



DANBURY SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

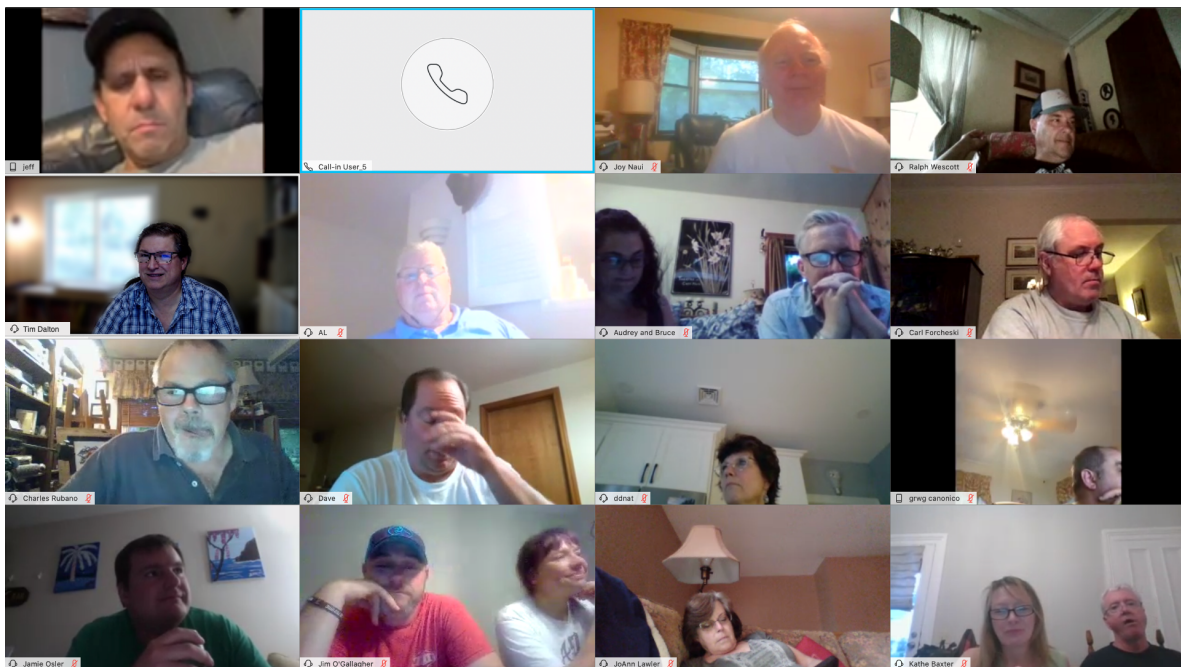
July 2020

PLEASE NOTE: All activities and trips outlined in this newsletter represent current plans as of July 2020. These activities and trips could be revised or cancelled due to the current guidelines regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Updated information will appear in future newsletters, e-blasts and on the DSC website.

DSC Meetings – Next Meeting and Past Meeting

Our **next membership meeting will be Thursday, July 9th, 2020**. Please join us virtually! A link to join the meeting will be sent to your email. We'd love to hear your ideas for events and activities and your feelings about how this can be an even greater club.

We held our last general membership meeting using WebEx on Thursday June 4th, 2020. A number of DSC members and some prospective members got together to talk about the DSC and to socialize. Among the topics discussed were election results, upcoming activities, a preview of the Snow Ball and Winter Carnival, CSC voucher returns, opportunities to participate in the club, as well as a first look at the DSC club survey done in May. A great time was had by all attendees! Below is a picture of the meeting taking place.



DSC Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your DSC membership! Please do so either online or by mail. The deadline is August 31, 2020. The grace period ends September 30. Membership is required to buy vouchers, attend trips, and participate in club activities. Please note that there is a discount for renewing by check, rather than by credit card on the website. Shown in the table below are the current membership levels and prices.

Type	Check	Credit Card
Individual	50	52
Family	80	83
First Responder Individual	30	N/A
First Responder Family	60	N/A
Senior Individual	50	52
Senior Family	65	68
College	25	26

DSC Elections

Thank you all members who voted either online or at our remote meeting on June 4. Results are listed below.

PRESIDENT – Jim O’Gallagher

VICE PRESIDENT – Tim Dalton

TREASURER – Kathe Baxter

PAST PRESIDENT – Allen Meier

DELEGATE-AT-LARGE – Dave Kiley

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – Jim Seri

CONN. SKI COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE – Dave Zuraw, Jim Seri, Mary O’Hara, Greg O’Hara

CHARLES RANDALL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING MEMBER – Charles Rubano

STEVE FERNEKES AWARD FOR MOST ACTIVE MEMBER – Dave Zuraw

BOB BUTCHER AWARD FOR PROMOTING UNITY AND MORALE – Jim Seri

Congratulations to our 2020-21 club officers!

