snow Ball Raffle Gifts, On Snow Carnival Coordinator, or someone to Carry the Banner.**

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Thank you for your continued support.

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 91 North:

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 91 South:

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

