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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Meghan Ruby
President

April has arrived and that means that the winter season is wrapping up soon.



Some ski areas have already closed but others like Killington were still making snow up until last week with plans to at least make it to the end of the month, if not into May. The 2022-2023 ski season was not the best but we sure made the best of it. "Rollercoaster" weather, changes/challenges at the ski resorts, and new policies/procedures for our day trips led to only a few buses being run. On the other hand, our weekend and week-long trips were well attended for the most part and it sounded like all attendees had great experiences. I was especially happy that our 2020 Italy trip finally happened this year. The pictures that the group shared to social media were breathtaking. "Third time's the charm" was apropos for this trip.



As always, as one season ends, another begins. Before we know it, our volleyball league will be starting, golf courses will be opening, bike rides (both pedal and motor) will be planned, and many other "friends doing things with friends" activities will be shared.

Some of you that might not be aware, but the OC Ski Club runs a volleyball league on Monday and Tuesday nights from the middle of May through the middle of September. Mondays are a 4-person team format while Tuesdays are a 6-person team format. Team registration will be opening up soon and more information about the league



can be found later in this Lifeline. For other activities, keep an eye on our website and social media pages for news and updates. If you would like to share any events that you have planned, feel free to email me at president@ocskiclub.org and I'll make sure that they find a way to the membership.



Important news - normally we would still be meeting weekly on Thursday nights through the end of April and then in May would switch to our "two meetings a month" schedule. This year we are adjusting that slightly and starting the "two meeting a month" schedule in April. Meetings will now be held on the first and third Thursday of each month at the PCC until August and possibly even in September. We will make sure to clearly announce when we go back to our weekly meeting schedule.



As you read through this Lifeline, you will find the Membership Renewal form. In order to participate in any Club activities, you must be a member in good standing, which means that you are up to date with your dues. You can fill the form out and mail it in along with you dues, you can give it to the Membership committee at one of the meetings or you can renew online. Be aware that if your dues are mailed after August 27th or otherwise paid after September 1st that you also have to pay a \$10.00 late fee per the Membership Policy Guidelines.



I'm sure we're all hoping for next year to be even more like the way things used to be. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the other Officers or Board members.

Meghan Ruby - President, OC Ski Club

OC HAPPY HOUR

WEDNESDAY APRIL 20TH, 4 - 7PM

(IN THE PATIO AREA)

Great food and drink specials available

Wear Your OC Buttons!!!!



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ORGANIZED SKIING



Cynthia "Princess Snowflake" Ward
Vice President for Organized Skiing

SNOW WHAT?

**HAPPY EASTER! HAPPY PASSOVER!
HAPPY RAMADAN! HAPPY SPRING!**

While a few of us are still squeezing in those last few spring runs, most of us are hanging up our boards for the season and turning our attention to warmer weather activities to come. It has been a great season, if somewhat different from the norm of years past. Nevertheless, OCers embraced the slopes with our usual spirit and enthusiasm.



Ten trips in all were offered and successfully completed which was quite an accomplishment given the realities of living with COVID and the impact that has had on resorts and transportation. Kudos to Gail Marotti-Hossan and her trip leaders for getting everyone to and back from Canada, western resorts, Maine and Italy. Matt Wakefield and Eileen Finn-LeMatty also delivered two more successful ski weekends, as is the tradition of the Family Committee. Thank you for all your hard work.

thank you!

Even though we ran fewer buses this season than is usual, we did have a bus schedule and that was a big improvement over last year. We have Lynda Heaney to thank for keeping this tradition alive under the most difficult conditions. The effort she had to put in to produce the schedule was far more than in past years when we had a full regular schedule. It has become increasingly difficult to work with the mountains under conditions which have become the new normal. She also managed to pull off a fabulous Winter Carnival at Plattekill and she deserves a huge round of applause and heartfelt thanks for orchestrating that event.



