



LIFTLINE

DECEMBER 2023
NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Mark Wilder
President

It's December already, and the ski buses are warming up for the start of the season. I'm ready, my skis are ready, the schedule is ready, now all we need is snow and a bus load of OC'ers ready to conquer the

mountain. I know you've heard it before but, just because there isn't snow outside your door doesn't mean the mountains don't have it.

The alpine trips are selling fast and some are sold out. But there are some trips still open and you can always get on a wait list.

We had a table the Snow Expo and signed up 62 new members. Join us on December 7th at the PCC to welcome them at the New Member party. Let's show them the OC spirit!

And don't forget the holiday party on December 9th at Franklin Terrace in Troy.

Cheers, Mark



Winter Schedule
Every Thursday in Albany
PCC Washington Ave Ext

The OC Ski Club would like extend our warmest (but not too warm 😊) greetings for this holiday season!

Merry Christmas

Happy Hankkah

Happy Kwanzaa

Happy Bodhi Day



There is a Event Calendar posted to the OC Website

It is on the "Upcoming Events" page

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

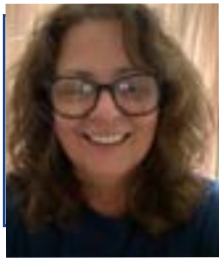
Not on the calendar? Then it is one of two things (1) not a confirmed event as of yet or (2) give us a day to get it posted. (Again we are volunteers who have day jobs (bummer) and do some things when we get home at night.) We will doing our best to keep the calendar up to date so you can rely on the calendar for updated information.



Now that we are in our active season PLEASE remember

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.

SKIING



Lynda Heaney
Vice President for
Organized Skiing

Hey there! Looking for the best discount to get to the Mountain? We've got you covered! With Council days, all you need is a sticker on the back of your membership card. Don't have a sticker yet? No worries, just attend any OC meeting and you can grab yours there. Purchases are made online with a discount code, mountain direct. Then go to any ticket window showing your state ID, OC membership card, and council sticker. It's that easy to get a discounted ticket.

If you're bringing the kids along, make sure each kid has a club ID card to enjoy the New York Capital District Ski Council appreciation days. Just present the card and get the discount! These can be purchased for \$6 at the meetings.

Now, onto the best deal for Skiing at Gore, Whiteface and Bellayre. We highly recommend the Ski 3 discount card for just \$59. With this card, you get a whopping 50% off on weekdays and 25% off on weekends. Plus, no need to worry about sold-out lift tickets! Just go up to any window on any

day, and you're guaranteed to get a lift ticket. How awesome is that?

Looking for another deal. The P-Tickets for Pico are only available for advance purchase, but trust us, it's totally worth it. With these vouchers, people of all ages can enjoy full access to Pico Mountain on any day throughout the 2023/24 winter season. How awesome is that?

Here's how it works: Once you purchase the P-Ticket vouchers, you'll need to activate them online. Once activated, they magically turn into lift tickets that can be used by you or shared with your loved ones. Talk about a win-win!

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to stock up on P-Tickets. So, don't wait! Grab your P-Tickets now before they're gone.

Remember, you can only purchase these fantastic deals until December 14, 2023. So, don't procrastinate and secure your P-Tickets today!

Oh, and just a friendly heads up - the offer for K tickets at Killington expired on October 23.

Exciting news, folks! Trip to Jay Peak is now open for sign-up. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

So, whether you're a member or a guest, make sure to grab the best discounts and enjoy a fantastic time on the mountain.

Happy skiing! Lynda Heaney

Detailed Information about Ski Trips are posted to the OC Website

From the Alpine Trips Chair - All the trips are currently open for sign-up. If you're interested in a trip listed as closed, make sure to act fast because our Trip leaders might still be able to secure a spot for you. Simply contact them as soon as possible, and they'll reach out to the resort to see if they can arrange a room for you. If you were thinking about the European trip, please note that there has been an increase in airfare. However, if you're still keen on joining us, let us know! We'll be more than happy to have you on board.