PRESIDENTS CORNER

I would like to start by thanking everyone that took the time to vote in our most recent board elections. As the new DSC President, I plan to work closely with the other new board members while drawing from the experiences from past representatives. The new board has held many meetings to discuss current challenges and we have already started to lay the foundation for this and next year's strategy. The current issues with COVID-19 has already hampered our ability to organize and hold larger face to face events. One way we have worked around this is by scheduling virtual general meetings to discuss various topics, to include general club business, upcoming events and to provide a gathering place for all members to catch up. This will NOT prevent us from executing the 2020/2021 seasonal strategy. As for the upcoming ski season, Charles Rubano has already organized the DSC's first scheduled trip to Big Sky in January 2021. Dave Zuraw is working very closely with the Connecticut Ski Council (CSC) and is DSC's representative in planning the Snow Ball for later this year. Please keep an eye out for other news and events in upcoming newsletters, emails and Facebook posts. Please reach out to one of the current board members if anyone would be interested volunteering to assist with moving our club forward.

DSC PICNIC CANCELLED

Danbury Ski Club's picnic scheduled for July 18 has been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. It may be rescheduled to the late summer or early autumn if the situation at that time allows.

The DSC Needs YOU! – COMMITTEE HEADS NEEDED

The club is looking for interested members to serve in these capacities: Activity Coordinator, to oversee trips and activities such as biking, hiking, kayaking, picnics, parties, gatherings, etc.; Family Activity Coordinator, to promote more active participation for families; Fundraising Coordinator, to help devise ways to raise money to support funding for club activities; Ski Swap Coordinator, to help plan and to supervise the club's annual Ski Swap in late November and early December; and Marketing Coordinator. Please contact one of the DSC officers if you can volunteer for one of these important positions.

REFLECTIONS ON ZERMATT Trip

January, 2020

On Friday January 24th, 64 DSC members and friends gathered at JFK airport for the flight to Zurich, Switzerland. We took two buses and then a train to finally arrive in the fabled ski resort of Zermatt. We spent 6 glorious days skiing in both Switzerland and Italy with conditions ranging from bluebird skies to a blizzard delivering a dump of fresh powder. The skiing there was epic and is the stuff that members will talk about for years to come. This was shortly before COVID-19 cut everyone's season short, making this trip even more memorable. We are not sure if there will be a European trip in 2021. Stay tuned for details as we learn more. We hope to be able to offer an European trip if conditions allow!



DSC Trip to Big Sky, MT

The club is planning a ski trip to Big Sky, Montana January 16 - 23, 2021. See the attached flyer at the end of this newsletter.

CT Ski Council Updates

CSC SNOW BALL NOVEMBER 14, 2020

The Connecticut Ski Council's only fundraiser, The Snow Ball, is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14 at the Hartford/Windsor Marriott in Windsor, CT. The theme of this year's event is **"The Mountains Are Calling and I Must Go"**. Due to uncertainties we all face due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council is currently discussing whether it is feasible to go ahead with the event as usual. Other options instead of the Snow Ball include a catered picnic-style event in October or to have a computerized raffle, perhaps in December. The Council could also decide to have no event at all. The Council will make a decision this month. Please check next month's newsletter for the latest information. If you have any questions please contact Dave Zuraw at dscwebmaster@yahoo.com

WINTER CARNIVAL

The Connecticut Ski Council is planning the annual Winter Carnival, scheduled for March 5-7, 2021. Okemo and Waterville Valley have both expressed interest in hosting the event. As with every other event, the situation with COVID-19 will affect the plans. If the Carnival cannot be held in its usual form it may be rescheduled as a one-day event at a mountain within easier driving distance. Please contact Dave Zuraw at dscwebmaster@yahoo.com for more information.

CSC VOUCHERS

Credit amounts to be applied to next season's voucher orders have come in. DSC's vouchers chairperson Dave Zuraw will soon contact those who are due credits. Pricing and availability of vouchers for next season will be announced in September. For more information please contact Dave Zuraw.

DSC Lodge Update

As the club enters the 2020-2021 ski season, there are many unknowns we are all facing. Will COVID-19 have a Wave 2 resurgence in New England ? Will the mountains stay open ? The Board has evaluated options with the lodge owners along with the the following key considerations. (1) The club had an issue with The Maples lodge in 2019-2020 season that prevented the lodge from being utilized for a period of time. (2) The lodge has operated at a significant loss for several years, even in good snow years. (3) There is significant uncertainty in the upcoming ski season.

