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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Meghan Ruby  
President

Welcome September and the meteorological start of Fall. Before we know it, snowflakes will be falling and we'll be dreaming and planning about where

we will be skiing next. Before we get there though, we have a very busy month ahead. We have 3 big events coming up – Hampton Beach Seafood Festival, the Annual Volleyball Tournament, and the Annual Golf Scramble.

Volunteers are still needed for the Volleyball tournament. The Tournament itself is on Saturday, September 18th but help is needed as well on the Friday the 17th and Sunday the 19th. If you are available to help out (1 day or all 3), please contact Gail Marotti-Hossan at [vbtourney@ocskiclub.org](mailto:vbtourney@ocskiclub.org).



Speaking of volunteers, there are still a couple of positions open for committees and one Officer position open. Elections and Fundraising currently have no committee chairs and we could still add one more representative to the New York Capital District Ski Council. The VP for Administration position also remains unfilled. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact me at [president@ocskiclub.org](mailto:president@ocskiclub.org).

While we are without a VP of Administration, the other officers and I have split up the duties of overseeing the committees that should be reporting to the VP of Admin. I will oversee Publications. Cynthia (VP for Skiing) will oversee Activities and Entertainment, Ambassadors, and Audio/Visual Tech. Gail (Secretary) will oversee Membership and Website/Social Media. Mark (Treasurer) will oversee Facilities/House, Fundraising, and Marketing/Public Relations. Members can contact the committee chairs and/or the Officer overseeing the committee with any questions, comments, or concerns.

The next regular meetings will be held on October 7th and October 21st. November will have meetings on November 4th and November 18th, with the Applicant Party being held on November 11th. November will also be the return of the Northeast Ski and Craft Beer Showcase on the 5th, 6th and 7th. We are hoping to schedule a couple of happy hour meet ups as well in the coming months. For the most up to date information, please keep an eye on our website and social media pages.



## ORGANIZED SKIING



Cynthia "Princess Snowflake" Ward  
Vice President for Organized Skiing

### SNOW WHAT?

As summer winds down and we approach the autumnal equinox, cooling temperatures make us think of snow, and snow makes us think of skiing. Usually by this time of year, we have all

our ducks in order. We have a schedule for our day ski trips with lift ticket prices, the details for overnight trips including prices are published and we just have to decide where and when we want to ski with the club. But this is not a usual year and, once again, we face a degree of uncertainty concerning the upcoming ski season.

This is not to say that your ski committees have not been working diligently all summer, because they have.

Their efforts have yielded both positive and some not so favorable results.

On the positive side, we already have a good number of week-long, mid-week and weekend trips on the schedule. Trips out West include Beaver Creek and Sun Peaks in January, Utah in February and Mt. Bachelor in March. Also in March is the long-awaited Italy trip. Mid-week and weekend trips include everyone's favorite, Sunday River, and Bolton Valley with mid-week and/or weekend options and Quebec City for New Year's Eve. Unfortunately, we have not been able to negotiate a Lessons and Luxury weekend nor a weekend trip to New Hampshire as we have in the past. Check out the details at [ocskiclub.org](http://ocskiclub.org).

Our day trips schedule is still in limbo as many of the resorts we normally visit have been unwilling to negotiate group lift ticket prices at this time because the resorts are also dealing with conditions of uncertainty themselves. We hope to have a schedule in place as soon as information from the resorts is forthcoming. In the meantime, we are planning to run buses and we have developed a bus policy which follows mandates set by Brown Coach, Inc. and

is in line with CDC and NYS Department of Health requirements. This policy is also subject to change as conditions change, so check the website at [ocskiclub.org](http://ocskiclub.org) for updates.

We still need volunteers for all our upcoming events, especially for our Annual Volleyball Tournament which is to be held at Maple Ski Ridge on September 18. This is our biggest fundraiser which helps to support the club's buses and other events celebrating our great club. It is always a lot of fun that you don't want to miss, so volunteer and get in on the fun.

Winter Carnival is scheduled at Plattekill on February 17th when we have the whole mountain to ourselves. This will no doubt be a highlight of the season. Be sure to mark your calendars. We also need volunteers for the fun and games at Plattekill, so please let me know if you would like to participate.



*Here's hoping the Snow Gods smile on us and keep us safe.  
- Princess Snowflake*

# OC SKI CLUB 49<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



**September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Volleyball Tournament Set-Up:  
**September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Clean-Up Day:  
**September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**



**WE NEED YOUR  
HELP** to put this  
event together!

For Tournament Inquiries:  
Gail Marotti-Hossan:  
Home: 518.439.5842  
Cell: 518.956.4363  
[vbtourney@ocskiclub.org](mailto:vbtourney@ocskiclub.org)

Maple Ridge Ski Area  
2725 Mariaville Road  
Schenectady, NY 12306

Our annual volleyball tournament is one of the largest outdoor volleyball events in the Northeast. Your entry fee is the ticket to lots of volleyball, plenty of tasty food and beverages, and lots of fun and excitement. Competition levels for 6-person teams include Recreation and Advance. We will also have 4-person teams at either Women's or Men's Height.