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

Heavenly in South Lake Tahoe \$1775 Jan 19-26 **Closed email trip leader**

Val Di Fassa, Italy \$1878 (starts at), 7 nites, March 9-19, side trip to Milan (optional, plus \$) **(3 spots left)**

Winter Park \$1,725 (+) Feb 25 - March 3 **SOLD OUT**

Banff, Canada \$1,979, March 19-26 **SOLD OUT**

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

Dec 15-17 Whiteface \$253 (+) Goldeb Arrow Lakeside resort **Closed email trip leader**

Dec 29 - Jan 1 Quebec City New Years Trip \$520 **Closed email trip leader**

Jan 9-12 New Hampshire \$309 Indian Head Resort **Closed email trip leader**

January 12 -15 Smugglers Notch, VT, starts at \$250, **Martin Luther King Weekend** **Closed email trip leader**

Feb 4 - 9 Sunday River \$460 (+) 5 Nites **Closed email trip leader**

Feb 14 - 16 Burke Mountain, VT, \$359 2 Nites, 2 breakfasts, lift tickets included, drive up **(22 spots left, closes 12/10)**

Jay Trip is now open for sign up!!!

April 5- 7 Jay Peak, VT, Drive up, 2 Nites, waterpark incl., ski in ski out email jaypeak@ocskiclub.org

[OC Website Trip webpage - click here](#)

Alpine Bus Committee

Second Bus is Dec 3, 2023 Killington



Hope your Thanksgiving included a day on the slopes. Happy Holidays.

Buses are rolling. Dec 3 is Killington, Dec 10 is Stratton, Dec 15 is Whiteface, and Dec 17 is Gore. Buses roll as long as we have 21 sold seats. Lift tickets sales are a separate item and do not determine if we run a bus. Many members have passes and please use them even if you ride the bus. If you need a lift ticket, you have choices. Some mountains like Killington have given us a reduced price that you buy direct from the mountain using a code we supply on the Bus Calendar. The Bus Calendar is on the first page of OCskiclub.org website. Click on the date you want to ski and follow the directions. Others are Council Days, and you will purchase those lift tickets via the NYCDSC.org site. For Gore, Whiteface, and Belleayre, your best price is using the SKI3 card. This card is not available after Dec 14, so buy now to get the lowest lift ticket price available. We will have lift tickets for sale directly with the mountain, but they are not as cheap as the SKI3 pass. Again, instructions will be posted on the Bus Calendar for Gore and Whiteface lift tickets. I remind you that buses roll as long as we have sold 21 seats.

The website has been updated and made easier to navigate. All buses are listed on the OC BUS CALENDAR. Just scroll through the months to see what buses are going and where. Click on the date and get the specifics for that trip. Notice that we have listed the Ski Council Dates as well. We did take advantage of several of those days for buses. Stratton, Dec. 10 is the first of the Council Day buses. Killington, Pico, Stratton and Jiminy have granted Council Days so far. We are hoping for more mountains to participate.

Doing my snow dances and hoping for lots more snow. See you on the bus.

Sylvia Haefeli & Barbara Sorrell, your friendly Alpine Bus Committee co-chairs.



Cliff notes for Bus Sign ups

- 1) Bus sign up info is on [this webpage](#) (Note that we only list the next 4 or 5 weeks of buses for sign ups).
- 2) You will find two types of sign up options.
 - A) Bus Seat Only - there will be multiple days on this button, select the day you want then process.
 - B) Sign Up Here - Days with discounted Lift Ticket options (select dates only).
 - x) There will multiple options for seat & lift ticket. Choose which one you want.
- 3) You can also sign up for buses at the PCC meetings or on a day ski bus.
- 4) If the bus unfortunately gets canceled. You can get a refund at any PCC meeting from the Bus committee.
- 5) The "OC Bus Schedule" calendar will have updated/current info.
- 6) Any questions email ocbus@ocskiclub.org



AS THE SKI TURNS - OC SNOWSPORTS SCHOOL

SKI AND SNOWBOARD LESSONS

No matter what your ability, OC Snowsports School offers free downhill coaching on all single day bus trips as a benefit of being part of OC Ski Club. There is no limit to the number of morning sessions you can take. Snowboard, Telemark, First Timers, and Children's Lessons are available with prior arrangements, please contact us for details, at any Club event or email skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org

Save the Dates!