After several discussions and options evaluated, the board voted not to renew the lease on the Maples lodge for 2020-2021 season in the best interest of the club membership. We know that some of you will be unhappy with this decision, however is the best determination for the club overall at this point in time. We will be looking at lodge options for the 2021-2022 ski season. We will take the survey inputs, as well as any direct inputs you want to share and use this to help guide the options for the return of a DSC lodge for the membership.

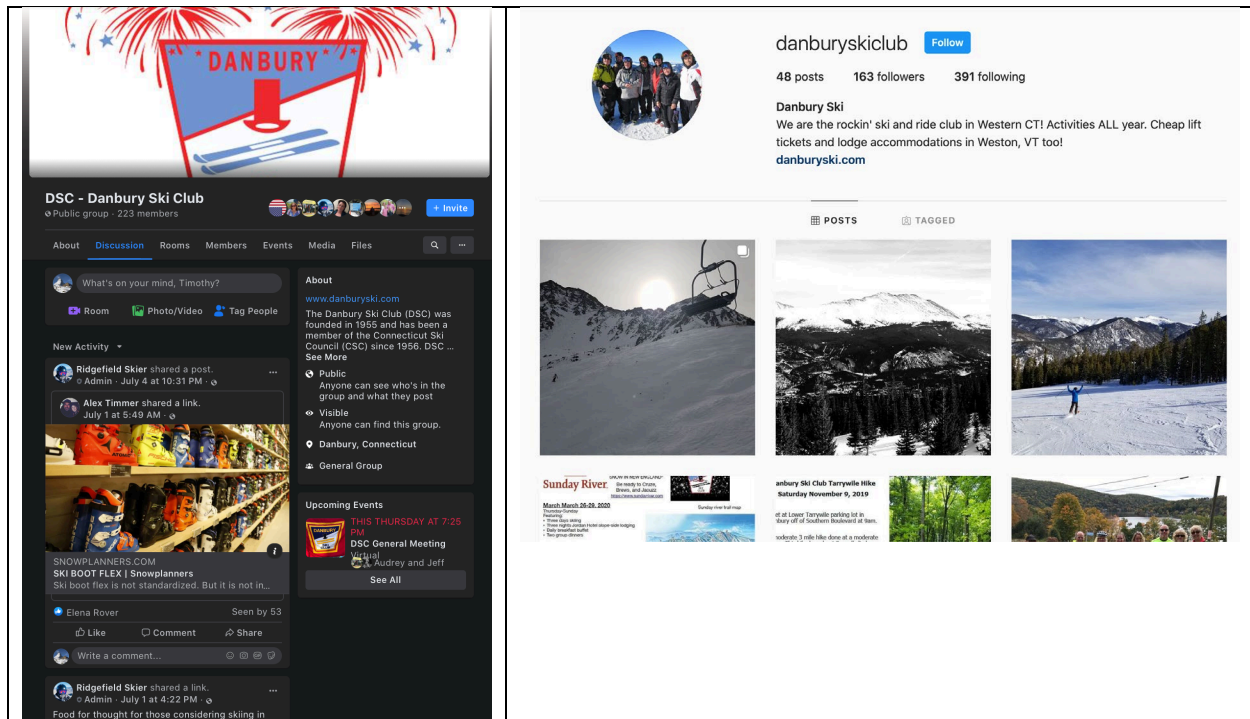
If anyone would like to be on the Lodge Committee to work on future options, please let any Board member know.

Follow DSC on Social Media

Join the DSC groups on **Facebook**: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/danburyskiclub>

And on **Instagram**: <https://www.instagram.com/danburyskiclub/>

Please participate in the conversation, and be active with the club via virtual channels.



Stay safe and think snow!

--DSC Board of Directors
July, 2020



Danbury Ski Club Week Trip to BIG SKY, MONTANA

January 16 - 23, 2021 \$2350.00 pp, double occupancy.

Nonstop flights, walk to lifts, breakfasts and a 5 day lift ticket included!

- Our first stop on the "Screw You Covid-19!" Tour 2021 includes: Nonstop R/T from Newark on United, all transfers, 7 nights at *The Summit Hotel*. Elegant hotel accommodations in the heart of the Mountain Village. <https://bigskyresort.com/accommodations/hotels/summit-at-big-sky> Breakfast daily, welcome reception, resort orientation, taxes, surcharges, and 5 day lift pass.
- A 6th day lift is available and the discount will depend on the size of the group.
- Land only: **TBD** Single supplement: Add **\$1095.00** Ikon Pass: **Deduct \$425.00** (1/17 is blacked out).
- Ski & boot bag = 1 item. <https://www.united.com/ual/en/us/fly/travel/baggage/sports-equipment.html>
- Discounted rentals, lessons, repairs, ski storage, retail and spa services.
- Optional side trip to ??? (TBD) **Possible hotel in Newark the night before departure.
- Please note: This may be the last trip open to non-DSC members.

