



# LIFTLINE

NOVEMBER 2023

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**Mark Wilder**  
President

Here we are-November already! Can ski season be far behind? Time to get those skis and boards tuned up. And maybe get your skills tuned up as well. Our first trip of the season will be to Whiteface Mountain

December 15-17, which includes free instruction from OC instructors who are PSIA certified. A great start to the season. Trips are filling up fast-a couple sold out the first week, but still plenty of spots left.

The bus schedule is now available. Stop by the bus committee table at any meeting to check it out.

November starts off with the annual Warren Miller movie, this year at The Egg. We will have a promotional booth there, so be sure to stop by and check it out. And then there is the annual Snow Expo at the Capitol Center November 10-12. We will be there with a booth looking to sign up

new members. And the month ends with the annual budget vote on November 30th. This year all voters will receive a coupon for a free drink. Come Vote and enjoy the evening!

And coming up in December will be the "New Member party" formerly the Applicant party when we welcome all the new members and the Holiday party.

Until the snow falls...

Cheers,Mark



**Winter Schedule**  
**Every Thursday in Albany**  
**PCC Washington Ave Ext**



### Welcome to the November Issue of the OC Ski Club's Newsletter called the Liftline

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. See email links on the last page.

## There is a Event Calendar posted to the OC Website

It is on the "Upcoming Events" page

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

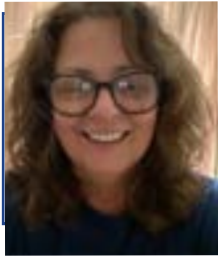
**It's new and we are still inputting relevent info**

Not on the calender? 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.)



Warning, don't panic but the OCSKICLUB.ORG website is under construction! You can't see the work but it is being remodeled deep inside the internet. 😊 Hopefully after you have read this Liftline completely the new remodeled site will be up and running!

# SKIING



Lynda Heaney  
Vice President for  
Organized Skiing

Calling all adventure seekers and snow enthusiasts! Are you ready to embark on an unforgettable skiing trip with your friends? Look no further than OC Ski Trips, where the slopes are calling your name and the fun never ends.

Join us as we carve through the picturesque Val Di Fassa in Italy, with an exciting side trip to Milan. Or be a part of our annual trip to Sunday River, Maine, where the slopes are perfect and the après-ski scene is buzzing. Craving some challenge? Sharpen your skills at Whiteface or explore the breathtaking trails of Heavenly Mountain. From New Year's in Quebec City to skiing in New Hampshire and Smugglers Notch, our lineup of trips promises thrills and excitement.

With some of our trips already selling out, we encourage you to pay attention to the updated schedule and secure your spot before December. We understand that the hospitality industry has undergone changes, resulting in earlier cancellation dates. That's why we urge you to get in

touch with our trip leaders now to ensure you don't miss out on the ski trip of a lifetime!

But the fun doesn't stop there. Save the date for our OC mountain takeover at Plattekill Mountain on Thursday, February 29, a leap year special! Get ready for an exhilarating day filled with games, shenanigans, and memories that will last a lifetime.

For those of you looking to sharpen your skills and have some extra fun, we have three special "Sharpen Your Skills Fridays" lined up, along with the Heaney Weenie roast. Oh, how we love those Fridays! Keep an eye on our bus schedule for all the details, as these events are not to be missed.

Let's not forget the incredible team behind the scenes who make these winter adventures possible. From Jeff Kenton in Ski School to Sylvia Haefeli and Barbara Sorell handling Alpine Buses, and Lynda Heaney leading the Alpine Trips, along with the expertise of Bob Priest in Cross Country - their dedication and hard work ensure that your experience with OC's is nothing short of exceptional.

But we can't do it alone. We rely on the support of both our loyal members and new faces alike to keep the wheels turning and make the OC's a success. If you're looking to become a part of our passionate team, I invite you to reach out to me. Let's chat about how you can contribute to our incredible community.

So don't miss out on the ski trip adventure you've been dreaming of. Join us today and create memories that will last a lifetime. Book your spot now and let the countdown to fun begin!

