



# LIFTLINE

AUGUST 2023

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Mark Wilder  
President

It's August already, and if the heat hasn't gotten to you, maybe all the rain in July has. Or maybe the smoky air from Canada has. Well take heart, just another 4 months until the ski buses roll again. But, if you can't

wait that long, in September we will have our first "ski bus" of the season! To New Jersey! That's right. It will be indoors, but hey, it's real snow. See Sylvia Haeffeli, bus committee, for details or to signup.

September also brings back our traditional Volleyball Tournament. And for the first time in many, many years Gail Marotti-Hossan will not be running it. Thank you Gail for all you've done! We have assembled a committee, which Gail is also a part of, to run the event. The tournament is major fund raiser for the club as well as one of the major social events. But we can't do it without help from our members. Lots of members! Many hands make light work, they say. Contact any Officer or Board member

and you will be directed to the committee to see where you are needed. It's a fun day and it supports the Club.

Also, we are still planning an August picnic or Lake George boat cruise. If you have ideas for other events you'd like to see the Club run, let VP of Activities, Erin O'Brien know.

Many ski trips are now open and filling up fast. I know, hard to think about that while it's still summer but tour operators are doing things a little differently now than they used to.

But for now, enjoy the summer with your favorite activity and cold beverage!

Cheers,  
Mark



**Thursday - August 10th**  
**Albany - PCC**  
**Washington Ave Ext**



**PLEASE HELP** - The OC Ski Club is looking for a couple of volunteers to help with our WordPress website content updating. Your commitment would only be one hour per week. Starting in the Fall.

Please email [webmaster@ocskiclub.org](mailto:webmaster@ocskiclub.org) with Subject "Website help"

### Welcome to the August Issue of the OC Ski Club's Newsletter called the Lifeline

We hope that you find this new layout pleasing. Our goal was to organize articles in accordance with who is in charge of that particular event. So skiing items will be with VP of Skiing pages & items controlled by the VP of Admin will be with those pages. We are also going to supply web links so you can go directly to [www.ocskiclub.org](http://www.ocskiclub.org) website where you will get more detailed information plus the ability to sign up for that event, ski trip, etc. Please be patient as we start this process of reorganization. In addition we are streamlining the weekly email so it is not so long by providing website links.

As you might know, this Club is run by volunteers. So be kind to those who are working hard so you can enjoy the many events that the OC Ski Club does for its members. We also need input from our members so we can provide what you are looking for. To that point, please let us know what you think about this Lifeline issue. See email links on the last page.

The last page of the Lifeline will always have what you need to follow the Club. The main item is the website address. There is also a website link that will take you to the webpage where you can email an Officer of the Club or a committee head who will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

# SKIING



Lynda Heaney  
Vice President for  
Organized Skiing

The bus committee is starting off the ski season with a trip to Big Snow! That's right! It's in East Rutherford, NJ. North America's only indoor year-round real snow ski and snowboard resort. Their motto at Big Snow is, Every Day is a Snow Day.

\$40 is for a lift ticket only. \$72 is rental package fee-ski, boots, poles, helmet, coat, pants. Gloves not included When? Saturday, September 30th. Join us for the first ski bus of 2023. PayPal is open!

Alpine trips have a full schedule together. Check it out! Sign-ups are open. Winter Park has sold out. Still waiting for the last details to be worked out on our European trip. As soon as we have additional information, we will release it.

Keep in mind, for any trip, you sign up either by e-mail or in person. Your sign-up is incomplete until we see a filled-out Application, Copy of your Membership Card and your Deposit. All three. Banff and the European trip require a copy of your passport as well.

Cross-country will join the PICO buses going to Mountain Top. Look for more information as we get closer to the buses running.