PRIVATE LESSON DAYS

An opportunity for some individual feedback with your choice of instructors. Advance sign ups for the 90 min. Private Lessons are available at weekly meetings, happy hours or any Club event.

FRIDAY January 19-Gore Mtn FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16-Gore Mtn FRIDAY MARCH 15-Gore Mtn.
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 29 - Plattekill - at [Winter Carneval](#)

Thursday December 14 - PCC 6:00 PM-CONDITIONING & PREVENTING SKI INJURIES -Injuries and wear and tear on the knees and other weight bearing joints are unfortunately common among skiers Learn about types of ski injuries and how to prevent them with Kelly Chang,a psysical therapist and avid skier. The clinic will include 15-20 minutes of education followed by a strength and conditioning circuit designed specifically for skiers to build strength and prevent injuries. Wear gym clothes if you wish to participate.

Thursday January 11 2024 - PCC 6:00 PM-SKI CARE & TUNING CLINIC- Another annual clinic where you can learn how to take care of your skis, minor maintenance and repairs for the do it your selfer, what to look for when buying used skis, etc. A complete sharpen and wax tune up will be done at this clinic. This clinic will be led by OC Snowsports

CALLING ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS - As in the past our instructors are available whenever we run a single day bus.This season we are planning on making instructors available on some of the drive up days.To do so I need some information: Where and when you ski on drive up days, Do you have a pass, IKON, EPIC, SKI 3, 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

New York Capital District Ski Council News (NYCDSC)

Your OC Council Reps are busy coordinating Council activities with the OC SKi Club. Be sure to stop by the Bus table, Ambassador table or Membership table at the PCC meetings to get your Council sticker to put on the back of your OC membership card. You will need the sticker to purchase Ski Council Day reduced price lift tickets. You will also need your ID. Council Days are listed on the OC Bus Calendar. You order your lift tickets via the NYCDSC.org website. Instructions are listed on the first page of the website.

Killington, Pico, Stratton, Jiminy have listed Member Appreciation days. More mountains are expected to also set up dates. Stay tuned for more information. All dates will be listed on our Bus Calendar, so check there for more information.

Sylvia Haefeli, Rex Lyons, and Cynthia Ward
Your NYCDSC Representatives

ADMINISTRATION



Erin O'Brien
Vice President for
Administration

Greetings OCers,

It doesn't seem possible that it is already December! It seemed like a very long year to me. There were times when it seemed that time was standing still, but it wasn't! And just when I thought that it wouldn't get here, it finally arrived! The start of the 2023/2024 ski season. Some of you have already hit the slopes-good for you! I am almost ready for it- after the first big snow I will go!!

I am ready for the party season! The first one is on Thursday, the 7th of the month. It is the new member party, formerly known as the applicant party. It is sure to be a fun time! Buy your tickets soon-the price goes up at the door!

The second party is two days later, the 9th, at Franklin Terrace in Troy. It is the Holiday Party and it is a good deal-\$50/members, \$55/guests. The food is always good there, so put on your glitzy holiday attire and join us for some fun!

The monthly Happy Hour will be held at Fidens Brewery on Broadway in Albany. The hours are 4-7 pm. There is parking in a lot next door and on the street.

Enjoy the sparkle of the season!

See you out and about,

Erin O'Brien

December Happy Hour

Date/Time: Wednesday, December 20th

Location: Fiden's Taproom - 807 Broadway, Albany Warehouse District next to the Biergarten
Plenty of parking, lot next to the building opens at 3pm along with street parking

Details: The hours are 4-7 Drink specials maybe??





OC SKI CLUB – NEW MEMBER PARTY

INVITING ALL RETURNING AND NEW MEMBERS (GUESTS TOO) !!!