A note for Club members: This is the Club's **LARGEST EVENT**, as well as being our largest party and fundraiser. The fundraising part is important to you because it helps to maintain our overall costs for club membership dues.

## Volleyball T-Shirts:





# O.C. SKI CLUB 49<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT TEAM REGISTRATION FORM



<b>Tournament Date</b>	Saturday, September 18, 2021
<b>Prices</b> Players:	\$60 in Advance OR \$66 if paid after September 10 <sup>th</sup> (Includes Tournament Play, Meals & Beverages)
Visitors:	Admission is free....Meal/Bev Tickets Available
<b>Location</b>	Maple Ski Ridge - 2725 Mariaville Rd., Schenectady NY 12306
<b>Time</b>	Gate opens at 7:00 a.m. Play begins at 8:30 a.m. SHARP! ←===== <b>NEW TIMES !!!!!</b>

USA Volleyball Outdoor rules will apply to all divisions in this Tournament, except where modified by the tournament organizers. Teams should select their level according to standard USA Volleyball practices. The organizers will make final determinations of team division assignments.

	6 Person Team		4 Person Team	
<b>1) Check Division:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation – 6's	<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced – 6's	<input type="checkbox"/> Men's Height	<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Height
<b>2) Check Level:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> High

**\*\*\* NOTE: As a Co-ed Tournament teams are required to have 1 male and 1 female on the court at all times!! \*\*\***

**Registrations are due by: Saturday, September 11th**

All team players must recognize that volleyball is a sport which inherently involves an element of risk. All players voluntarily assume that risk and will not hold the O.C. Ski Club liable for any injury arising out of the normal play associated with competing in this sport/tournament.

<b>Team Name:</b>			
<b>Team Captain's Name:</b>		<b>Daytime Phone #</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>		<b>Evening Phone #</b>	

**TEAM MEMBERS:** Enter names of team players (including captain) in table below. Emergency contact info is not an option – this must be completed for each player!!!

\*\*\*A minimum of 4 players required for valid registration.\*\*\*

Team Member:	Emergency Contact Name:	Emergency Contact Number:
(1) Captain (from section above)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		

Designate one team member as Referee and enter name here: \_\_\_\_\_

Enter Total number of All-day tickets → \_\_\_\_\_ at \$60 each (paid by September 10<sup>th</sup>) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 → \_\_\_\_\_ at \$66 each (paid after September 10<sup>th</sup>) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Tickets / Confirmation of Registration to:** Registrations received by 9/2 will be mailed prior to 9/4; all others will be mailed 9/12/21 or pickup may be arranged.

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>City/State/Zip:</b>	

**Note:** Please advise your players that they must present their tickets on the day of the event....or they will be required to buy another one.

Mail your completed Registration Form and check (made payable to OC Ski Club) to:  
 Gail Marotti-Hossan, OC Volleyball Tournament, 34 Yorkshire Lane, Delmar, NY 12054-1328



# OC SECRETARY

Gail Marotti-Hossan

## OC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – AUG 2021

The Board Meeting was held on Thursday, July 1st. We met in person in my dining room for probably the last time as we move closer and closer to normal activities. Below is a summary of what took place. Complete minutes are found on the website after the following Board Meeting.

- **Volleyball League Play** is happening each week on Mondays & Tuesdays despite the efforts of Mother Nature dropping all of this rain upon us.
- **Trip negotiations** continue to progress... a couple more contracts sold and Canada trips to be explored as we are seeing an indication that the border is getting closer to opening



# OC BUS COMMITTEE

Lynda Heaney



It's just amazing that it's that time of year again. Time for our favorite place to be, on the mountain. I can't wait!

I have been reaching out to the mountains to see what the landscape looks like for accepting buses. Most mountains are still coming up with a plan for the season. There are new CDC guidelines, along with new mountain rules that have to be followed.

Here's what I know so far. Each mountain has advanced ticket purchases required. That means payment is due 3 days in advance. No more last-minute sign ups. Some mountains are requiring parking reservations. Those reservations are limited.

All bus transactions (lift ticket & bus ride) are required to be pre-paid. We have moved to a cashless system using PayPal. In the event of a cancellation, fees will not be refundable. Brown Coach, Inc. is currently requiring that we wear masks the entire ride. No bathrooms are open. No eating of food or drinks allowed. The front two seats, on both sides of the bus must be empty.