Looking forward to a great ski season - Lynda



**Detailed Information about Ski Trips are posted to the OC Website**  
**Some Trips Details are in the works (but dates are set!) - It's still Summer Folks!**

**Lift ticket options information on the OC website**

**Family Friendly trip information included on the website**

**[CLICK HERE FOR THE OC WEBSITE TRIPS LINK](#)**

## **Ski Trips with Airfare included** (USA, Canada & Europe)

Jan 19-26 Heavenly in South Lake Tahoe \$1775 (+) 8 Nites, **Open for sign up, 15 spots left!!**

Feb 25-March 3 Winter Park \$1,725 (+) **SOLD OUT, sign up for wait list**

March 9-19 Val Di Fassa, Italy \$TBD, 7 nites, side trip in the works, **pricing soon**

March 19-26 Banff, Canada \$1,979, 7 nites, airfare, ground transport in Canada included

## **Eastern USA trips** (Bus trips & Drive-up trips)

Dec 15-17 Whiteface \$253 (+) 2 Nites, 2 breakfasts, Drive up, Golden Arrow Lakeside resort

Dec 29 - Jan 1 Quebec City New Years Trip \$520 (+), 3 Nites, Bus trip

Jan 9-12 New Hampshire \$309 3 Nites, 2 dinners, 3 Breakfasts, Drive up, Indian Head Resort

January 12 -15 Smugglers Notch, VT - Drive up - ski in ski out - **Martin Luther King Weekend**

Feb 4 - 9 Sunday River \$455 (+) 5 Nites, 1 dinner, Bus or drive up options, **Open for sign up!!**

Feb 14 - 16 Burke Mountain, VT, \$359 2 Nites, 2 breakfasts, lift tickets included, drive up

April 5- 7 Jay Peak, VT, Drive up, 2 Nites, waterpark incl., ski in ski out **Pricing details in the works**

**Once a trip's details are finalized we will post to our Facebook page**  
**Remember detailed information is on the website!**

**Want to Ski in September?** Yes that is possible!  
The OC's are doing a bus trip to Big Snow at American Dream in New Jersey on **Saturday September 30th**. Besides skiing there is a water park, theme park with rides, 2 great mini golf courses, Tilt museum, LegoLand, SeaLife attraction, indoor ice skating rink plus just about any shopping & dining experience you want!

[American Dream Website link](#)

[Click here is sign up on the OC website](#)



**There is a event calendar posted to the OC Website**

It is on the “Upcoming Events” page

[Click here to chck it out!](#)

**It's new and we are still inputting relevent info**

# ADMINISTRATION



Erin O'Brien  
Vice President for  
Administration

Greetings OCers,

I hope that you are all enjoying your summer! As I write this we are about to have another heat wave! I do appreciate air conditioning during these spells. I also appreciate that I live in the northeast and not the southwest. They are getting scorched!

Please join us at Maggy McFly's in Crossgates on Wednesday August 16th for the monthly Happy Hour. It will run from 4-7. They have lots of specials and a large bar! I hope to see you there!

I was hoping to have picnic arrangements all set by now, but have been unable to find the right venue that is available for us.

We might be doing a Happy Hour cruise somewhere and having the volleyball tournament be our picnic this year! I will keep you posted on the website and the weekly emails for updates.

Please contact me if you have any requests or ideas for activities and/or if you would like to help out with them! Many hands make light work!

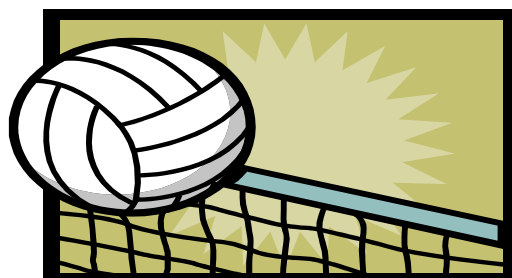
Enjoy your August!

See you out and about,

Erin O'Brien



## OC SKI CLUB 51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



SAVE THE DATE !!!!

Register Early !!!

**Saturday**  
**September 16**

**Hint:** Pre-order and pay for your tourney t-shirt!!!! Get the size and style you want !!! Shirts will still be for sale the day of the event but why take your chances that we will have that size you want??!!!! Smalls, Mediums, and 2XL's are always hard to come by!! Order/Pay online and your shirt will be waiting for you.

**Registration Forms and details will be available on [www.ocskiclub.org](http://www.ocskiclub.org) or see your League Coordinator for a copy starting 7/24**



## OC Golf Scramble

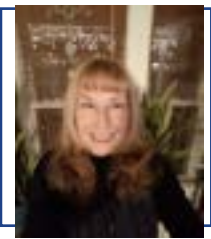
Saturday September 23, 2023

Brookhaven Country Club - Porters Corners  
4 person scramble \$75 members, \$80 guest-  
18Holes with cart & dinner buffet.