Thursday, December 7, 2023
Polish Community Center
225 Washington Ave Ext.
7:30pm to 9:00pm



Advance tickets (purchased on-line until 11/30/23) by New York

• \$10.00 - Members

• \$15.00 - Guests

Tickets purchased online after 11/30/23 or at the door

• \$15.00 - Members

• \$20.00 - Guests

ADMISSION IS FREE FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED SINCE
2022 AND/OR BEFORE THAT YEAR!!!

Make sure you are present when the raffle drawings begin for generous prizes donated by vendors and ski areas.

Pizza, munchies, beer, wine, and soda will be free-flowing throughout the evening.

LET THE PARTY BEGIN!



Saturday December 9th

Franklin Terrace - 126 Campbell Ave - Troy
Dinner Buffet with cash bar - 6:00 to ?????

\$50 for Members \$55 for OC Guests

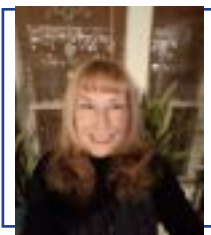
[Click Here to Sign Up](#)

The OC SKI CLUB \$5 referral program still exists.

We bet you forgot. The referral program is still in effect. You will save \$5 per referral on your membership renewal, the following year, with up to 7 per year allowed (7 x 5 = \$35, our annual dues)

Does that mean I can get a free membership just for getting my friends to join this awesome club? You BET! Who better to recruit new people but our current members!!!!

Questions email membership@ocskiclub.org



OC SECRETARY

Cynthia Ward

NOTES FROM OC BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 2023



VP of Administration:

- HH will be at Junior's on November 15.
- The holiday party is scheduled for December 9 at Franklin Terrace. The cost is \$50 for members and \$55 for guests.
- The nominations of Jill Hayes and Rex Lyons for Fundraising chairs made by Erin and seconded by Sylvia was passed.
- Memberships are running slightly behind last year. We hope recruiting at the Snow Expo will increase membership.

VP of Organized Skiing:

- The day bus schedule is available and will be posted on the website next week.
- The nomination of Rex Lyons as NYDCSC rep made by Lynda and seconded by Cynthia was passed.
- All trips are open except Jay Peak which will open within two weeks.

Old Business

- The Warren Miller movie is at the Egg on November 3.
- Jeff presented a brief update on the Snow Expo. The HH on Saturday will take place at the City Beer Hall.
- The motion to charge \$35 for all renewals and new members at the Expo made by Jeff and seconded by Kelly was passed. Only new members, however, will receive the \$12 bus ride and \$10 admission to the New Member Party on December 7. These perks make joining the OCs the least expensive ski club.

New Business

- Mark will respond to the email from Mike Gosden about the savings balance of the club by pointing out all the subsidies the club currently provides such as ski buses, parties, etc.
- Long-time member Tom Mullen is currently in a rehab facility after a fall and would welcome well wishes. Send cards to Tom Mullen at 3 Paden Circle; Albany, NY 12203

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia aka Princess Snowflake



Family Corner

Happy Holidays to all our Family Ski Club Members and their families.

The Smuggler's Notch Trip is open and condos are filling up. Now is the time to contact Carrie Britt or Kelly Barlow about your reservation. Already snow is falling and the conditions are improving. By Jan 12, they should be perfect. Come to any meeting to complete your reservation.

Jamie Britt, the other sister, is opening Jay Peak, April 5-7, 2024, at the Nov 30 meeting. This trip will include the water park and 3 days of lift tickets for those staying at Hotel Jay. Stateside reservations will include lift tickets. You will be able to purchase water park tickets as an extra. Jamie will be at all OC meetings selling the trip.

Maple Ridge is again offering OC members and their families reduced priced lift tickets of \$25 Wednesday through Friday every week until season end. Just show your ID and OC membership card when purchasing a lift ticket. Other local mountains are such as Berkshire East, Catamount, Williard, West Mtn, and Butternut are being contacted about offering reduced lift tickets to OC members. More information is forthcoming.

