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I'm Out of Control

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Meghan Ruby  
President

Summer is here again – I think. It sure is confusing going from hot and humid to cold and rainy every few days. Still, there's plenty of things to get out to do – hiking, biking, paddling, camping, etc. If anyone would

like to share what fun outings they have planned with other club members, just send me an email at [president@ocskiclub.org](mailto:president@ocskiclub.org) and I'll make sure it gets posted to our social media pages.



We are really starting to look forward to meeting up again in person on a more regular basis soon. Before we know it, we will have our meetings back at the PCC, we will hold our annual "Fall" events (volleyball tournament and golf scramble), and we will be taking sign-ups for our winter alpine trips. Please be assured that we will be following all local, state, and federal guidelines for Covid.

Openings still remain for VP for Admin, Alpine Trips Assistant, Alpine Day Bus Assistant, NYCDSC Representatives (one additional rep 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).

**Save the Dates!**

- August 5, 2021 – Regular meeting at the PCC
- September 2, 2021 – Return of weekly regular meetings at the PCC
- September 11, 2021 – Hampton Beach Seafood Festival Bus Trip
- September 18, 2021 – Annual Volleyball Tournament at Maple Ski Ridge
- September 25, 2021 – Annual Golf Scramble at Brookhaven Golf Course
- November 5-7, 2021 – Northeast Ski and Craft Beer Showcase
- November 11, 2021 - Applicant Party

## ORGANIZED SKIING



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

It's the 4th of July as I write this, so I want to wish everyone in America a Happy Birthday! How lucky we all are to live in a country that is so rich in its people, natural resources and great potential. Let us pray that we will again live up to our potential as we face the future.

The Welcome Back Party on June 4th where we renewed our friendships was a

**WELCOME BACK!**

great success. Over 100 OCers gathered at the PCC to celebrate the 60 and 1/2 club birthday and officially install this year's officers. The Polish tacos were a hit and quite delicious, but best of all was the long-awaited opportunity to meet and greet each other after a long hiatus.

Thank you to Gail Marotti-Hossan for organizing the event and to everyone who attended.

It is my pleasure to announce the committee appointments for 2021-2022 that have been approved by the board. They are: Alpine Trips, Gail Marotti-Hossan; Alpine Day Bus, Lynda Heaney; Snowsports Instruction, Jeff Kenton; Racing, Mark Pavlus; X-Country Skiing, Bob Priest; Family Trips, Eileen Finn-LeMatty and Matt Wakefield; NYCD Ski Council, Clare Ryan and I will also continue to represent our club. There are also still openings for a variety of opportunities to get involved, so if you want to be part of the team planning for this season's ski and party season, let me, the other officers or the board members know of your interest. New ideas and suggestions for how to make your club more fun are always welcome.



We already have a number of trips, events and activities on the schedule. Trips include Beaver Creek in January, Sunday River and Utah in February and Italy in March. Additional trips will

be added to the schedule as they are negotiated. Check out the details at [ocskiclub.org](http://ocskiclub.org).

Regular meetings at the PCC will begin on August 5 and we hope to see you all there to get the latest information on what is happening. Back by popular demand are the Hampton Beach Seafood Festival on September 11 and the annual OC Golf Scramble, always a lot of fun, on September 25. Also, mark your calendars for the Snow Expo on November 5-7 followed by the Applicant Party on November 11.



