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I'm Out of Control

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Meghan Ruby
President

thank you!

My first year as President is winding down and it sure has been an interesting year. I first want to thank Carrie Britt, Deb Kruszona, and Willy Welch for their time on the 2020-2021 Board of Directors. I appreciate that you made the effort to attend the meetings whether we were socially distanced in someone's backyard or we were on Zoom. Your thoughts and opinions helped a great deal when it came time to vote on motions that were

made. We will miss you at the Board Meetings this coming club-year. Second, I extend my sincere appreciation to everything that Darcey Gatto has done in her two years as VP for Admin. They were not easy (the 1st year she was still quite new to the club and the 2nd year was dealing with a pandemic) but she really did the best she could. I am happy that she'll still be on the Board for the 2021-2022 season. Last, I wish to welcome Clare Ryan and Pete Semerad to the 2021-2022 Board. It is always good to have "new" faces and ideas and I look forward to their contributions.

Speaking of the 2021-2022 Board, I am still looking for a new VP for Admin. If anyone is interested or if you know of someone that you think might be great in this position, please send me an email at president@ocskiclub.org.



My hope as we end one club-year and start a new one is that we can begin to return to more normal club-activities. I'm so happy that we will have our Monday and Tuesday night volleyball leagues and they will be starting up in May. Before you know it we should be back to having at least some in person meetings. Our social media pages and our website will be the best places to learn when and where we will be able to gather.

I'm sure it will be mentioned elsewhere in this Liftline but don't forget to renew your membership for the 2021-2022 season. To sign up for any club activities (trips, picnics, parties, etc) you must be a member in good standing which means that you must be up to date with your dues. Renewals can be done online now.



Just a Reminder

IKON
— PASS —

If someone is renewing their Ikon pass, that deadline is May 4th to get the lowest renewal pricing \$649 base and \$899 full Ikon. If you are new to Ikon, the special group member pricing is valid until May 18th. Ikon will not allow any extensions on these low prices so click the link before its too late! <https://oc-ski-club-passes.events.ski.com/>

ADMINISTRATION



Darcey Gatto
Vice President
for Administration



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Welcome May! This will be my final LiftLine Article. I want to thank the Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Chairs for all their assistance and work they have put during the last 2 years. I especially would like to thank our members. You are what makes the OC Ski Club what it is and you made my job as VP for Administration enjoyable.

Our Summer Volleyball League registration is in full swing. We still have opening for both Monday and Tuesday night play. Check out the Volleyball page of our website and learn how you can register your team <https://ocskiclub.org/volleyball/>.

I was hoping to have a meeting before the end of my term, but it appears that they are still on hold. I am sorry about that but hopefully we will be able to meet soon. You all know by now there are multiple ways to check the latest news.

2021-2022 Renewals opened up on April 1st. Below are a couple ways to renew while you are waiting for meetings to start.

Members and applicants may Renew Online (<https://ocskiclub.org/become-a-member>) or print and complete the Membership Renewal Form (<https://ocskiclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Dues-Form-member-renewal-2020-1.pdf>) and mail it along with your check to:

Membership Committee
Out of Control Ski Club
PO Box 13901
Albany, NY 12212-3901

Stay safe and healthy 🍷

**IT'S TIME TO
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP!**

ORGANIZED SKIING



Cynthia "Princess Snowflake" Ward
Vice President for
Organized Skiing
SNOW WHAT?

Looking Forward and Backward

Happy Spring! At this point most of us have hung up our skis for the season and are looking forward to more days on the white stuff next year. As the current club year draws to a close, we are also looking forward to the beginning of the new club year which commences on June 1st. This is a time that we look both forward and backward.



Looking backward I am so impressed and grateful for all the efforts of the club volunteers that went into this past season to keep our OC spirit alive through unusual and difficult circumstances. The

other officers, the board and especially the committee chairs deserve our praise and recognition.



When I first took on the VP of skiing position, I expected the job to be business as usual. I did not expect the monkey

wrench the pandemic threw into our plans. I am so grateful to the committee chairs and volunteers on the skiing side who stepped up to make for a memorable season in spite of the obstacles COVID-19 presented. We managed to carry on the OC traditions, though modified, because of the tireless efforts of the following committee chairs: **Lynda Heaney**, Bus Chair; **Gail Marotti-Hossan**, Alpine Trips Chair; **Mark Pavlus**, Racing Chair; **Bob Priest**, Cross Country Chair; **Matt Wakefield** and **Eileen Finn-LeMatty**, Family Trips Co-Chairs; and **Jeff Kenton** and **Brian Mieczkowski**, Ski Instruction. They all deserve our heartfelt gratitude for providing activities that I thought might not have been possible under the circumstances.