## Detailed Information about Ski Trips are posted to the OC Website

**Lift ticket options plus Family Friendly trip info on the website**

**Sign up soon as trips are filling up. Note some trips will close out spots due to turn back dates!**

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

Heavenly in South Lake Tahoe \$1775 (+) 8 Nites, Jan 19-26 (6 spots left)

Val Di Fassa, Italy \$1878 (starts at), 7 nites, March 9-19, side trip to Milan (optional, plus \$) (16 spots left)

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

Banff, Canada \$1,979, **SOLD OUT**, sign up for wait list, March 19-26

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

Dec 15-17 Whiteface \$253 (+) 2 Nites, 2 breakfasts, Drive up, Golden Arrow Lakeside resort (25 spots left)

Dec 29 - Jan 1 Quebec City New Years Trip \$520 (+), 3 Nites, Bus trip (18 spots left)

Jan 9-12 New Hampshire \$309 3 Nites, 2 dinners, 3 Breakfasts, Drive up, Indian Head Resort (30 spots left)

January 12 -15 Smugglers Notch, VT, starts at \$250, Drive up, ski in ski out - **Martin Luther King Weekend** (41 S.L.)

Feb 4 - 9 Sunday River \$460 (+) 5 Nites, 1 dinner, Bus or drive up options (69 spots left)

Feb 14 - 16 Burke Mountain, VT, \$359 2 Nites, 2 breakfasts, lift tickets included, drive up (30 spots left)

The Jay Trip will be opening a little later in the season. We will send out a notice when sign-ups are starting

April 5- 7 Jay Peak, VT, Drive up, 2 Nites, waterpark incl., ski in ski out

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

# Alpine Bus Committee

## Second Bus is Dec 3, 2023, Killington



Yes, this is our 2nd bus as we already ran one to Big Snow in New Jersey. If you missed that one, then don't miss this one to Killington! As a reminder, all buses leave Crossgates (the lot across the perimeter road next to the new hotel being built and across from the main entrance to the Mall. There is a traffic light there) at 7 am and leave the mountain at 4:30 pm. Seats are \$12 for members and their children (under 18) and \$22 for guests. You can just sign up online, come to a Thursday meeting at the PCC, or even sign up on buses for future trips. It's that easy.

This year there is a wide range of mountains we plan to visit as in the years before the pandemic. Sugarbush, Killington, Pico, Stratton, Magic, Okemo, Mt. Snow, Gore, Whiteface, and Belleayre. Also, the OC's have rented the whole of Plattekill Ski area Feb. 29 and we will run buses there too! Some of the mountains are giving us reduced lift tickets if you buy a certain number. Some are making reduced prices available as part of their Ski Council Member Appreciation days. Others require that people buy cheap tickets early in the Season like Sugarbush ("Third Best" deal of 2 lift tickets for \$99.) Of course, most accept IKON, Epic, Ski3, or Indy passes. So many members have at least one or even more of these passes.

Our main goal is to offer cheap transportation for our members. The buses are subsidized by membership. Thus \$12 is less than what it would cost you to drive to the mountain. A bonus is the opportunity to socialize on that trip to and fro. Have fun while knowing that you're leaving the driving to a very capable bus driver. You can ski your heart out and not worry about being too tired to drive home. Get on the bus, have a bottle of water on us and enjoy snacks that your fellow travelers are sharing. Yes, we still share snacks and hand out water on the buses. We still remind you to have a luggage tag on your ski and boot bags because in the dark, bags get mixed up. Front compartments are for those getting on at Crossgates and the back ones for those getting on at the second stop. Going north, that 2nd stop Exit 12 off the Northway, the parking lot in front of Panera's, and going East, the Walmart Park & Ride lot on Rt.7 Troy. The bus schedule calendar is available at [OCskiclub.org](http://OCskiclub.org). Just click on a date with the name of the mountain and everything you need to know is there. Starting Nov. 30, the Bus committee (Sylvia Hae-feli and Barbara Sorrell) will be at all meetings until the end of the season in April. You can reserve seats (cash or check only) and get all your questions answered. Just look for our sign as you walk into the main room at the PCC.

