



# LIFTLINE

JULY 2023



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Mark Wilder  
President



We are looking to schedule the annual summer picnic in August again. We have been using Grafton State Park the last few years and we're thinking of some place a little closer to Albany, preferably on/near the water. If you have any ideas, please let VP of Administration, Erin O'Brien know.

Stay tuned for Happy Hour dates coming up and have a fun and safe summer!

Mark Wilder - President

As I write this article, the first since becoming president, summer is now in full swing. Skiing may not be top of the mind for many people, but as you slather on the SPF30, the Alpine Trips Committee is hard at work putting the finishing touches on next season's trips. Trip signups will start a bit earlier this year than in the past due to vendor requirements. And the Alpine Bus Committee is beginning to work on next year's day bus schedule. If you have any ideas on where to go, or would like to help run a bus or a trip, contact Lynda Heaney, VP of Organized Skiing or me.

As we are still in the process of filling some committee posts, I would encourage all of you to think about the activities you like or even would like to see the Club offer. There are many opportunities to help out the Club. Honestly, you'd be surprised to find out how easy it can be!



Thursday - July 6th  
Albany - PCC  
Washington Ave Ext



### Welcome to the New 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 to articles 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 (plus we are learning new software). In addition we are also going to streamline 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.

Are you 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 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.

# ORGANIZED SKIING



Lynda Heaney  
Vice President for  
Organized Skiing

Even though it's summer, we are working on our winter program. Save the date February 29th Leap year, it's another Plattekill Mountain exclusive takeover by the OCs. Plan on taking the time off and joining us. It's always a fun day!

We started something new: Accepting Trip Deposits at the Happy Hours during July & August. Stop in and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow OC'ers. Some food, drink, and some laughs. What's better than that?

Winter Park and Heavenly Mountain Trips are now open. PayPal's signup buttons will be up in the coming weeks. As soon as that is completed, you can make your trip reservations.

Keep in mind with the ever-changing travel industry and airline rules, they want their money earlier. Our payment schedules reflect the changes. The plan is to have you informed, because of limited space on all trips!

Don't snooze! Don't miss out!

Keep informed with Facebook and the website, along with the Club emails.

See you at one of the happy hours or at the PCC!

Lynda Heaney



Detailed Information about the Ski Trips will be posted to the OC Website

Some Trips Details are in the works - It's still Summer Folks!  
Once a trip is finalized we will also post to our Facebook page

Link - <http://ocskiclub.org/ski-trips-schedule/>

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

January 19-26 Heavenly \$1775 (+) - South Lake Tahoe opens at July 6th meeting  
February 25-March 3 Winter Park \$1,725 (+) - Colorado opens at the July 6th meeting  
March 2024 Chamonix possible- France (side trip Paris!) still in the planning stage  
March 19-26 Banff \$TBD - British Columbia

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

December 15-17 Whiteface \$253 (+) - New York - Drive up - Golden Arrow Lakeside resort  
December 29 - Jan 1 Quebec City New Years Trip \$TBD - Bus trip - Ikon or discounted lift passes  
January 9-12 New Hampshire \$309 - Ikon, Epic & Indy pass locations - Drive up - Indian Head Resort  
February 4 - 9 Sunday River \$TBD - Maine - Bus or drive up options  
February 14 - 16 Burke Mountain \$359 - Vermont - drive up - ski in ski out

## Annual Trips still in the planning stage:

January - Smugglers Notch - Vermont - Drive up - ski in ski out - working on getting back to the MLK weekend  
Late March-April - Jay Peak Resort - Vermont - Drive up - ski in ski out - finalizing details with the ski resort

**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, Sea-Life attraction, indoor ice skating rink plus just about any shopping & dining experience you want!

Link - <https://www.americandream.com/>



## Alpine Bus Committee Survey Results

At long last, here is a summary of the bus committee survey results. Because of the format of the survey, the results required considerable time and labor to process the results. Thank you to the 120 members of our club who took the time to respond. Only 2 respondents indicated that they had no intention of riding the bus this season. For all other questions, multiple responses for each question were typical.