Another special person who deserves recognition is **Barney Galinsky**. As many of you know, Barney turned 80 in October and set a goal of skiing 80 ski days in the 2020-2021 season. Barney not only met his goal before the end of March, but exceeded it! At last count he had racked up 82 days and I am not sure if he

is done yet. Because of this exceptional accomplishment, it is my pleasure to award Barney the **Empty Wallet Award** for skiing above and beyond the call of snow. Congratulations, Barney!



Speaking of congratulations, I would like to extend mine to the winners of the OC elections. Officers who are returning for another term of service are **Meghan Ruby**, President; **Mark Wilder**, Treasurer; and **Gail Marotti-Hossan**, Secretary. I regret that **Darcey Gatto** has decided to retire from the position of VP of Administration, but very pleased that she will still be active in many club activities including serving on the Board of Directors along with **Matt Quackenbush**, **Jeff Kenton**, **Kelly Buell**, **Pete Semerad**, **Jason Hymes**, **Mike Furdyna**, **Clare Ryan**, **Tequila Bob Denninger** and **Chrisdin Dier**.



Looking forward, a new club year of adventure awaits us. I am delighted that I will also serve another term as VP of Organized Skiing and plans are already well in development on the

skiing side. Summer activities are also already scheduled, so I remind everyone to pay your dues as soon as possible, so you don't miss out. I can't wait to see you all again to share some fun and camaraderie in person.

Snow in love, Princess Snowflake



HELP WANTED



We need to fill the following Committees for the 2021-2022 Season

- **A&E-** Are you a party planner? Are you highly organized if so... this is for you!
- **Webmaster-** In need of someone with knowledge and experience in WordPress
- **Fundraising-** In need of someone to organize and sell club merchandise at meetings
- **NY Capital District Ski Council (NYCDSC) Representative(s)-** Attend NYCDSC meeting and report back to the VP for Skiing any events, discounts, etc
- **Bus Leader(s):** Provided we run buses; you would be responsible for the assisting members on the bus with question, gathering ticket fees and handing them out, etc

If you would like more information to volunteer for any of the above committees or lend a hand with anything else please email our OC Ski Club President Meghan Ruby at President@ocskiclub.org.



OC SECRETARY

Gail Marotti-Hossan

OC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – APRIL 2021

The Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 31. Still following protocol set forth by COVID-19 restrictions the meeting was held via Zoom. Here is a summary of what took place. Complete minutes are found on the website after the following Board Meeting.

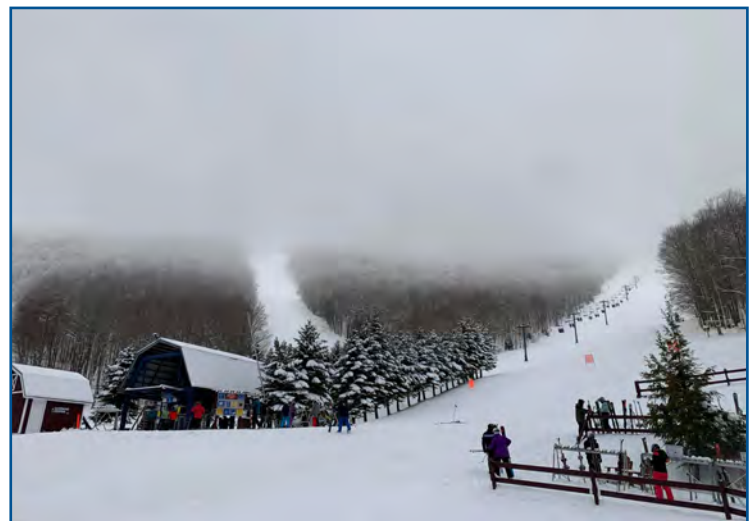
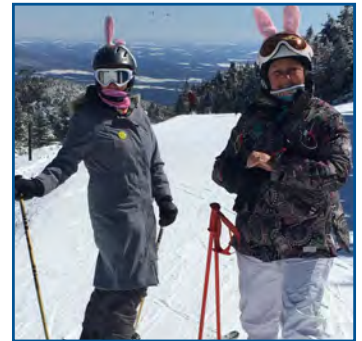
- Same Old – Same old: Those meeting restrictions are still in place which means that our in-person meetings are still to be suspended
- The Website is going to get a refresh. 1st on the plan is a new look for the Homepage with much more to follow in the coming months. **We are still searching for a some expertise in Wordpress!!!**
- **Volleyball League** is happening. Registration opened April 15th. Cleanup date is May 15. Play will commence on the 17 & 18th of May.
- At the time of the Board meeting Jay Peak trip was on the horizon...
- **2021 Elections** to be held via electronic ballot again this year. Nominations collected March 18 – 26th. Voting will be turned on @9am on April 8th and turned off @11:59 April 9th..... Plenty of time for people to cast their ballot. Only Members with paid dues for 20/21 received the email with the link to vote. Only those members will be registered with the voting site.
- **Membership Renewals** will be accepted w/o penalty for the Summer months. We will then add on a late fee for any renewals after September 1st. Late fee will be \$10.
- Recognition Award extension was granted to Lynda Heaney for her 19/20 award to expire 5/2022.
- **WELCOME BACK** Party plans are in the works to see familiar faces once again and to celebrate the **Club's 60 ½ Birthday** as well as combining the **Installation party** for the incoming Officers & Board Members. Due to some scheduling conflicts we will not hold this on the actual birthday, coincidentally a Thursday (June 10th) but trying for the 4th.. Watch for announcements!!!