Our Snowsports School Director, Jeff Kenton, did a great job of providing excellent training for our team of ski instructors and for providing coaching to our members on request. We should be very proud of the quality of our ski instructors and the high percentage of instructors who are PSIA certified.



Sadly, this year's race was cancelled due to lack of participation. Mark Pavlus put in a lot of effort to set it up and I was so disappointed that it never took place. Nevertheless, he deserves a big thank you and a hug for his effort and the hope that we can generate more interest in racing not only in our club but also in our sister clubs in the NYCDSC next season.



Bob Priest also put in a good effort creating a XC schedule and generating interest in meet-ups at the various trails. Keep up the good work, Bob. With luck, we may get some XC buses rolling next season.



Also, stop by the Fundraising Table for year-end bargains. Karen Thorpe and Jill Hayes have done really well by taking over this committee, so be sure to thank them for their efforts which include setting up at every meeting.



No meeting would be complete without the smiling greetings of Mike Koutelis, who welcomes everyone coming in the door. I am especially grateful for his willingness to take new applicants under his wing to make them feel at home when they first venture to the PCC for a meeting. Thanks, Mike, for your helping hand.



I also want to thank Bill Corbin who works in the background to provide AV support when we need it. He is one of our club's unsung heroes for always being on call.

Another great Happy Hour is scheduled for April 20 at the Brick House with specials from 4 - 7 pm. Stay tuned for more details and upcoming HH announcements. Be sure to thank Judy Franze-Tewey for the super job she has done in planning these events and to share any ideas for future venues with her.



Snow in Love - Princess Snowflake.



Spring Has Sprung!!



Online registration for the OC Summer Volleyball leagues opens on Thursday April 14th.

League formats include: **Monday:** Competitive Co-ed 4's • **Tuesday:** Competitive and Recreational Co-ed 6's

Important Dates:

Online League Registration (including dues payments) Opens Thursday April 14th

Registration is required for all league play. Online registration will remain open until each league is full. Participants must be members or applicants of the OC Ski Club and over the age of 18. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Detailed registration information is posted on the OC website.

Saturday May 14th @ 10 AM clean-up day where we get the courts ready (every team must have at least 1 person present)

League Play Begins: May 16 th and May 17 th @ 6 PM

***** Fall Volleyball Tournament: Saturday, September 17, 2022 (save the date!)**

If you have questions/comments, contact the Volleyball Committee: OC VB LEAGUE

We look forward to seeing you on the courts!!





AS THE SKI TURNS

Jeff Kenton
OC Snowsports
School



In a very challenging ski season, we still managed to complete eleven on the snow training sessions for our extremely talented and hardworking 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, Fran Bain, and Amy Fox for completing PSIA Level 1 certification. Unfortunately the only organized lesson days we were able to provide were the five alpine bus days and Winter Carnival at Plattekill. 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. **LET IT SNOW!!!!!!**

*Jeff Kenton -
OC Snowsports School Director*



OC SECRETARY

Gail Marotti-Hossan

OC BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS – MARCH 2022



The Board Meeting was held on Thursday, March 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 and remain a steady number despite the still limited attendance.

Nomination / Elections dates – Elections were done in electronic mode but with "kiosks" set up at the meeting for those without a computer or feel that they needed assistance. Elections were held on March 10th between the hours of 10am and 10pm. Kiosks were available from 6:30 – 8:30pm.

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 or stopping at the PCC on a Thursday night to chat about it.

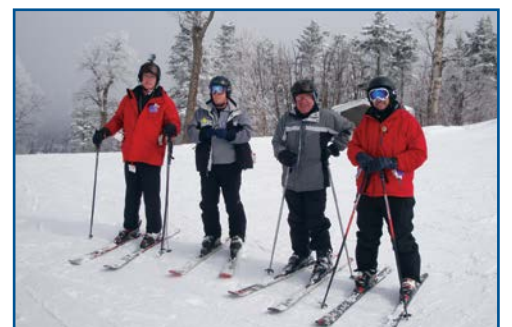
Trips are going along quite well with a bit more drama than usual, mainly with thanks to the Airline industry constant cancelling/rescheduling our flights. With the exception of Sunday River, Smuggs, & Jay Peak our trip have been smaller but still successful.