Killington is our next bus trip, Dec 3, 2023. You will be able to purchase reduced lift tickets at the [NYCDSC.org](http://NYCDSC.org) website. This is a "Ski Council" day which means we link with the Council, and you purchase your ticket directly from the mountain via the Council link. You will need your membership card with a Council sticker on the back in order to pick up your lift ticket at the mountain. You can buy that lift ticket whether or not you ride the bus. One ticket per membership card. Thus if you have children, you will need a Jr. ID card from the OC's for each child. Get those ID's at Membership table at the PCC \$5 (\$6 online). Membership, Ambassador table and Bus committee all have the stickers. The bus leader will have them on the bus.

Looking forward to a great snowy ski/riding season. Start those "snow dances"! See you on the bus.



The 2024 Sunday River trip has been open since mid-July. We still have ~60 - 70 spots available depending on the number in a room (dble/trpl/quad). We are limited in the number of each type of room, so if you want a specific room type: regular hotel (5 rooms and 3 single males needing roommates); studio superior (5 rooms avail.); Studio deluxe (10 more left and a male single needing a roommate); 1 bedroom Suite (4 available, can

have 2-4 people) and 1 Bedroom lockout (4 available, good for triples and quads). You will want to get your paperwork in quickly as we will be turning back rooms by December 1st. To be officially signed up, we need your deposit of \$200.00, your sign up form, a photo of your current OC Membership card (or bring it if you sign up in person) and to know if you plan to ride the bus (we need 42 to ride in order to get a decent per person price), purchase lift tickets, and plan to attend the Group dinner Buffet set for Tuesday February 6th at 6:00pm (cost still TBD ~\$20-\$45 or so-to be collected by 12/28)). Our next payment for rooms is due November 16th. We will email you your balance due amount by November 1st so you can plan to either pay at the meeting or mail the payment.

Please Note: **We are NOT collecting any money for lift tickets**. You will purchase them yourself – online, in advance – using a discount code that we will provide in advance (as we get closer to season opening, we should get the code). Anyone with vouchers from last year's trip will need to contact Sunday River directly, for the necessary Sunday River contact information. We want you to also understand that we do not assign rooms at Sunday River, so while we can ask that you be assigned to a specific wing of the Hotel when you request it, we cannot guarantee anything. We will do our best though. **Ready for Snow! Eileen and Tom** email us at [sundayriver@ocskiclub.org](mailto:sundayriver@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](mailto: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 November 30 - **PCC 6:00PM-STANCE & BALANCE BOOT CLINIC**-An annual clinic on what you need to know about ski boots and how they affect your skiing comfort and performance. New for this season will be an update on the latest technology with all ski equipment. Garrick Dardani-Steiner's Sports master boot fitter will present.**

**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 physical 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**

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



## New York Capital District Ski Council News (NYCDSC)

Ski Council meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Brown's Brewing Company, 41 River St., Troy at 7 pm. Members of ski clubs are welcome to attend. Sylvia Haefeli, Cynthia Ward, and Rex Lyons (our newest appointed representative) attend the meetings as advocates of the OC Ski Club. There are 19 clubs who are members. Some like the Schenectady Wintersports Club, Nubian Empire Ski Club, and Albany Ski Club, you are probably familiar with. Other member clubs are the RPI Ski Club, Albany College of Pharmacy Ski & Snowboard Club, and SUNY Cobleskill Ski & Snowboard Club are all local college clubs. In addition, GE Ski Club of Utica & Central New York, Snowdrifters Ski Club, Family Ski Meisters, GE Whitney Ski Club, and Metroland Ski Club are regional ski clubs that also belong. This is not the complete list of member clubs but just a smattering to give you an idea of the wide group of snow lovers the Council includes.

So far this season, Killington and Stratton have committed to offering "Ski Council Member Appreciation Days." These are specific dates the mountains are willing to offer Council Club members discount lift tickets. To purchase these lift tickets, you must buy them via a link at the Council website - NYCDSC.org. (At the end of this newsletter is an active link to this site.) You pick up your lift ticket at the mountain. You will need a photo ID and your club membership card with the Council sticker attached to the back of the card. You get those stickers from your Club representatives. For OCers, at regular Club meetings, the Membership table, Ambassador table and the Bus table all have stamps available. Just ask for them. On OC buses, the bus leader will have stamps as well.