Next Scheduled Board Meeting: May 6th.



MOUNTAIN RIDERS started out as a group of skiers who wanted to be out in the fresh air with the wind in their face after the snow melts. Weather permitting we go on an all day ride almost every weekend from the end of April through the end of October. Rides are all day, usually about 250 miles, to destinations such as Sylvan Beach, Old Forge, Shelburne Falls Mass., Pepacton Reservoir, and a few places you never heard of. Ride plans are announced mid week via email, where a reply is needed if you plan on attending. We follow group riding guidelines, this is a Friends with Friends function. For more information and to join the group I need: Name, Cell #, email address.

Jeff Kenton
jpkenton@live.com





OC SKI CLUB IS 60^{1/2} YEARS OLD ON 6.10.21!

There were many things we could not do in our usual OC way these past 14 months – ride on buses, volleyball league & tournament, large OC Trips to Vermont, Europe, and Canada, our parties, and our meetings but that is slowly becoming a thing of the past. The volleyball league is on the brink of starting up, the tournament is scheduled (9.18.21), we are working on the meetings as we approach our summer season, and trips are being booked (Sunday River & Beaver Creek are under contract with more to come in the next week or two).... Hmm, what' left????? Oh Yeah - Parties!!

Check your calendars for FRIDAY June 4th - We will be allowed by NYS to hold an event that evening for 150 OC members to gather once again. We are going to make this a hybrid event: an abridged meeting, Installation Party, AND we will also be celebrating that the OC Ski Club turned 60 last December!!!!

DATE: **FRIDAY, JUNE 4th** 6:30 - 10pm Food from 7 - 8:30pm

LOCATION: Polish Community Center, 225 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany

COST: Not yet determined but it will be nominal for Food & 1 beverage included, 150 tickets available

There will be **door prizes** – items donated to the Club from Ski.com & Sunday River!!!

MENU: A **Taco Bar** with various protein fillers, nachos, side dishes, & gazpacho shooters to start (Final Menu is still in the works... but we plan to cover carnivores/vegan/vegetarian/Gluten Free dietary considerations....)

SIGNUP: Via PayPal (Amount & Button coming soon)

CAVEAT: You must be a current OC Member to attend – yup, pay your dues. Cut off for forgiveness to those who did not renew for 20/21 ends on June 1st.

2021/ 2022 OC SKI CLUB ALPINE Trips Update

It's official.... Group Travel will be much different this year. 1st we have the resorts accommodating those travelers who had to cancel last year for Covid reasons, 2nd the resorts & airlines lost revenue which they are going to try to make up, and 3rd - there's a lot of pent-up travel emotions that will need a "fix" to relieve the stress of not travelling/skiing for a year. So, we are going to run trips – they will be great trips just as our small ones last Winter were – but the base price is going to be a bit higher if we want to stay at properties higher than a Motel-6 and lift tickets will be much different. I am going to explore some smaller group travel and look to the Fall of 2022 for a New Zealand or Chile trek.

The resorts do not want to offer reasonable group ticket rates (Beaver Creek – mid January is \$860 for a five day single mountain ticket) but push us to the Epic or Ikon passes. I am going to be fair to our members and book 2 weeks of each. I've already signed an Epic (Beaver Creek) and about to sign an IKON (Utah, 2 canyons resorts). I am researching 1 more mountain of each pass. There will be Sunday River, an Ikon, as is Loon (NH). In addition I hope to bring back EPIC Mountains: Mount Snow and Stowe while adding NH (Attitash & Wildcat). My hopes for Ikon mountains are NH midweek (Loon), Tremblan, Lake Placid (Spring trip) and Sunday River (signed).