It is wonderful to see that the club is beginning to resume a more usual schedule of gatherings and events. We hope to offer many more opportunities for us to enjoy each other on and off the snow. 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*



# OC SECRETARY


Gail Marotti-Hossan

## OC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – JUNE 2021

The Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 2nd. We actually were able to meet in person, on my deck once again, now that the weather is warming up and the Covid restrictions are lifting. 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 soon...
- **OC Golf Scramble:** The Club will subsidize \$15 for current members to signup for the scramble. The amnesty program for lapsed memberships ended on June 1st (for those who did not renew 20/21 or 4 years earlier) but the grace period for renewals still exists - til Sept 1st . The Scramble will be after that date so get those dues paid!!!
- **WELCOME BACK Party** will be held on June 4th **Club's 60 1/2 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 have scheduled 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 is August 5, - in person, at PCC



**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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| Officers   | Board of Directors | Committees                          |  |   |   |
|--|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| President<br>Meghan Ruby                                       | Jeff Kenton        | Activities/Entertainment<br>TBD     | Cross Country<br>Bob Priest                                | House/Facilities Management<br>Bob Hossan                       | Racing<br>Mark Pavlus                                     |
| Vice President, Admin<br>TBD                                   | Matt Quackenbush   | Alpine Buses<br>Lynda Heaney        | Elections<br>Gail Marotti-Hossan                           | Membership<br>Gretchen Riley, Pat Jone,<br>Gail Marotti-Hossan, | Snow Sports Instruction<br>Jeff Kenton                    |
| Vice President, Skiing<br>Cynthia "Princess<br>Snowflake" Ward | Clare Ryan         | Alpine Trips<br>Gail Marotti-Hossan | Family Committee<br>Eileen Finn-LeMatty,<br>Matt Wakefield | NYCDSC Reps<br>Cynthia Ward, Clare Ryan                         | Technical Director<br>of Snow Sports<br>Brian Mieczkowski |
| Secretary<br>Gail Marotti-Hossan                               | Mike Furdyna       | Ambassador<br>Mike Koutelis         | Finance<br>Bob Hossan                                      | Publications<br>Greg Bockis                                     | Treasurer's Assistant<br>TBD                              |
| Treasurer<br>Mark Wilder                                       | Kelly Buell        | Audio/Visual Tech<br>Bill Corbin    | Fund Raising<br>TBD  | Marketing<br>Fred Haefeli                                       | Volleyball League<br>Tara Cummings                        |
|  | Willy Welch        |                                     | Historian<br>Darcey Gatto                                  |   | Web Master<br>Tara Thomas and<br>Frank Broderick          |
|  | Pete Semerad       |                                     |  |   |   |
|  | Jason Hymes        |                                     |  |   |   |
|  | Bob Denninger      |                                     |  |   |   |
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## 2021/ 2022 OC SKI CLUB ALPINE Trips Update

Many of us are anxious to get back out there travelling; my primary tour operator has told me that the inquiries are pouring in. However, the airlines are slow to release group pricing so far and the Canadian Border is not yet open to us. Be forewarned, the deals are very scarce as the industry (air and resorts) try to recover from the year that did not happen for them.

One of our other local clubs has already offered a trip to Big Sky, in March, they had to grab this as Big Sky was already selling out their weeks. but in doing so they may have lost some negotiating power. Okay – it's a popular destination loved by all of the Capitol District ski clubs and the price is not so bad given what I am seeing out there right now.

We experienced many new things over the past year, some good & some not so good. I've learned that we can run smaller trips at a decent price but let's see what the offers are before I go too crazy. One of our "good" processes was to allow for early electronic signups with a refundable deposit. We are going to offer this again, but with some improvements we have researched and are in the process of development... (a REAL online registration form...).

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. **Dec 10 – 12 or 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. Details to be determined
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 January 15 – 22: Ski-in /out @ the Charter. Fly into local Eagle airport; condos but also 2 on-site restaurants. (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 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, Utah. Stay in SLC at the base of the 2 canyons to ski at Brighton, Solitude, Alta & Snowbird. Rooms with kitchenettes, breakfast included, close to shuttle to the mountains (IKON).
8. **3rd "Western" Trip – TBD (IKON or EPIC???)**
9. **Tremblant, QC Feb or March 2022:** We really want to get you there (IKON)
10. **Bolton Valley March 2022:**
11. **Lake Placid, Feb or March 2022**
12. **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 home