Ski Council Days are noted on the OC Bus Schedule Calendar. The Club is not running buses on all Council days, but members can always purchase lift tickets via the links provided. As the season progresses, more Ski Council days will be added to the calendar. The Club will try to run buses on those dates if there is interest shown by members.

Another shared activity is racing. In the past, several Council member clubs would sponsor a racing schedule at various mountains. As interest in racing has waned, there have not been any Council recognized races offered. But this year, the OC's will try to offer one at Plattekill on Feb. 29, the day we have rented the whole mountain. More about this will be in future editions of the LiftLine. We need those interested in racing to contact your OC NYCDSC representatives to let them know who you are and what racing experience you have. We are looking for someone to be OC Racing Chair. The more interested members we have, the more likely we will sponsor a Council race.

If you have any questions about the Council, please contact your OC NYCDSC representatives. They will be happy to share their knowledge.

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



# ADMINISTRATION



Erin O'Brien  
Vice President for  
Administration

Save the date of Saturday, December 9th. That is when our holiday party will be happening at Franklin Terrace on Campbell Avenue in Troy. We will be selling tickets at meetings in November. A PayPal button will be up soon as well for them.

That is all from me this month.

See you out and about,

**Erin O'Brien**

Greetings OCers,

It is hard to believe that we are entering the last two months of 2023! Where did it go? It seemed to go by very slowly for me at times. At other times it went by way too fast. I do hope that you have all gotten to take advantage of the nice weather that we had in October!

A big thank you to everyone who came out for the Fall Foliage cruise. It turned out to be a beautiful day on Lake George. It is such a great place to spend a fall day.

The monthly Happy Hour will be happening on Wednesday, November 15th, at Junior's in Guilderland. It is in what used to be known as the Twenty Mall. That is at the corner of Routes 20 and 155. The hours are from 4-7. Please come out and get happy with your fellow OCers!

## 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 ( $7 \times 5 = \$35$ , 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](mailto:membership@ocskiclub.org)



## Annual Budget Vote Meeting

Thursday November 30, 2023

Meeting starts at 7:30 at the Albany PCC

## November Happy Hour

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, November 15th

**Location:** Junior's

2080 Western Ave, Guilderland, NY

**Details:** The hours are 4-7. Trivia starts at 6:30

Drink specials end at 5:30

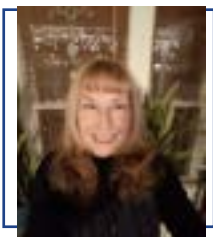




**BIG NEWS** - OC Board of Directors has cancelled the requirement to add a late fee if you forgot to renew on time or just did not renew for any reason but now want to rejoin.

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





## OC SECRETARY

Cynthia Ward

NOTES FROM OC BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 2023



### VP of Administration:

The Lake George boat cruise is October 14, The holiday party is scheduled for December 9 at Franklin Terrace, A Fundraising chair is still needed, Memberships are running slightly behind last year.

### VP of Organized Skiing:

The day bus schedule is taking shape and will be published soon. Stickers to take advantage of NYCDSC club appreciation discount days are available at the bus table, membership, ski instruction and the ambassador table. The NYCDSC will publish a calendar and provide copies of the discount days for distribution by the clubs.

The first bus to Big Snow, New Jersey was a great success and everyone had a great time. Another date for October 21 is scheduled, but this one will be a drive up. The lift ticket price for a 2-hour session (11 am – 2 pm) is still \$40.

All trips are open except for Jay peak.

Ski Instruction indoor training starts October 12. Clinics open to all members begin with Functional Movement Screen October 26, Stance/Alignment, Boot Fitting and Equipment in November, Ski Conditioning and Injury Prevention in December and Ski Tuning and Maintenance in January.

