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Along with our first day trips in December, we'll also be celebrating the Holidays and the Club's 61st (belated 60th) birthday. I hope you'll join us for a lovely dinner at the Italian American Community Center just down the road from our normal meeting location. The final details are being worked on but tickets should be going on sale soon!



November is here and ski season is back. Killington has once again opened first and other ski resorts that we like to go to are just waiting for the right temperatures to settle into place so that they can crank up their snowmaking equipment. Before we know it we will be riding buses to the mountains and going on weekend and week long trips with new and old friends!



Check out the schedule we have so far for day trips; Lynda really did a great job putting it all together. Be aware that there are new steps to signing up for and riding our buses so make sure you read the information in this Lifeline or check out the website. Also know that everything scheduled is subject to change. As much as we want to "get back to normal", the pandemic could still throw some curveballs at our ski season. Please be patient with us as we do our best to keep things fun but safe.

I'm sure some of you noticed that we did not have our Applicant Party this month. The Board decided to move the party to January 6th and we will be combining it with the annual Committee Fair. New Applicants (any who joined since April 2021 up to the night of the party) will have free admission to this party. Current Members/renewing Applicants and guests will pay \$10 and \$15 respectively when tickets are bought in advance. Admission at the door will be \$15 for current Members/renewing Applicants and \$20 for guests.



This will be another opportunity for all of members to get together to socialize, find out about our trips, and learn about what our committees do. Everyone will also receive tickets to put into their choice of prizes that will be raffled off during the night.

Meghan Ruby - President, OC Ski Club

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



opened. Smuggler's Notch, offered by the Family Committee, has also just opened and is selling very fast. The family trip to Jay Peak will be offered the first week in April. If you plan to join the fun at any of these destinations, act now or you risk the chance of being closed out.

We have a bus schedule!!! It is way more substantial than I could have hoped with prices that are far more reasonable than I thought possible under the circumstances. Lynda Heaney has done a superlative job in scheduling buses for almost every Friday and Sunday from December through April going to Gore, Belleayre, Pico, Killington, Snow Ridge, Sugarbush, and Butternut so far. And Lynda is still working on more deals. Our first bus is scheduled for December 3 to Killington. Stay tuned for the skinny on how to get your tickets and the protocols that must be followed when riding the bus. December's schedule will be posted on the website any day now with the rest of the schedule to follow as it is finalized.

It is starting to feel a lot like a snow season to which members of the OC Ski Club are accustomed. We have trips, buses, Winter Carnival and all the types of scheduled activities we usually enjoy during the winter months. And we enjoyed our first happy hour in many, many months at the end of October. The HH was hosted by our new A&E Chair and Board Member, Clare Ryan. Thank you so much, Clare, for a successful and fun gathering. We look forward to more such opportunities in the future.

Our trips are selling very well. Utah and Italy have waiting lists. Space is still available on Beaver Creek and Sunday River, but filling fast. Quebec New Year's Eve and Sun Peaks have slots as do Mt. Bachelor and Bolton Valley which just



Every resort we visit will have different rules and procedures and these will be shared when you purchase your ticket and/or sign up for the bus.

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WE must also follow certain protocols when riding the bus. The most critical procedures involve doing what is necessary to cope

with the COVID-19 virus and to ensure the health, safety and comfort of our members and guests riding the bus. Nothing much new here, just what one expects when gathering in groups during a pandemic: Waivers for contact tracing, masks, proof of vaccination, cashless transactions, etc. These guidelines will be or will have been already widely publicized by the time you read this article (if anyone reads it at all.)

Our PSIA Snowsports School training has already begun and we will continue to offer coaching opportunities on all day buses. Only vaccinated instructors will be assigned coaching sessions.



Garrick Dardani, an expert boot fitter, discussed new technology and the importance of properly fitted boots to stance and alignment on November 18. The tuning clinic on January 1 will be presented by Jeff Kenton. Questions? Contact Jeff at skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org.

Also save the date, January 15, for the joint OC/ NYSDSC race at West Mountain. Mark Pavlus has been doing a great job in arranging this event. More details to follow.



There is also good news from the New York Capital District Ski Council (NYCDSC). Discount council skier appreciation days are already scheduled at Killington and Jiminy Peak with days at Magic and Windham to be added. Check out our website (ocskiclub.org) for the specific dates and lift ticket prices. One of the benefits of your OC membership is also membership in the NYCDSC and you can therefore take advantage of these



discounted skier appreciation days. You do have to show proof of membership in the OC Ski Club and for Killington you must show a NYCDSC identification sticker. I have those stickers, so see me at a meeting or contact me by email or phone to get your sticker. The sticker is free for the asking.



Best of all, Winter Carnival is scheduled Thursday, February 17 at Plattekill. This should be the highlight of our snow season where we have the whole mountain entirely to ourselves. Mountain games, hat contest, scavenger hunt and lots more are planned, but we need volunteers to make this happen. Volunteering for this event is a great way to meet new people and have a lot of fun. Interested? Or have ideas? Please let me know at skiing@ocskiclub.org or let Lynda know at ocbus@ocskiclub.org.

