



# LIFTLINE



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Meghan Ruby  
President



Welcome to March – historically this is the snowiest month in the Northeast but I also feel like it's the month where we really experience the rollercoaster of temperatures and conditions. As long as

the mountains can keep the snow on the trails, we should still have a good 2 months left to our skiing/riding season.

Our alpine trips for the year are wrapping up and while they have had their challenges, I hope our members have all had good times. I also can't wait to hear how our Italy trip goes. In 2020, it was the first thing to be cancelled on us as Covid was really taking hold across the world. It was postponed once again in 2021. My thought is that "third time's the charm" so it should be amazing in 2022.

### COURMAYEUR

This March we're also holding elections for our Officers and Board Members, earlier than we have in the past. We thought we'd experiment to see if by holding nominations and elections earlier, if we would have



## ORGANIZED SKIING



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



guests to do what we always do, which is celebrating life with friends. Lynda Heaney deserves a huge round of applause and heartfelt thanks for orchestrating this event.

The snow conditions were excellent and everyone enjoyed private coaching sessions or free skiing in the morning. Everyone who attended received a raffle ticket, an OC sticker, a cool OC bus button and a commemorative Plattekill 2022 button. (We have a few stickers and buttons left that will be on sale at the Fundraising Table for those who missed this event.)



**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY.** In March everyone celebrates everything Irish and is a little (or a lot) Irish themselves on or around the 17th. May your St. Patrick's Day celebrations be joyful and safe.

Winter Carnival at Plattekill was a lot of fun. Nearly 100 OCers and guests participated in what turned out to be a good day on the slopes. It was a wonderful opportunity for our OC members and



greater participation. Elections themselves will be held on March 10th and we will announce the results on the website and our social media pages, as well as via email shortly after.

Before we know it, we'll be transitioning to our spring and summer activities. The biggest activity that is available for the OCs in the summer in our volleyball league. We have two nights of league play and hopefully this year we can see about bringing back our pick up night on Wednesdays. Keep an eye on our website, social media, and even the April Lifeline about how you can sign up to play.



Remember that we are a club run by volunteers and many of our officers, board members, and committee chairs have held those positions for several years. If you want to see the club "get back to normal" or make positive changes, step up and help out. As the saying goes, "many hands make light work", so if you'd like to help out, talk to any of the officers, board members, or committee chairs and find out what you could do in the 2022-2023 season!



Meghan Ruby - President, OC Ski Club



The rain started around noon, when most people took a break for lunch and to enjoy the hat contest (won by Natalie Stegmann). The drawing for a lot of great prizes followed. The lucky winners received lift tickets to Plattekill, Killington, Magic, Smuggler's Notch, Jiminy Peak, gift certificates to High Adventure and some Ski.com swag. Fortunately around 1 or so, the rain let up and the diehards returned to the slopes. But not before enjoying hot dogs brought to you by the behind-the-grill excellence of Dan Heaney. Thanks to Dan's handiwork, we had the pleasure of a traditional Heaney Weenie Roast again, just like before times.

All and all, it was a beautiful day. Thanks to everyone who attended for making it so.

Snow in Love - Princess Snowflake.







# OC SECRETARY

Gail Marotti-Hossan

## OC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – DECEMBER 2021

The Board Meeting was held on Thursday, February 3. Below is a summary of what took place at the Board meeting. Complete approved minutes are found on the website after the following Board Meeting.

**Membership** numbers continue to increase but it will be awhile before we catch up to pre-covid #'s.

**Nomination / Elections dates** – for many years a theory that we should have our Nomination/Election process occur earlier in our season, while people are still thinking of the ski club, has been discussed at great length. We have decided to try this out since we intend to remain in electronic mode for this years process again.

**Bus Committee Communication:** The Bus Committee members were given access to our Constant Contact account so that communication regarding bus "go / nogo" status could be expedited. You may see a few more emails coming your way that you did not subscribe to. Please be patient as we iron this all out!!!

**A letter** is being drafted which will go out to the members via email and snail mail explaining the need for increased volunteerism to keep critical committees functioning. Look for this in the near future.. but don't wait til then.... Inquire how you can help the Club by emailing [President@ocskiclub.org](mailto:President@ocskiclub.org) or stopping at the PCC on a Thursday night to chat about it.

**Mike Baker:** Two donations were made to the OC SKI CLUB in memory of Mike; however, as a "not for profit" organization we do need to handle "income" carefully and so it was decided that the donations would be passed along to the EMS squad who came to the aid of Mike. We would like to thank our donors and hope that they know that we appreciate the gesture. An EMS unit which services a ski area is certainly worthy of being such a recipient of funds and especially in the name of someone who so appreciated the sport of skiing.

**Applicant Party:** was moved January 6th, 2022 but then cancelled due to concerns regarding increasing numbers of Covid cases. It has been decided to forgo the event this year so that we can concentrate on building a great event for our 2022/23 season

**Trips are going along quite well** with a bit more drama than usual, mainly with thanks to the Airline industry constant cancelling/rescheduling our flights. With the exception of Sunday River, Smuggs, & Jay Peak our trip have been smaller but still successful. Mt Bachelor, Utah, Jay Peak, and (finally) Italy are all still on the schedule. (As I write this Utah is in progress!!!)