Volunteers are needed for the Winter Carnival at Plattekill on February 29. Kelly volunteered to co-lead the Smugg's trip.

### Old Business

The Volleyball Tournament was a great success with 12 more teams and 74 more participants from last year. Last year's tournament netted \$7978 with 52 teams and 239 participants. Preliminary results of this year's tournament with 64 teams and 313 participants indicate a net gain of \$11,263. Congratulations and thanks go to Gail for her work as administrative chair who got all the permits, did the shopping, and all the prep work and to Lynda as operations chair who coordinated all the volunteers and all the activities at the tournament itself.

Marketing: The website review is in progress. Fred announced that the club is getting a group discount for the Warren Miller movie at the Egg on November 3.

### New Business

Posting outside events, such as ski trips offered by other clubs, was discussed. It was decided that this information should be shared with our members by listings on the ski deals page on the web and links to the NYCDSC page where detailed information is posted.

Allowing members and committee chairs in particular to post to our official FB and Instagram pages was discussed. It was decided that this would be allowed, but that postings would be monitored by administrators to determine appropriateness of posts. The rules would be published at the top of the page.

The member vote on the budget will be November 9. The motion to appropriate up to \$700 to provide beverages to members on voting night was passed. The New Member Party will be held on December 7.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia aka Princess Snowflake



# Family Corner

## **Smuggler's Notch is open, Jan 12-15, 2024.**

Yes, that's Martin Luther King weekend. We are back to the mountain so many of us love to ski or ride on. Great glades, lovely cruisers, and easy slopes for beginners. A mountain where kids learn to be brave and clever. Evenings are spent laughing, playing board games, or visiting the pool and Fun Zone. No dull moments at Smuggs. Slow lifts that let you rest so you are ready for the next delightful run down. Treasures for kids under 3 will be available. Treasures has its own magic carpet for the little ones. SKi School All Day lessons are also available. If you haven't made your deposit yet, see Carrie Britt and Kelly Barlow at any Club meeting or download the application and mail it to the address given. Smuggs is filling up, so get your reservation in now. Remember you must sign up as a group to fill up a condo. Carrie and Kelly are taking names of people looking for roommates. **So don't hesitate and wait. Sign up now! Turn back date for rooms is the end of November.**

**Jay Trip will open in November.** The trip is April 5-7, 2024. Jamie Britt is your trip leader. If you stay in Hotel Jay, lift tickets and the waterpark are part of your package. Staying Stateside, just the lift tickets are included. Waterpark is extra. You can expect great skiing on one of the premier Vermont mountains. Great steeps and diamonds, wide cruisers and slow easy runs through beginner glades of Moonwalk. Here is a mountain that's great for learning how to ski trees and bumps. They are available at all levels of ability. You can even arrange a lesson with one of our expert OC instructors. We know there is a full solar eclipse on Monday, April 8th but you must make your own arrangements with the mountain to stay overnight Dec 7 (Sun). Call Jay now to make that reservation for Dec 7-8 to view the eclipse on the mountain. Information sheet and registration forms will be posted online for Jay trip.



**Maple Ski Ridge** is again offering our members and their families \$25 lift tickets 3-8pm, Wed – Fri, EVERY week of the season. Skiers over 70 ski free but must have a lift ticket. Just show your OC membership card. Kids will need the OC Jr ID cards. Maple wants everyone who is on the slope even if you are not using a lift to have a lift ticket. They do check. So be nice and get one at the beginning of your time there. Maple Ridge offers a great Learn to Ski program for kids and adults. They have both ski and snowboarding lessons. And their hot chocolate is a great way to finish off a snow session. Grab the family and head to 2725 Mariaville Rd, Schenectady, NY, for a great family evening this winter.

The Family Committee is looking for more ideas for events throughout the year, not just winter activities. If you have a suggestion, please contact Sylvia at [OCfamily@ocskiclub.org](mailto:OCfamily@ocskiclub.org).

Praying for Snow and looking forward to chasing the kids, grandkids and friends down the hills. If you hear cooing in the trees, don't panic. It's just us doing our thing as a family! Sylvia Haefeli, Family Committee Chair



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

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