My recommendation, after attending a virtual travel symposium last week, is to buy a local Epic pass, if not a full blown one so that you can get to Stowe, Mount Snow, Okemo, Hunter etc... upgrade it if you think that you would be interested in a week long trip. Same goes for Ikon... Even if it is not an OC trip – if you and 9 other friends want to travel I can help to secure group rates for air/lodging!!!!

Watch the website and social media pages, or just shoot me an email for updates... More info will be flowing in the next couple of weeks. Including the return of online trip openings in August/September

Soft Opening

Weekend trips will require a \$75 deposit + paypal fees (\$2.75)

Sunday River & NH trips will require a \$100 deposit + paypal fees (\$3.50)

Weeklong trips will require a \$150 deposit + paypal fees (\$5)

Your deposit will be fully refundable (but not the pp fee) until a predetermined cutoff date; this date is determined by the resort and our contract. At the time of the cutoff you will then make the decision to drop out & receive your refund or to pay the remainder of the deposit which will then fall under the normal cancellation policies of the Club.

Here is a summary of the trips we want to offer (Yellow indicates signed contract)

1. **Mount Snow, Dec 17 – 19, 2021:** Our annual Lessons & Luxury trip. This is a Driveup, Family friendly trip with free lessons to those who would like them. The Lodging is ski-in/ski-out with standard hotel rooms (no cooking), studios (Kitchenette), 1 bedroom (bdrm, bath, living room, kitchen). This will allow you to return to your room for breaks and/or meals if the ski lodges present a problem. **(EPIC)**
2. **New Year's Eve trip in December/January.** My hope is to return to Quebec City for skiing at Mt Ste Anne and Le Massif but if we cannot cross the border, we'll find another location Stateside
3. **Beaver Creek, CO: Ski-in /out @ the Charter. Jan 15 – 22, 2022. Fly into local Eagle airport. (EPIC)**
4. **Lincoln, NH: Jan 23 – 28, 2022:** Ski Loon, Waterville Valley, Bretton Woods and/or Cannon. Drive up trip
5. **Sunday River Pretrip February 4 – 6, 2022:** Your choice of the weekend at Sunday River OR a resort in NH. Either **(EPIC)** independent trip or a prequel to your week at Sunday River. Will be a drive-up **(IKON)**
6. **Sunday River, ME February 6 – 11, 2022:** 18th year of the OC's staying slope side @ the Summit Hotel. Drive up or bus ride. Standard Hotel rooms (no cooking facilities), Studios with Kitchenettes, 1 bd/ba with Living Room and Kitchen). Ski days: 4 or 5 days. **(IKON).**
7. **Presidents Week Trip Feb 19 – 26, 2022:** Salt Lake City, Brighton/Alta/Snowbird/Solitude **(IKON)**
8. **Presidents Week Trip – Local...** I'm working on this for a trip to be Family inclusive w/o the added expense or heartache of air travel. Send me some suggestions...
9. **3rd "Western" Trip – TBD (IKON or non)**
10. **4th Western Trip - TBD (EPIC or non)**
11. **Tremblant, QC Feb or March 2022:** We really want to get you there **(IKON)**
12. **Bolton Valley March 2022:**
13. **Lake Placid, Feb or March 2022 (IKON)**
14. **Courmayeur, Italy March 19- 30 (26):** Rescheduled from 2020 trip. Motor coach ride ALB⇌JFK, Emirates Airlines for overnight flight to Milan, shuttle to ski resort, lodging with breakfast & dinner daily, shuttle to Lake Como for 3 night side trip which includes lodging, breakfast, & ½ day tour, shuttle back to Milan for flight to USA and return ride to ALB.



Spring Has Sprung!!



Online registration for the OC Summer Volleyball leagues will open on Thursday April 15th.

League formats include:

Monday: Competitive Co-ed 4's

Tuesday: Competitive and Recreational Co-ed 6's

Important Dates:

Online League Registration (including dues payments) Opens Thursday April 15th

Registration is required for all league play. Online registration will remain open until each league is full.

Participants must be members or applicants of the OC Ski Club and over the age of 18. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Detailed registration information is posted on the OC website.

Due to COVID we are not having in person meetings so you will need to register online.

Saturday May 15th @ 10 AM clean-up day where we get the courts ready (every team must have at least 1 person present)

League Play Begins: May 17 th and May 18 th @ 6 PM

****No Wednesday Night Pick-Up****

***** Fall Volleyball Tournament: Saturday, September 18, 2021 (save the date!)**

If you have questions/comments, contact the Volleyball Committee: OC VB LEAGUE

We look forward to seeing you on the courts!!



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Darcey Gatto

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