[Look on the OC website for registration](#)

**BIG NEWS** - OC Board of Directors has cancelled the requirement to add a late fee if you forgot to renew on time or just did not renew for any reason but now want to rejoin.

How to Join for new members - [CLICK HERE](#) Renew your membership - [CLICK HERE](#)



## OC SECRETARY

Cynthia Ward

NOTES FROM OC BOARD MEETING  
JULY 2023

VP of Administration, Erin O'Brien, announced that the July 21 HH will be at Sake in Latham, NY from 4-7 pm. Erin mentioned some ideas she is looking at for the summer picnic in late August or early September. One idea is a Lake George Sunday Brunch Cruise. She is open to other suggestions. Membership statistics are slowly improving.

VP of Organized Skiing, Lynda Heaney, announced that the first ski bus will run September 30th to the Meadowlands Sports Complex for some summer indoor skiing. A 2-hour skiing session is \$39.99 and the cost for all activities is \$90. The European trip to Italy will include a side trip to either Rome or Venice. Four ski instruction clinics will again be offered this year and are open to the membership similar to past years. Winter Carnival will be celebrated February 29 at Plattekill. Some bus trips this year will also include XC options. Finally, the Jay Peak family trip is scheduled for April.

The VB tournament is scheduled for September 16th with set up on the 15th and clean up on the 17th. While Gail is willing to do the initial administrative functions (acquiring permits, insurance and ordering), no one has stepped up to oversee the operation, the kitchen, the beer truck or coordinate the volunteers. It would be sad to forego this traditional OC event, our biggest fundraiser. Last year's tourney netted about \$8,000.

The August Board meeting was postponed until August 10th due to the absence of vacationing Bard members on August 3rd. After a brief discussion, it was ruled that the bus fee for riding the September 30th bus would be the same as for any other ski bus: \$12.

Fred reviewed his marketing proposal with the Board. The Board allocated \$500 to support Fred's initial efforts to market the Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Ward aka Princess Snowflake

Secretary



## August Happy Hour

It is scheduled for Wednesday August 16th from 4 to 7pm at Maggie McFly's on Crossgates Mall near Dick's. There are specials from 3 to 6pm which are posted on the chalk boards above the bar.

[Maggie McFly's website](#)



**OC Ski Club - Friends Doing Things with Friends**

**Baseball at Yankee Stadium**

**Saturday, August 19, 2023 - 1:05 PM Game**

\$159.00 per person, no additional fees

-includes Round Trip Bus Ride (with parking fee and driver's tip) and Game Ticket.

Seats are limited (30) and there is NO Wait List! Additional seats may be available after the first 30 have sold.

SEATS will be in SECTION 232B

Bus will leave Albany-area in the AM for AM stadium Arrival (exact departure location TBA)

PM Bus Departure from Yankee Stadium to head back to Albany-area (will be brought back to pick-up location)

Contact: Blythe Macomber Group Sales Specialist directly at 518.286.2400 ext. 216

Payment in full is required at time of purchase with Yankee Trails

MLB app must be on ticket holder's phone.

NO HARD TICKETS ONLY E TICKETS AVAILABLE!

Not sure what events are going on at the OC Ski Club. Then go to the website and look for the calendar. That is where we will have everything listed that is currently approved and ready to go. Not on the calendar? Then it is one of two things (1) not a confirmed event as of yet or (2) give us a day to get it posted. (Again we are volunteers who have day jobs (bummer) and do some things when we get home at night.)



The OC Ski Club is a member of the New York Capital District Ski Council (NYCDSC). As a OC member you receive the benefits from that organization which include discount lift tickets to various ski areas in our area plus other benefits. [Find out more HERE](#)



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Website - <https://ocskiclub.org/>

Twitter - currently inactive

Contact a Club Officer or Board member - <https://ocskiclub.org/board-of-directors/>

Contact a Committee Chairperson - <https://ocskiclub.org/committees/>

Facebook - [OC Ski Club, Inc](#)

Instagram - [OC Ski Club](#)

**Officers**

- Mark Wilder - President
- Erin O'Brien - VP of Admin
- Lynda Heaney - VP of Skiing
- Cynthia Ward - Secertary
- John Wimmer - Treasure

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