As an OC Club member, you are also a member of the New York Capital District Ski Council. One perk is that mountains offer reduced lift tickets as part of the Ski Club Member Appreciation Days. Council Days (our nickname for these days) are listed on the OC Bus calendar. Killington, Pico, Jiminy Peak, and Stratton have already listed their days. You can purchase the lift tickets via the NYCDSC.org website.

If you are one of those people who did not already purchase an Epic, IKON, SKI3 or INDY pass or a season pass to a specific mountain, then I have news for you. Many mountains allow you to purchase lift tickets ahead of the date you want to ski. These pre-purchase tickets are for specific dates and usually non-refundable. That means they are "use it or lose it" tickets. However, the benefit is the ticket is much cheaper than if you went to the ticket window the day of skiing. Pico (P tickets) sells lift tickets this way. The price goes up the closer it is to the date of skiing.

Remember that you and your children (age 7 to 17) are welcome to ride the bus at the member price of \$12 per seat. Often we have reduced lift tickets for those bus dates. Riding the bus is fun, you get a bottle of water on the return trip, and everyone shares snacks. Sign up via the OC Bus Calendar for PayPal or come to any meeting to sign up for the bus. All seats are pre-paid. Guests are \$22.

The OC's have rented Plattekill Feb. 29, 2024, Thursday. More about that date to follow next month. It will include Winter Carnival and a race. Make sure you plan to be there for all the fun!

Pray for more Snow. Sylvia Haefeli, OC Family Chair. email family@ocskiclub.org





Information about the remodeled OC website

We ask you to help us as we want the remodeled website to be functional for our members to use. If you have any questions or come across any link errors on the website please email webmaster@ocskiclub.org. Our goal is to keep the website as current as possible. (Remember we are volunteers updating the web content). We will always update the two calendars first (easiest to do) so if you are not to sure of something check the calendars.

Highlights:

- 1) Looking for something the OC's have planned, here are ways to find it.
 - A) Go to the [Upcoming Events page](#) and check out the items there or look at the calendar.
 - B) Go to the [OC Bus Page](#) and check out the calendar for what is scheduled
 - x) This is where you can sign up for the bus too!
 - C) Go to the [Ski Trip schedule](#) page to find out where we are going this season.
- 2) Home page - what is there?
 - A) The OC Bus schedule calendar link, click on it and it will direct you to the right page.
 - B) The Ski Trip Chart, click on the "Direct Link" and it will direct you to the right page.
 - C) Two Upcoming Events that we are highlighting
 - x) Looking for more events click the "More Events" box
- 3) Calendars
 - A) The "Upcoming Events and Trips" Calendar is just that! It basically has everything in it except the bus schedule.
 - B) The "OC Bus Schedule" calendar is just that too! Everything about the day buses. Where are we going, lift ticket price & options, where do I go to get on the bus, etc.
 - x) The Bus committee will also put in a notification if unfortunately the bus has to be cancelled
- 4) Website navigation
 - A) Four major items that the OC Ski Club is all about. Skiing, Upcoming Events, Family and Volleyball. These items are always on the top of each webpage for you to select
 - B) There are no drop down menus. When you click to go to a new page there will be more selections to choose from on that page just under the page title.
 - x) example - Go to Skiing, then go to Cross Country, then go to Day Bus. Bingo!
 - C) If you find that you get redirected away from the website, say to a PDF file we have, the easiest way back to where you were is to hit the "Back" button on your browser.
- 5) Looking for membership information, click on any the "Join OC Ski Club" boxes. This will direct you to the membership webpages. Even if you are a current member click on that box then select "Current Member" on the navigation bar
- 6) The website base layout is meant for viewing on a monitor. The website is mobile friendly but all the information on the webpage might require more scrolling, etc. But this is true for most website.



Photos, Photos, Photos we need photos! Our library of photos is getting old & dusty. We need new photos so please email marketing@ocskiclub.org some photos to use in the Lifeline, Facebook pages and on the OC website. If you send us a photo it means that you have given OC Ski Club, Inc. the rights to publish that photo on one of our media platforms. We promise not to publish any names, especially the one of the skier doing major face plants.



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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