Please contact Charles Rubano secondhillstudio@gmail.com

Tel: 860-463-3125

To protect the DSC and our trip participants from the financial risk associated with booking travel during these uncertain times, this trip is being offered with *fully refundable* payments through October 10, 2020. The cancellation policy is simplified but stricter. The payment plan is accelerated. You are urged to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If you decline to purchase trip cancellation insurance, Danbury Ski Club and the trip leaders(s) will not be responsible for any monetary loss. **The standard premium is estimated at \$174.00. The "cancel for any reason" premium will vary.**

**To purchase the standard Group Deluxe Insurance (Group # 125041), please click on the following link:

<https://www.travelinsured.com/group.signup?group=125041&guid=ddd5ddd4f8f643be9cc1d4e1b293e5e9>

**To purchase the "cancel for any reason" Insurance (Group # 125042), please click on the following link:

<https://www.travelinsured.com/group.signup?group=125042&guid=2a6f2fa21605498cb359f483d94efc63>

**New York State residents: to purchase "cancel for any reason" insurance, call Travel Guard (AIG) 800-826-5248

By furnishing a deposit for this trip, you understand and agree to the following payment and cancellation terms:

- Deposit \$800 due at signup
- 2nd Deposit \$800 by 8/10/20
- Final Balance due 10/5/20

Receipt of Written Cancellation	Cancellation Penalty
Through 10/10/2020	NO PENALTY ☺
After 10/10/20	FULL AMOUNT...NO REFUND (get trip insurance!)

Please make checks payable to *Danbury Ski Club*

Mail form and deposit to: Charles Rubano 40 Standish Road New Milford, CT 06776-3917 Attn: Big Sky

✂ _____ Please print as legibly as possible and detach _____

Full Name _____ (as it appears on your license or passport)

Address _____ Date of Birth _____

City, State, Zip _____ Nationality _____

Tel # _____ Email _____

Double Occupancy _____ Single Occupancy _____ Need a roommate? (Y/N) _____

Roommate _____ xTotal Amount enclosed
\$ _____

Welcome to Big Sky!

The vastness of the Big Sky and the unique scenic beauty will envelop your senses and revitalize your soul. Then once you strap on your skis or board and explore the mountains, you'll feel as if this winter paradise was reserved exclusively for you. Ski and ride Big Sky and discover acres of terrain on four connected mountains that provide you with enough variety and expanse that standing in lift lines is an anomaly! Big Sky offers 300 named runs, chutes and glades with a vertical drop of 4,350'. "The Biggest Skiing in America" ticket gives skiers and riders access to a vast 5,850 acres of interconnected trails and lifts, all with one pass. Big Sky has captured the ski world's attention with its awe-inspiring Lone Peak Tram to the 11,166 foot summit of its mountain namesake. The tram has bestowed the honor upon Big Sky of having the most total vertical in the United States and offers 360° views of Yellowstone Park, the Tetons and all three bordering states. This expanded advanced and extreme terrain provides white-knuckle descents for even the most seasoned of skiers. Combine all these inviting ingredients plus our special family lift ticket program of children 10 and younger skiing free and you may realistically never want to leave. With all this in mind, *come experience your physical and spiritual awakening this winter at Big Sky Resort and Moonlight Basin.*

Big Sky Statistics:

400+ inches of annual snowfall
5,850 acres. 300 named runs.
Top elevation is 11,166 feet
Base elevation is 7,000 feet.
42.0% expert, 18.0% advanced,
25% intermediate, 15% beginner.



Summit Hotel at Big Sky:

The elegant Euro-Western Summit at Big Sky has been the vacation choice of both President Obama and Vice President Biden. The Summit is one of the finest slope-side properties in the Rockies with primary high-capacity lifts only 100 yards away. The Summit combines luxury appointments with Boyne Beds and a prime location in the heart of the Mountain Village Center, with in-hotel dining and shopping.

Location: Walk to lifts

Amenities: Outdoor Pool, 2 Outdoor Hot Tubs, Fitness Facilities, Sauna, Solace Spa & Salon, Guest Laundry and Concierge

Air (as of 6/13/20 and subject to change):

- 16 JAN. UA FLT 623 EWR / BZN 8:30AM – 11:43AM SA
- 23 JAN. UA FLT 1462 BZN / EWR 2:15PM – 8:30PM SA

Conditions: <https://bigskyresort.com/conditions>

Weather: <https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lon=-111.44208527449518&lat=45.28077307636235>

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