**Happy Hours** continue with the next one to be February 23rd, at Martel's (Albany Muny Golf Course).

Next Board Meeting: March 3 @ the PCC.



## The OC's conquered Plattekill on Thursday 2/17/22

The takeover was a huge success! Complete with the Heaney weenie roast in the rain, nothing stopping our fun!!! The day was filled with new and old faces, ski buddies galore! The look of happiness and the renewed sense of energy among the group was fantastic to see and be a part of. Thank you so much to all of our amazing volunteers, your efforts are appreciated! A shout out to Natalie Stegmann, the winner of the homemade hat contest, great job!!! And congratulations to all our raffle prize winners, so many lift tickets given away! Thanks for being awesome OC's. See you at the next party!!!

Bus Committee  
Lynda Heaney  
Kelly Buell





# AS THE SKI TURNS

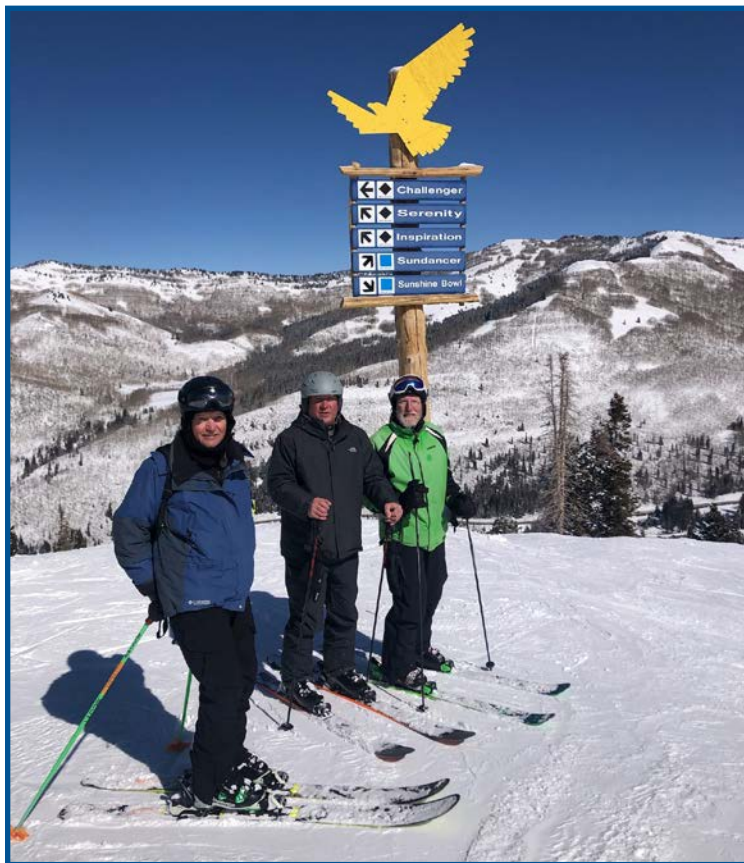


Jeff Kenton  
OC Snowsports  
School



In a very challenging ski season, we still managed to complete eleven "on snow" training sessions for our extremely talented and hard-working instructor team. Many thanks to Catamount, Ski Butternut and Maple Ski Ridge for providing venues with extremely reasonable lift ticket rates, and don't forget our technical director Brian Mieczkowski for providing us with the best in training. Congrats go out to Pete Semerad for completing PSIA Level 1 certification. We had another great Private Lesson Day at Plattekill and provided coaching on the five bus trips we ran this season. With bus trips on the decline, keep in mind making other arrangements for meeting on the mountain. Looking forward to many more ski days with all of you. As always, if you have any questions or concerns you can reach me at [skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org](mailto:skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org).

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



## MIKE "BAKES" BAKER - A GOOD FRIEND TO THE SKI CLUB - 1956-2022



Mike Baker's family had small containers in which some of Mike's ashes were placed and distributed to those who attended his memorial celebration. The intent was to spread Mike's ashes in places (ski areas & golf resorts) that he either dearly loved or had wished that he had gotten to.

On Wednesday, March 2nd, the Out of Control Ski Club Bolton Valley trip brought Mike's ashes to the top of the Vista Quad, where this bench sits, to cast the ashes where not only is there a great view of the Adirondacks, White Mountains and Green Mountains but there is also this inscription. Many recall how Mike so loved the Grateful Dead - could not have been planned any better.



