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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Meghan Ruby  
President



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We are now starting our 61st year of being a ski club. The officers, board members, and committee chairs (that were approved at the June Board Meeting) will be working hard to offer many fun activities in the next year. Our volleyball league is back on both Monday and Tuesday nights, the Volleyball Tournament will be held on September 18th at Maple Ski Ridge, and the annual Golf Scramble will be held on September 25th at Brookhaven Golf Course. Stay tuned for other activities and events that we hope to schedule.

It's hard to believe but things are feeling more like normal. May 31st was the last day of the 2020-2021 fiscal year for the club. I'm hoping that as that day is now in the past, so too will most of the restrictions that we experienced over the last fourteen and a half months.



One of the restrictions that many of us were happy to see end was the ability to gather in large groups. On June 4th, nearly 100 OC members (many long-time and several new applicants) attended our Welcome

Back/Happy 60 and 1/2 "birthday" event. It really was wonderful to see the faces of so many that we haven't been able to see in over a year. The PCC provided us with a delicious taco bar and I think everyone enjoyed themselves.

The 2021-2022 committee chairs so far approved are as follows – **Alpine Trips** – Gail Marotti-Hossan, **Alpine Day Bus** – Lynda Heaney, **Snowsports Instruction** – Jeff Kenton, **Racing** – Mark Pavlus, **Cross-country Skiing** – Bob Priest, **Family Committee** – Eileen Finn-LeMatty and Matt Wakefield, **NYCDSC Representative** – Cynthia Ward, **Ambassador** – Mike Koutelis, **Historian** – Darcey Gatto, **House/Facilities** – Bob Hossan, **Marketing** – Fred Haefeli, **Publications** – Greg Bockis, **Webmaster** – Tara Thomas, **Volleyball League** – Tara Cummings and Robin Raco, **Membership** – Pat Jones, Gretchen Riley, and Gail Marotti-Hossan.

Openings still remain for VP for Admin, Alpine Trips Assistant, Alpine Day Bus Assistant, NYCDSC Representatives (two additional reps needed), Activities and Entertainment, Elections, Fund Raising, and an additional Webmaster. If anyone is interested in filling one of these committee chair positions or if you're interested in helping out on one of the other committees, please email Meghan at [president@ocskiclub.org](mailto:president@ocskiclub.org) or Cynthia at [skiing@ocskiclub.org](mailto:skiing@ocskiclub.org).



## ORGANIZED SKIING



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

welcome to those who are newly elected to the board, Pete Semerad and Clare Ryan. Welcome back to everyone with high hopes and great optimism of the promise of a new social season. Special thanks go to all the committee chairs and volunteers who performed all the jobs last season that kept the club functioning and our OC spirit alive on both the skiing side and the administrative side. They all deserve our heart-felt gratitude for providing activities that I thought might not have been possible under the circumstances.

next year's ski and party season? Do you have some new ideas? Do you want to make some new friends? Do you want to feel "in" on things? Do you want to feel good and have fun? If you answer "yes" to one or more of these questions, please see me, any officer or board member and tell us about your interests. We would love to include you on the team. Many committee and planning positions are available for what we hope will be an exceptional new year.

It's a brand new club season and we have a lot to celebrate! First is the Welcome Back Party on June 4th where we renew our friendships and share the camaraderie we are accustomed to enjoying as members of the OC Ski Club. YAY! The good times are back and let those good times roll. We also celebrate the 60 and 1/2 club birthday and officially install this year's officers.

It is now time to dry off those skis to prepare them for storage and dust off the summer sports gear, if you haven't done so already. Planning for our new club year is already under way. Wouldn't you like to be part of this team for



You can also help to bring some normalcy back by caring for yourself and others. Get your vaccination, wear your mask in crowds of strangers and continue to social distance where possible.

*May your summer dreams come true.  
– Princess Snowflake*

Welcome back to the returning officers and board members and special



# OC SECRETARY

Gail Marotti-Hossan

## OC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – MAY 2021


The Board Meeting was held on Thursday, May 6th. 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.

Those meeting restrictions of 50 people? GONE but with historically low attendance for the Summer months we will delay our return to the PCC until late Summer /early Fall.

- **Volleyball League** registrations began coming in April 15th and volleyball player renewals along with them. We may not see the complete return but a decent turnout is projected.
- **Trip negotiations** are in progress.. Additional announcements will be made in early June

- **Jay Peak** trip was another success and we will certainly look to book again for next year
- **2021 Elections** were held electronically again this year: Officers are: Meghan Ruby (Pres), Cynthia Ward (VP Skiing), Mark Wilder (Treas.) & Gail Marotti-Hossan (Sec). VP for Admin had no candidates and will become an appointed position after June 1st. Board Members: Kelly Buell, Chrissin Dier, Jeff Kenton, Matt Quackenbush, Bob Denninger, Jason Hymes, Darcey Gatto, Clare Ryan, and Pete Semerad. Clare & Pete are new to the Board and we welcome them along with the returning members of your Executive Team.
- **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 will schedule for the 4th.. Due to restrictions on # of attendees this party will be limited in size. Because of the limitation THIS party will be open only to Members who have renewed for the 21/22 season.


Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 2nd - in Person!!!




**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**  
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# 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](mailto:President@ocskiclub.org).

## 2021/ 2022 OC SKI CLUB ALPINE Trips Update

**It's official.... Group Travel will be much different this year.** 1<sup>st</sup> we have the resorts accommodating those travelers who had to cancel last year for Covid reasons, 2<sup>nd</sup> the resorts & airlines lost revenue which they are going to try to make up, and 3<sup>rd</sup> - 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 & Wiildcat). My hopes for Ikon mountains are NH midweek (Loon), Tremblant, 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

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:** 18<sup>th</sup> 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. **4<sup>th</sup> 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.