



The Danbury Ski Club Times

October 2014

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, PAT HOWARD

Okay, now we are in the fall season, things are ramping up. We had a great picnic, thanks to Joy Seri and everyone who attended. With the ball on the horizon, I am already thinking about snow. So I ask all members to start thinking about their plans for this winter...the club has several trips and events that you can join in. We will end up with the CSC Winter Carnival and the Stowe trip. Please sign up for whatever you can. Let's make it a fun, safe ski season. We need you! Thanks, Ph

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We're All Set For Saturday, Oct 4th...C'Mon & Join Us

Yes, it's a GO...1 pm on Sat., 10/4, we'll meet at the home of Gloria Chiesi to party, rain or shine. We'll be on her dock/terraces (with stone fireplaces) on Candlewood Lake in Sherman (29 Deer Run Trail, 06784) and/or in her lovely home. There is lots of parking on her property. If you'd like, do bring finger food (appetizer/dessert) as Gloria will be making her delicious Lasagna and we'll be ordering assorted grinders/wraps platter, macaroni salad and Italian American cookie tray from Nordelli's (#1 Grinder by CT Magazine). We'll have music & we can plan the day as we go...just have fun & comaraderie. The fall foliage should be enjoyable. Anyone for a game of Cornhole? Kindly advise us by Thursday, 10/2, 203 792 DSKI (3754). Hope to see you!!

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Last chance for **DISCOUNT VOUCHERS 2014 -2015** - Voucher pricing/forms are available on the Danbury Ski Club website (danburyski.com), along with 2014-2015 Preliminary CT Ski Council Awareness Days.

Voucher orders must be received by **Oct 2nd**, either in person at meeting (10/2, 7:30 pm @ Hatters Park) or last day for orders to be **received in the PO Box is Oct 6, 2014** (Danbury Ski Club PO box 764, Danbury CT 06813 Attn: Vouchers). If sending voucher orders by mail, please send note to vouchers mail box to ensure order is received. E-mail questions/mail notification to Colleen at Vouchers@danburyski.com. If you think you have a credit, please e-mail Colleen - not all mountains give 100% credit for prior year returns

If unable to pick up vouchers in person, you must include a pre-paid priority mail envelope with your order to have vouchers sent to you. The club cannot be responsible for vouchers lost in the regular mail.

Vouchers will be available for pick-up at a meeting in mid to late November, exact dates will be posted when available.

AMBASSADOR'S ANGLE:

First, I'd like to thank the Danbury Ski Club for selecting me as your Ambassador. I will do my best to follow in the footsteps of our previous Ambassador, Lisa Bilodeau and all the wonderful Ambassadors and Queens from years past. Hopefully you have all taken a look at the CSC Awareness days, ordered your vouchers, renewed your membership and started planning for the upcoming ski season right around the corner.

The CSC's annual **SNOW BALL** will be held **Saturday, November 15th, 8:00 pm** at the Hartford Windsor Marriott in Windsor, CT (28 Day Hill Road). This is the only fund raiser for the council. The theme this year is "STEEP & DEEP" and the music will be provided by Frantic City. Many of the benefits you enjoy as members of Danbury Ski Club are due to the CSC's 44 clubs and over 30,000 members. Please come out and support CSC, DSC and your Ambassador, Dave Zuraw.

Please purchase your tickets (\$20 in advance) at our DSC meetings from Mary O'Hara (thanks for helping out Mary) or mail your check, payable to Danbury Ski Club, and mail to DSC, P O Box 764, Danbury, CT 06813, Attn: Snowball. You could pay \$25 at the door provided it is not sold out. We will be sharing a Hospitality Suite with NAVA Ski Club which we will open several hours before the Snow Ball starts. See November's Newsletter for details.

Guest rooms can be reserved at the Marriott for a special rate of \$99 if you call the hotel directly (860-688-7500 by 11/1/2014 and mention you are with the CSC and attending the Snow Ball. Please join us for a fantastic evening of music, dancing, camaraderie and many great raffle prizes.

If anyone is interested in soliciting prizes for the Snow Ball, please contact me at dscwebmaster@yahoo.com. Prizes don't have to be ski related. Gift certificates from restaurants or stores or other prizes are also appreciated. Contact me to make arrangements to get me the prizes before October 16th. I look forward to seeing you there.

Your 2014 Ambassador,

Dave Zuraw

Thanks, Dave for supplying the above article...very succinct and here's hoping that we get a great attendance that night.

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THE MAPLES LODGE will be open for our pleasure in December...details to be forthcoming in next newsletter. The committee is again offering the discounted tickets...see Sam Griffith at meetings. NEW this year – most cell phone will be able to get reception inside the lodge. Reservations will be on-line (lodge@danburyski.com).