# OC Ski Club Bus Schedule 2021-2022

Updated 1/22/22

PREPAY via PayPal

lift tix & Bus fee

Bus fee additional

**\$12 Member \$22 Guest**

Day	Date	Lift Ticket sales close @ 9 pm	Destination	2nd stop		
Wednesday	2-Mar	25-Feb	Sugarbush	Exit 12	\$94 adult	One Price
Friday	4-Mar	28-Feb	Gore	Exit 12	\$55 adult	\$42 Senior
Sunday	6-Mar	2-Mar	<i>Family</i>	Pico	Exit 12	\$38 adult \$31 senior/youth
Friday	11-Mar	7-Mar	Pico	Exit 12	\$38 adult	\$31 senior
Sunday	13-Mar	9-Mar	<i>Family</i>	Pico	Exit 12	\$38 adult \$31 senior/youth
Friday	18-Mar	14-Mar	Pico	Exit 12	\$38 adult	\$31 senior
Sunday	20-Mar	16-Mar	<i>Family</i>	Killington	Exit 12	\$58 adult \$51 senior/youth
Friday	25-Mar	21-Mar	Killington	Exit 12	\$58 adult	\$51 senior/youth
Sunday	27-Mar	22-Mar	<i>Family</i>	Gore	Exit 12	\$76 adult \$58 senior/youth

## 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](http://ocskiclub.org)) and Facebook.







# 10-10-10 ELECTIONS ON THURSDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10 A.M. AND 10 P.M.

If the Club has a current email address on file for you an email with an invitation and a link to vote for the next Season's Officers and Board members will be sent. The Officers are running unopposed but we may have up to 12 people running for 10 Board positions. I urge you to consider your selection carefully for it is extremely beneficial to the Club to have a board comprised of a mix of seasoned members along with some newer (younger?) candidates.

*Didn't get an email? You don't possess an email account? Have not shared a current version to the Membership committee? You can still vote. Find a friend with a computer/tablet/smartphone to access the "simplyvoting" website and log in with your current membership # (that friend will also share how to figure out your password...it's simple).*

<https://ocskiclubelections.simplyvoting.com/>

(this link will bring up the previous years elections page until the current program is enabled; at 10am on 3/10 the current elections page will be available)

You can also vote by attending the meeting at the PCC on election night to use one of our "kiosks" set up for voting. You do not need to have an email address to vote – just your membership #. Only members who have paid dues for 2021/2022 will be validated. Voting in person will be available at the PCC between 7 and 8:30 pm.

So, be sure to vote for the new officers and board members so that your intentions are heard and you are entered into the raffle for the stay at the Mirror Lake Inn!

Email or call/text if you have questions.

Gail Marotti-Hossan, Elections Chair, [elections@ocskiclub.org](mailto:elections@ocskiclub.org), 518.956.4363

## 10-10-10 ELECTION DAY RAFFLE YOUR VOTE COULD WIN YOU A STAY AT THE MIRROR LAKE INN IN LAKE PLACID!

As you all may know, elections for your 2022-2023 OC officers and board members are to be held electronically on March 10 between 10 am and 10 pm. When you vote, you will be automatically entered into a raffle for a great prize: **Two nights for two people at the Mirror Lake Inn** in Lake Placid (expiration date into January 2023). After voting, your membership number will be entered into the raffle with the winning number determined by a random number generator/picker.

Just as with the "at home" voters, those who come to the PCC to vote will trigger an entry of his/her membership number into the random drawing. The winner will be announced and notified by email or telephone on Friday, March 11.



**Mirror Lake Inn**  
Resort and Spa



# 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
<b>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.</b>

### Officers

*President*  
Meghan Ruby

*Vice President, Admin*  
TBD

*Vice President, Skiing*  
Cynthia "Princess  
Snowflake" Ward

*Secretary*  
Gail Marotti-Hossan

*Treasurer*  
Mark Wilder

### Board of Directors

Jeff Kenton

Matt Quackenbush

Mike Furdyna

Kelly Buell

Willy Welch

Pete Semerad

Jason Hymes

Bob Denninger

Fran Bain

Rich Stella

### Committees

*Activities/Entertainment*  
Judy Franze-Tewey

*Alpine Buses*  
Lynda Heaney

*Alpine Trips*  
Gail Marotti-Hossan

*Ambassador*  
Mike Koutelis

*Audio/Visual Tech*  
Bill Corbin

*Cross Country*  
Bob Priest

*Elections*  
Gail Marotti-Hossan

*Family Committee*  
Eileen Finn-LeMatty,  
Matt Wakefield

*Finance*  
Bob Hossan

*Fund Raising*  
Jill Hayes, Karen Thorpe

*Historian*  
TBD

*House/Facilities Management*  
Pete Semerad

*Membership*  
Gail Marotti-Hossan,  
Pat Jones, Gretchen Riley,  
Bob Hossan

*NYCDSC Reps*  
Cynthia Ward

*Publications*  
Greg Bockis

*Marketing*  
Fred Haefeli

*Racing*  
Mark Pavlus

*Snow Sports Instruction*  
Jeff Kenton

*Technical Director  
of Snow Sports*  
Brian Mieczkowski

*Treasurer's Assistant*  
TBD

*Volleyball League*  
Tara Cummings

*Web Master*  
Tara Thomas and  
Frank Broderick