- **OC Golf Scramble:** Information will be published in the near future
- **Seafood Festival** – we will be attending this event and will be running the 1st bus since early March 2020. Much discussion was held on the capacity limitations and requirements for attending. It was decided that we will continue to monitor and follow CDC & NYS guidelines as we approach the event date. We are looking for an individual to assist Mike Koutelis in running this event. He will be at the meeting(s) to sell the trip & contact those who went on previous ones but needs someone with email & computer skills

### Other topics:

- Volleyball Tournament: Setup: Sept 17, Tournament: Sept 18, Cleanup: Sept 19. We need many hands for all aspects... and we need to get our teams back to play
- Golf Scramble: Sept 25th
- Expo: Dates... Nov 5 – 7, 2021
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Next Board Meeting: August 5th – at the PCC and prior to a membership meeting – the first real one since March 11, 2020!!!

I expect to have a schedule ready by mid-November or early December. When updated information becomes available we will be passing it along. Please understand that everything is going to be subject to change. This year you might see a partial schedule with additions as we are able to secure workable ski dates. Be patient as we are doing all we can to come up with a winter plan.

**Save the date:  
Thursday, February 17, 2022  
Winter Carnival at Plattekill Mountain**

**We have rented the mountain for the day. It going to be a big OC celebration! Mountain games! Hat contest! Scavenger hunt and lots more.**

See you on the mountain.  
Your Bus Committee Chair,  
**Lynda Heaney**



Officers	Board of Directors	Committees			
<i>President</i> Meghan Ruby	Jeff Kenton	<i>Activities/Entertainment</i> TBD	<i>Cross Country</i> Bob Priest	<i>House/Facilities Management</i> Bob Hossan	<i>Racing</i> Mark Pavlus
<i>Vice President, Admin</i> TBD	Matt Quackenbush	<i>Alpine Buses</i> Lynda Heaney	<i>Elections</i> Gail Marotti-Hossan	<i>Membership</i> Gretchen Riley, Pat Jone, Gail Marotti-Hossan,	<i>Snow Sports Instruction</i> Jeff Kenton
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	Pete Semerad				
	Jason Hymes				
	Bob Denninger				
	Chrisdin Dier				



# OC SECRETARY

Gail Marotti-Hossan

## OC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – SEPT 2021

The Board Meeting was held on Thursday, August 4th. We met in person at the PCC before heading down to our 1st in person membership meeting since our Welcome Back party/meeting in June. Below is a summary of what took place. Complete minutes are found on the website after the following Board Meeting.

- **Volleyball League Play** is ½ way thru the season; we had a few less teams than previous years but all seems to be working well.
- **Trip negotiations** continue to progress... a couple more contracts sold and Canada trips to be booked now that the borders are opened to US Citizens. Look for Sun Peaks in January and Tremblant in February.
- **OC Golf Scramble:** Scheduled for September 25th. See the article in this newsletter or go online for more details.

- **Bus Policy:** The Alpine Bus committee continues to tweak our policy as NYS, CDC, & Browns guidelines are published. As like the Seafood festival bus we will be offering the option to purchase the seat next to you for comfort. We expect additional changes as the season progresses and will publish this policy as we approach the season

- **2020/2021 Cash Flow Analysis:** was presented to the Board for review and questions. Any member who wishes to see this document may email Bob Hossan for a copy -Finance@ocskiclub.org
- **Seafood Festival – Trip** is open and seats are selling. Like many of these outdoor venues sales are slow and will close for tickets on the 31st to allow for shipping time. If seats remain available people may sign up but will have to buy tickets at the gate.

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Next Board Meeting: October 7th

### Alpine Trips - Ski Season 2021/22 as of 08.27.21

Destination	Family Friendly*	Trans.	Dates	Opens:	Available Spots	Prices to be announced soon	Notes
Quebec City, CAN	No	Coach	12/30 - 1/2	Online	50		New Years Eve!!! Ski Le Massif & Mt Ste Anne
Beaver Creek, CO	No	Air	01/15 - 01/22	Online	32		Ski in / Ski out; 2 bd/ba condos
Smuggs	Yes	Drive Up	01/14 - 01/17				
Sun Peaks, BC	No	Bus/EWR/Bus	01/29 - 02/05	Online	26		8 nights, EWR hotel & departure, 7 nights Ski In / Ski out; breakfast buffet
Sunday River, ME	Yes	Coach OR Driveup	2/6 - 11	Online	150		Way too many options: Bus or Drive, 0/4/51/2 skiing, dining card, breakfast buffet, group dinner. Ikon pass holders add Sunday for \$50
Utah (Snowbird/Alta/Brighton/Solitude)	No	Air	2.19 - 2/26	Online	30		Lodging in Sandy!!!!
Bolton Valley Mid	Yes	Drive Up	2/28 - 3/3	Online	32		Ski In / Ski out, breakfast +
Bolton Valley Wkend	Yes	Drive Up	3/3 - 3/6	Online	32		Ski In / Ski out, breakfast +
Bachelor, ORE	No	Air	3/4 - 3/12	Online	20		
Courmayeur, Italy & Lake Como	No	Bus/JFK/Bus	3/19 - 3/27(30)	Online	51		2020 guests are automatically included with payment for their refunded 2020 air but there may be some openings to replace
Tremblant	No	Coach	?????		46		Tremblant village, mid week trip

\* Family Friendly = Drive Up & "Family Friendly" does not mean Family Free!!!