As always, keep smiling, get vaccinated and think snow. Please do not hesitate to email me at skiing@ocskiclub.org with questions and concerns.

Snow in Love - Princess Snowflake.



AS THE SKI TURNS



Jeff Kenton
OC Snowsports School



The Stance & Balance Clinic took place on Thursday November 18 in the PCC big room at 6:00 PM. This is always an extremely popular annual clinic on everything you need to know about Ski Boots and how they effect your comfort and performance. Expert boot fitter Garrick Dardani conducted the clinic giving free evaluation for ski boots and updating us on the latest in ski equipment.

SKI CARE AND TUNING CLINIC - Thursday January 13 - PCC upstairs room - 6:00 PM sharp, Learn how to take care of your skis, when they need tuning, how to do some or most of the tuning yourself. We will also be discussing the latest in ski technology.

CALLING ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS - In the past we have always made our instructors available whenever we run a single day bus. This season we are planning on making instructors available on some of the drive up days and possibly on some of our trips. To do so I need some information: Where and when you ski on drive up days, Do you have a pass, ICON, EPIC, etc., is there an instructor you would like to request? You can send this information to skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org or see me at any meeting or Happy Hour.

LET IT SNOW!!!!!! Jeff Kenton - OC Snowsports School Director

**ITALIAN AMERICAN
COMMUNITY CENTER**

Holiday Party!

61st Birthday Celebration

Date:
December 18, 2021

Location:
Italian American
Community Center,
257 Washington Ave,
Albany, NY 12205

****More Details
to Come**



OC BUS COMMITTEE

Lynda Heaney



As a result of Covid there are many new policies that the mountains have implemented. It has been challenging to navigate these policies. But a schedule is almost in place. We are just waiting for written verification from the mountains, then we will publish it. That should happen within a week.



The biggest change is that we now have to pre-pay for lift tickets and bus rides via PayPal. The days of deciding last minute that you want to go for a ski day and ride the bus have radically changed. I think this is going to be the biggest adjustment we have to make. The mountains are requiring all lift tickets be purchased 3 days in advance with no refunds.

Which means PayPal sign up is cut off 4 days in advance for all lift tickets purchases.

Now those PayPal fees. We can no longer afford to absorb the cost of refunding fees. There's No refunds of PayPal fees under any circumstances. Even if the club cancels the bus. Any qualified refunds will be processed within a week of the day trip.

The purchases On PayPal you're going to find lift ticket purchase options: #1 Lift ticket plus bus ride, #2 Lift ticket purchase only or #3 bus ride only. Lift ticket purchases will be shut off four days in advance, while bus rides will be left open to accommodate those who are on their own for lift tickets. Bus

seats will be left open until the seats sell out. One other thing to point out if you decide to sign up last minute just for a bus ride there's no guarantee that you will be able to go to the window and get a lift ticket.



We will be able to have drive-ups to the mountain. Yep, but you must meet the bus at the mountain when it arrives. The leader hands out all tickets at the bus upon arrival in the morning. Then they go on about their ski day. No more being able to pick up lift tickets at guest services because you can't meet the bus.

The Bus committee is trying to get a feel for how many people are looking at riding the buses this year. It's just to get an idea of things after the shutdown. Send an email to the bus Committee titled "I plan on riding the bus" ocbuscomm@gmail.com

Bus Leader's! Please sign up if you're interested in running a bus. As we are compiling a list of Volunteers. We offer training for new bus leaders.

Look for the next update in the coming days.



DAY BUS PAYPAL PURCHASES

In order to continue to bring you a bus schedule, we have been forced to make some changes. These changes are ripple effects from the pandemic and required by the mountains themselves. It is important for you to be informed on how they may or may not affect you. Before you sign up for a bus, take time to read the following:

- All bus transactions must be paid using PayPal. This includes lift tickets and bus rides. No exceptions.
- PayPal signups for Sunday buses close the prior **Tuesday at 6 PM.**
- PayPal signups for Friday buses close the prior **Sunday at 6 PM.**
- PayPal fees are non-refundable.
- Lift ticket purchases are non-refundable. The only exception is if there are not enough lift ticket purchases to qualify for the minimum number required by the mountain for the group price. In that case, the lift ticket price will be refundable via PayPal.
- For the most up to date information on bus cancellations OR group lift ticket purchase cancellations, please check the website (ocskiclub.org) and Facebook.

Target date for opening PayPal is Thanksgiving.