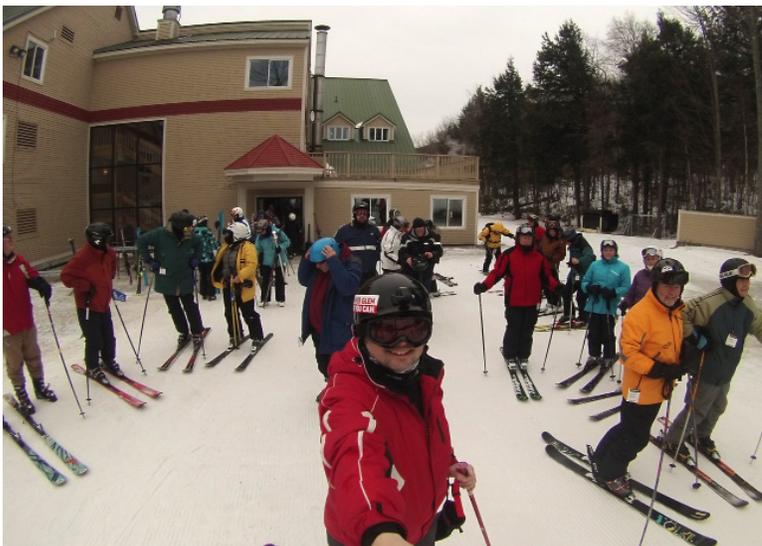
Ski day preferences were evenly divided between Sundays (71) and Fridays (70). Many respondents indicated that they had multiple passes. Ikon was most popular (35) followed by Gore (32) and Epic (25) with 26 indicating they purchased various other passes. The average number of ski runs per day was 10 with quite a few people reporting 11+ runs per day.

The results of the question which asked which activities do you enjoy the most when riding the bus were not surprising. Socializing (102), meeting people (85) and skiing in groups (80) were the most popular responses. Many also responded that the free coaching (64) offered by our PSIA certified snow sports instruction team was appreciated. A number of responses also indicated that happy hour buses (63) would also be a plus to riding the bus and a few (22) might also enjoy themes and contests on the bus.

Most people who responded to the question about the new bus departure times liked them (65) with only 16 responding in the negative. Pico (72) was preferred for a mountain takeover day over Plattekill (46).

Only 9 people indicated that they would be willing to run a bus, which was a bit disappointing, especially since most who indicated willingness to run a bus trip are those who are usually willing to do so. New volunteers are always needed.

While a response of only 120 out of a membership of almost 1000 is not a very high response rate, nevertheless the information provided to the Bus Committee is valuable for future planning. Thanks again to those who chose to participate.



# ADMINISTRATION



Erin O'Brien  
Vice President for  
Administration

Greetings all of you OCers,

I hope that this column, and edition of the LL, finds you ready to enjoy all of the fun things that summer has to offer! Swimming in a lake, boating, tubing down a river, camping, attending an outdoor concert- the list is long! You can even ski if you want to make a last minute trip to California!

You won't have to go that far to attend our July HH, which will be held at Sake in Latham on Wednesday the 19th. The hours are 4-7, but the HH specials end at 6. I will do my best to get them extended to 7! Please see the details given in this edition, on the web site, and in the weekly e-mail blasts.

I am seeking ideas on where to hold our annual summer picnic. We have been to Grafton for the past few years. It is a great spot, but it is time to change things up. Ideally the place would have a swimming option available and plenty of parking! If anyone has any ideas, please let me know! Before we know it, it will be August! Thank you in advance for your help in this matter!

I would like to thank Fred Haefeli and Rich Stella for taking over the duties of publications and webmaster. Please feel free to contact them with any questions you might have about either of the aspects of the club!

Please enjoy the beginning of your summer! I intend to do the same!

See you out and about,

**Erin O'Brien**



**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 - <https://ocskiclub.org/become-a-member/>

Renew your membership - <https://membership.ocskiclub.org/renewals>



## OC Golf Scramble

Saturday September 23, 2023

Brookhaven Country Club - Porters Corners  
4 person scramble \$80 members, \$85 guests  
18 Holes with cart & dinner buffet.

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



# OC SECRETARY

Cynthia Ward

OC BOARD MEETING  
HIGHLIGHTS - MAY 2022



Cynthia is enjoying Greece and will not be able to entertain you with a lovely article this month. BUT she did submit an article on the OC Bus survey which you saw up in the skiing section.

We will await Princess SnowFlake next Secretary article.



## MHCC CYCLING GROUP INFO

Looking for a way to stay in shape for next season's skiing and riding? Cycling can be your ticket to keeping the legs strong and have fun at the same time. There has been for many years a group of OC road cyclists that ride every Thursday evening from May through at least September. Organized originally by Bob DuBois, we had 3 groups-casual, fitness and fun(fast). Due to insurance reasons, we now ride with the Mohawk Hudson Cycling Club as one group. Our rides are around 30 miles and the pace is around 14-16 miles per hour. We have several starting locations around the area. And in true OC fashion, après ride is pizza and beer. What better way to stay in top physical condition and have fun with fellow OCers too! If you are interested, you can contact me at (518)258-8452, or markski611@verizon.net. You can check out the ride listing on the MHCC website at mohawkhudson-cyclingclub.org and look for Thursday Night Pizza Ride on the ride calendar. Hope to see some of you on a ride and with a beer afterward!

Mark Wilder



**YANKEE - RED SOX Link**  
<https://ocskiclub.org/events/fwf-yankees-redsoxgame/>

Enjoy the game!

### **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!**



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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. NYCDSC website <https://nycdsc.org/> take a look



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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 - <https://www.facebook.com/ocskiclub/>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/ocskiclub/>

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