\*\* ALL Trips have a non-Alpine skier option. Ikon Pass, XC, not skiing this year, etc.....

**1 ALL TRIPS: Everybody, adult or child, must be registered as a member of the trip and pay the applicable fees. Any member found to have an unregistered guest, of any age, will be held accountable to the OC Ski Club Board of Directors**

Our trips are slowly filling up and even more information will be shared but there is the opportunity to give us a deposit online (or by mail). Go to [www.ocskiclub.org](http://www.ocskiclub.org) and navigate your way to the Trips section. You will see the Paypal buttons and the beginning of the trips information. Once I have your deposit and the trip signup forms finalized you will be emailed a copy or you may find it on the Website. Once we resume weekly meetings you will be able to meet the trip leaders and ask any additional questions you might have. But, of course, you may also email me or the trip leaders as well. Again, very different from how we were.

Regardless of how you sign up you will need to complete a TRIP SIGNUP PACKAGE (Registration form & Terms & Conditions form).

Thank you for your interest in an OC SKI CLUB Alpine Trip. We hope that you are able to join us on one, or more, adventure(s) for the 2021 – 2022 season.

Gail Marotti-Hossan, Trips Chair

Questionnaire for Trip Leader 2021 – 2022. Please complete if you are interested in being an Alpine Trip Leader. Mail to [AlpineTrips@ocskiclub.org](mailto:AlpineTrips@ocskiclub.org) by **Sept 13, 2021**.

Last Name:		Email:	
First Name:		Address:	
Phone Number:		Cellphone Number:	

**Please answer these questions with a Y = Yes or N = No**

Are you currently a member of the OC Ski Club?		Have you gone on an overnight trip with the OC Ski Club?	
Have you ever run an OC Ski Club weekday bus?		Have you been on a Western or European overnight ski trip with the OC Ski Club Trip?	
Do you have email and convenient access to email via the Web?		Do you have access to a computer, printer and MS OFFICE software (Excel and Word required)?	
Can you attend Thursday Meetings?		<b><i>Are you willing to commit to attending weekly meetings to sell your trip from approximately October to your trip date?</i></b>	
Have you been an OC Trip Leader?		Have you been an Assistant OC Trip Leader?	

**Rate yourself on these qualities: 1 = Inexperienced, 2 = Average, 3 = Very Good 5=Expert**

Competency with MS Word		Ability to work positively with people	
Competency with MS Excel		Ability to communicate clearly	
Problem solving		Working with budgets	
Organizational skills			

Explain why you want to be a Trip Leader:  'Hey, there's no wrong answer here!!!'	
Trip(s) you are interested in running; circle the one(s) you would consider:  All trips will have co-leaders!!	<p><b>Weeklong:</b></p> <p><b>Beaver Creek:</b> Jan 15 - 22</p> <p><b>Utah (Alta, Snowbird, Brighton, &amp; Solitude)(Pres Week):</b> Feb 19 - 26</p> <p><del><b>Courmayeur, Italy &amp; Lake Como:</b> Mar 19 – 30</del></p> <p><b>Mt Bachelor (Oregon)</b> Mar 3 – 12</p> <p><b>Mid-week:</b></p> <p><b>Sunday River:</b> Feb 6 - 12</p> <p><b>Mont Tremblant, Canada</b> Feb 14 - 18</p> <p><b>Bolton Valley (mid-week):</b> Feb 28 – Mar 3</p> <p><b>Weekend:</b></p> <p><b>Smuggs (Family Trip)</b> Jan 14 -17</p> <p><b>Bolton Valley:</b> Mar 4 - 6</p> <p><b>Jay Peak (Family Trip):</b> Apr ???</p>
Explain why you would be a good OC Ski Club trip leader:	

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Last Name:		Email:	
First Name:		Address:	
Phone Number:		Cellphone Number:	

<p>If you have gone on an OC Ski Club overnight trip, what did you like about the way the trip was organized and managed? Was it weeklong or shorter?</p>	
<p>Have you been a trip leader for a different Ski Club or organization? Explain: Organization name, where, when, how many people, how long, was it a good experience?</p>	
<p>Other comments you would like to add:</p>	
<p>We have our schedule for 2021/2022 but are already thinking of 2022/2023: Suggestions???</p>	<p>Mammoth? Whistler? New Zealand? Other: _____</p>