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**OC Ski Club bus
schedule 21-22**

**PREPAY via PayPal
lift tix & Bus fee**

**Bus fee additional
\$12 Member \$22 Guest**

Day	Date	Lift Ticket sales close @6pm on		2nd Destination stop			
Friday	3-Dec	28-Nov		Killington	Exit 12	\$62 adult	\$52 Senior 65+
Friday	10-Dec	5-Dec		Killington	Exit 12	\$62 adult	\$52 Senior 65+
Sunday	12-Dec	7-Dec	Family Bus	Stratton	Rt 7	\$81 adult	\$68 young adult 17 & under/ No senior
Friday	17-Dec	12-Dec		Gore	Exit 12	\$55 adult	\$42 Senior 65+
Sunday	19-Dec	14-Dec	Family Bus	Pico only	Exit 12	\$38 adult	\$31 Senior 65+/ Young adult 18 & under
Wednesday	22-Dec	17-Dec		Gore	Exit 12	\$55 adult	\$42 Senior 65+
Friday	24-Dec			No Bus			
Wednesday	29-Dec	24-Dec	Family Bus	Pico only	Exit 12	\$50 adult	\$42 Senior 65+/ Young adult 18 & under
Friday	31-Dec	26-Dec		No Bus			
Sunday	2-Jan	28-Dec	Family Bus	Gore	Exit 12	\$76 adult	\$58 Senior 65+ / junior
Friday	7-Jan	2-Jan		Pico only	Exit 12	\$38 adult	\$31 senior 65+
Sunday	9-Jan	4-Jan	Family Bus	Magic	Rt 7	\$59 adult	One price only
Friday	14-Jan	9-Jan		Pico only	Exit 12	\$38 adult	\$31 senior 65+
Sunday	16-Jan	11-Jan	Family Bus	Pico only	Exit 12	\$50 adult	\$42 senior/youth
Friday	21-Jan	15-Jan		Gore	Exit 12	\$55 adult	\$42 senior 65+
Sunday	23-Jan	18-Jan	Family Bus	Gore	Exit 12	\$55 adult	\$42 senior 65+
Friday	28-Jan	23-Jan		TBD	Cross gates	\$49 adult	One price only
Sunday	30-Jan	25-Jan	Family bus	Pico	Exit 12	\$38 adult	\$31 senior/youth
Thursday	17-Feb	12-Feb	Family Bus	Plattekill		TBD	Winter Carnival

All dates & rates are subject to change****

**Lift tickets and bus ride fees are
NOT REFUNDABLE.**

Once Lift ticket sales close the Bus seat sales will be left open until sold out. This is to accommodate season pass holders and those who are on their own for lift tickets.



NYCDSC DISCOUNT APPRECIATION DAYS

The following list shows the New York Capital District Ski Council member appreciation days and the respective prices that have already been negotiated. We hope that more days and destinations will be added as the season progresses. Please be aware that the schedule may be adjusted and that each resort may have different procedures for acquiring discount lift tickets. Please check the NYCDSC website (nycdsc.org) for the latest information before venturing to the mountains. Advance purchase of lift tickets is required.



Killington



KILLINGTON/ PICO NYCDSC DISCOUNT DAYS 2022

Day	Date	Resort	
Monday	12/13/2021	Killington	\$69
Tuesday	12/14/2021	Killington	\$69
Wednesday	12/15/2021	Killington	\$69
Thursday	12/16/2021	Killington	\$69
Friday	12/17/2021	Killington	\$69
Monday	1/3/2022	Killington / Pico	\$85 / \$42
Tuesday	1/4/2022	Killington	\$85
Wednesday	1/5/2022	Killington	\$85
Thursday	1/6/2022	Killington / Pico	\$85 / \$42
Friday	1/7/2022	Killington / Pico	\$85 / \$42
Monday	3/7/2022	Killington / Pico	\$89 / \$42
Tuesday	3/8/2022	Killington	\$89
Wednesday	3/9/2022	Killington	\$89
Thursday	3/10/2022	Killington / Pico	\$89 / \$42
Friday	3/11/2022	Killington / Pico	\$89 / \$42
Monday	4/4/2022	Killington	\$80
Tuesday	4/5/2022	Killington	\$80
Wednesday	4/6/2022	Killington	\$80
Thursday	4/7/2022	Killington	\$80
Friday	4/8/2022	Killington	\$80

- * Does not include 6% state sales tax.
- * Members must reload a Killington ONE PASS RFID Card or purchase a new one.
- * Members must present a valid 21-22 Ski Council Membership card to pick up at a window 2021-2022 Ski Council Appreciation Days.
- * Members who purchase a Ski Council Appreciation ticket without a valid membership card will receive a credit in the denomination they paid. They will not receive a refund.



NYCDSC DISCOUNT APPRECIATION DAYS



JIMINY PEAK NYCDSC DISCOUNT DAYS 2022

1/11 Tuesday
1/19 Wednesday
1/27 Thursday
2/8 Tuesday
2/17 Thursday
3/02 Wednesday
3/10 Thursday
On each of these days, lift tickets are \$60 for an 8-hour ticket and \$29 for twilight skiing. Information on how to buy tickets, etc. has yet to be revealed. Jiminy does use the RFID technology.

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Upcoming Membership Meeting Calendar



**Note: All meetings are scheduled to start at 7:30 PM.
Committee tables may be set up between 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM.**



**December 2nd
December 9th
December 16th
*December 23rd
*December 30th**



***Meeting date subject to change or cancellation**

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