Happy Hours continue each month on the 3rd Wednesday.

Volleyball League: For some reason there has been the question of whether, or not, we will run the league this year. **Yes, we will have the league once again this year.** The league registration will open on April 14th. Membership signups and renewals will open on April 11th. (Volleyball tournament date is September 17th - our 50th year!!!)

MEETING Schedule: Starting in April meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays thru to August.

Next Board Meeting: April 7 @ the PCC.





OC ELECTIONS – Results Are In ANNOUNCING THE 2022/2023 Officers and Board of Directors

Congratulations to:

President

Meghan Ruby

VP for Administration

Erin O'Brien

VP for Organized Skiing

Cynthia Ward

Treasurer

Mark Wilder

Secretary

Gail Marotti-Hossan

Board Of Directors

1 Matt Quackenbush

2 Lynda Heaney

3 Rich Stella

4 Mike Furdyna

5 Greg Bockis

6 Kelly Buell

7 Bob Denninger

8 Ray Sokol

9 Sharon LaCouture

10 Judy Franze Tewey

Elections were held electronically on Thursday March 10th between the hours of 10am and 10pm. This electronic process was completely anonymous and controlled by the software. The list above is an extrapolation of the final report provided by simplyvoting.com. The actual report will be filed with the Club's Secretary in lieu of the minutes that would have been recorded from the regular Club meeting held to run the Elections.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank the membership for their support and participation in this new approach to our Elections.



CONGRATULATIONS!
Winners!



2022 - 23 MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL FORM

Items Marked
With an * Are
Required

* Renewal Status

Member

Applicant

* Member Number

*Date of Birth:

* Last Name

Grid for last name

Suffix

Grid for suffix

* First Name

Middle Initial

Grid for middle initial

* Address 1

* Address 2

* City

* State

Grid for address, city, state, and ZIP

* Home Phone

Home phone input

Work Phone

Work phone input

*Email Address

Email address input

Cell Phone

Cell phone input

I have read, understand, & agree to abide by the Constitution, By-Laws and Polices of the OC Ski Club.

* Please Sign Here:

ONLY ONE (1) RENEWAL PER FORM

Note: Mark the Box that applies to your Renewal and Enter related dollar amount under Costs Column on the line

Renewal Item	FEE	Amount Enclosed
Membership Renewal (must be a member currently in "good standing" to renew)	\$36.00*	\$
Applicant Renewal (NEW applicants must come to the applicant table to join)	\$41.00*	\$
Membership Late fee (if mailed after 08/27 or paid after September 3, 2022)	\$10.00	\$
Lamination Fee (in advance of pickup, not applicable for Applicant Cards)	\$ 1.00	\$
* \$1.00 has been added to cover costs of mailing your card to you	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX

* Total Remittance

\$

OTHER RENEWAL INFORMATION

NOTE: If you intend to mail in your Membership renewal:

1. Make your check or money order payable to: **OC Ski Club, Inc. - DO NOT SEND CASH**
2. Mail your completed Dues Renewal Form and check or money order to:

OC Ski Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 13901

Albany, NY 12212-3901

Attn: Membership Committee

3. **M e m b e r** renewals **MUST** be postmarked by **August 27, 2022**, or hand delivered to the Membership

Table by **September 1, 2022** to ensure that your renewal is processed without a **Late Fee of \$10.00**

Renewals received AFTER August 31, 2022 will be assessed a \$10.00 Late Fee as prescribed in the OC Ski Club, Inc. Membership Policy Guidelines & no card will be issued until fee is paid

4. No need to supply a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your Dues Renewal Form – we have your mailing label ready to go!!!!

NOTE: Dues Renewals may be dropped off during any OC Club Meeting at the Membership Committee table but the cards will not be on-site