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SCUBA TRIPS. Ed Blasco reported that he and several other members of the Club will be traveling to **Bonaire, N.A.** for a week of diving from **Nov. 8 through 15** at the Divi Flamingo Beach Resort. The trip is arranged through New England Dive Center of Wallingford and, although not a Club-sponsored trip, is open to DSC members and guests who wish to join the group. Details, amenities, and pricing are on the New England Dive Center web site: <http://www.nedive.com/>. Those interested should contact Ed. [203-470-4455]

Mike Mannion advised that Club member Jean Mamakos has organized a dive trip to SCUBA Club in **Cozumel, Mexico** from **Oct. 18 through 25**. The cost of the trip is \$899 which includes room (double occupancy), three meals daily (off the hotel menu), and five days' diving. The cost may be subject to an additional \$75 discount depending on the number of travelers. Air transportation is not included and travel arrangements are the responsibility of the traveler. Again, this is not a Club-sponsored trip and is open to Club members and guests. Interested individuals should contact Jean at: (631)427-0537."

Thanks to Mike Mannion for writing the above in his minutes of the General Meeting on August 7, 2014.

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Kids Learn to Ski Day

In conjunction with the December 13th Okemo Council Awareness days, **free ski/snowboard lessons** will be available for any Council member ages 5- senior in high school with proof of Council membership (CSC sticker will be on your DSC membership card). Pre-registration will be necessary. The registration form will be available for all clubs at the October meeting, will be put on the CSC website and will be in the November newsletter.

What a deal!!! Here are specifics:

Where: Okemo Main base area. Meet in the clock tower meeting room to get instruction information/assignment

When: Saturday, Dec. 13th

Time: Registration is 7:45 - 8:30 am

What: Age and ability-gear-ed lessons for kids will be held from 9:00 - 11:30. A small party will be held for those kids (and parents/guardians) who participated in the lessons. Drinks/refreshments, pictures from the day and a small token of the great time all had will be available from 2:30 - 3:00 at the Okemo Clock tower.

Cost: **Lessons are free.** Lift tickets for **kids 5-6** are **free.** **Lift tickets** will be available at the group sales office at the **Council Awareness Day price of \$44...a real value!!!!**

More details in the next newsletter. Remember that our ski lodge is in Weston, Vermont, just miles south of Okemo and will be open for your pleasure.

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NEWS FLASH – We were, once again, asked by the Danbury Library on West Street to make a presentation in the display case that is located on the lower floor, opposite the Farioly Program Room. A few days ago, Pat Howard and Joan Gall did the honors. For your viewing, as well as the general public who use the library, there is our DSC 60th Anniversary banner as a backdrop, on a shelf you'll see pictures from 1955 of the Hatters Ski Slope in Tarrywile Park, as well as a group of skiers with their LONG skis but smiles on their faces. The Randall Trophy (first awarded in 1958) holds center stage, a junior snowboard is to the right and a Salomon ski is to the left with helmet and boot, with the American Flag as well as our ski banner (maybe you'll get one this year if you go on one of our five trips). A large foam-board has 6 of our earlier trips on the wall. The DSC tri-folds (thx to Joy Seri for making the information current) are available to be taken home for perusing (and signing up!)

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Sincere thanks to Joy Seri for a wonderful, well-attended **picnic** early September at Dickinson Park, Newtown. We ate heartily, talked, laughed and it was good to see so many members and friends gathered under the auspices of our soon-to-be 60 year old club.

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MEMBERSHIP: Please join/renew online at www.danburyski.com. Those who wish to mail in their check must renew online, select the "check" option, and mail their payment to Ed Blasco, DSC Membership Chair, P.O.Box 764, Danbury, CT 06810-7884. Rates are as follows: Single, \$45; Family, \$70; College, \$35, Senior, \$45(age 65+) Senior Family \$55. Kindly verify the correctness of your email address as we are aware of a lot of invalid entries. We do not give out these addresses to anyone for any reason. They are solely the possession of the Danbury Ski Club.

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Danbury Ski Club is **on social media!** Follow us on twitter: @danburyskiclub or visit our Facebook group page: Danbury Ski Club to get quick updates on our events and activities. (Written by Joy Seri. Thank You!)

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October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7:30 pm Business Meeting Voucher Deadline	3	4 Candlewood Lake
5	6 POB Deadline	7	8	9	10	11
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WE INVITE EVERYONE TO COME TO THE MEETINGS AND GET THE LATEST
UPDATES ON EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Directions to Hatters Park, Banquet Room, 7 East Hayestown Road, Danbury, CT

From I-84 East: Exit 5. Straight to traffic light, straight onto North St. Right at 4th traffic light (Hayestown Rd). Left at next traffic light (Tamarack Ave..becomes East Hayestown Rd). Hatters Park is on right after a quarter of a mile.

From I-84 West: Exit 6. Right at traffic light (North St), then right at next traffic light (Hayestown Rd). Left at next traffic light (Tamarack Ave. becomes East Hayestown Rd).. Hatters Park is on right after a quarter of a mile.

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MEETINGS: Danbury Ski Club will hold a **business meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.** Board of Directors meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, 7:30 pm, and are open to all...you can listen, comment. Except for certain special programs, meetings are held at Hatters Park. Additional meetings may be scheduled at the discretion of the BOD. Please check DSC's website, www.DANBURYSKI.com for the latest information. You can also check us out on our social media.