



LIFTLINE

SEPTEMBER 2023

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Mark Wilder
President

Another summer is all too quickly passing by. Although the season will be changing soon, we are still biking, golfing, hiking, kayaking and playing volleyball. It's not over yet!

This month we will have the world famous OC Volleyball Tournament-our 51st year! Most of you know that the tournament is the largest fundraiser for the club and the largest social event of the year. It's continues success is what helps keep cost of the buses low. This event, like all other club activities, is run entirely by volunteers. So please consider giving some time during the weekend to help out. And this is the first year in many that Gail Marotti-Hossan and Bob Hossan will not be in running the tournament. So thank you for all the hard work and planning that you've put into this event. Lynda Heaney has stepped up and organized a committee to run the tournament this year. With Gail and Bob's guidance

the tournament is on to the next half century! Thanks Lynda.

We've just had a record breaking July and August for rainfall. Hopefully if the precipitation continues it will be in our preferred form – snow!! Ski trips have already opened and some have even sold out already. But you can still get on a wait list and sign up for another trip! And rain or snow the first ski bus will be September 30th. See Sylvia Haefeli for details and to sign up.

We are still planning a Lake George boat cruise in October-fall foliage time. If you have any ideas for events the club could run, don't hesitate to let us know.

Cheers,

Mark



Thursday - September 7th
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 with Subject "Website help"

Welcome to the September 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 website where you will get more detailed information plus the ability to sign up for that event, ski trip, etc.

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

Join in on the fun, on a trip to Big Snow! It's in East Rutherford, NJ. North America's only indoor year-round real snow ski and snowboard resort. Every Day is a Snow Day at Big Snow. \$40 is for a lift ticket only. Saturday, September 30th. First ski bus of 2023. The Bus Committee is taking in—person

cash sign-ups as well as payments using PayPal online.

A brief update on Trips. Winter Park and Banff have sold out. Lake Placid, Burke Mountain, Indian Head Resort NH, Heavenly, Quebec City, Sunday River will be accepting sign-ups on Thursday, September 7 at the PCC. As soon as we have additional information for the European, we will pass it along. We are completing a contract.

Keep in mind, for any trip, you can sign up either by email or in person. Your sign-up is incomplete until we receive a completed application, Copy of your Membership Card and your Deposit. Banff and the European trip require a copy of your passport.

If you're interested in a trip, talk to us. You don't want to miss out. All the trips are opening earlier and selling out.

Looking forward to a great winter.



[Detailed Information about Ski Trips are posted to the OC Website](#)

Many trips are OPEN for sign ups and selling FAST

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, **10 spots left don't miss out!!**

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, **SOLD OUT, sign up for wait list**

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

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

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

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 \$460 (+) 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!

[Sept LiftLine article from Alpine Buses](#)

Alpine Buses are starting the 2023-24 season with an outing to Big Snow in New Jersey, which is the 3rd largest mountain in New Jersey. We will run a bus Sept 30, Saturday. Pick up is 8 am at the regular pick up at Crossgates Mall (no second stop) and we leave the resort at 7:30 pm. Lift tickets are \$40 and purchased directly from Big Snow using the special promo code that is found on the OC website. As usual, you can pay for seats at meetings, Happy Hours or online at the OC website using PayPal. Seats are \$12 for members and their children ages 7-17. Guests are \$22. You will need your membership card for riding on the bus and also proper ID to pick up your lift ticket at Big Snow. It is a 2 hour ticket and the time starts when you actually get on the snow. Drive ups are allowed and you purchase the lift tickets directly online at the OC website. Our time slot is 11 am to 1 pm on Sept 30. Jeff Kenton says there will be lessons for anyone interested. Just contact him at meetings or Happy Hours. There is lots to do at the American Dream Mall which is located at the Meadowlands Sports Complex. There is an indoor amusement park, indoor water-park, the Giants Stadium (tours), indoor ice rink, 2 indoor miniature golf courses, plenty of stores from Hermes to discount shops, and restaurants. Lots to keep everyone amused after skiing/riding.

If Big Snow is a hit, we will repeat it Oct 21. This is the start.

Barb Sorrell and I (Sylvia Haefeli) are already shaping up the schedule for the season. Our aim is to get more mountains to give us discount tickets. The ski business is still evolving. Many members have purchased various season passes like Ikon, Epic, Indy and specific mountain passes. But there is still a large group of members who rely on the Club getting discount tickets. That is our goal this year. As members of the New York Capital District Ski Council (NYCDSC), you will have opportunities to enjoy Member Appreciation Discount Lift Tickets to several local ski areas. We will schedule buses to take advantage of these. Look for our next article in the October LiftLine and be sure to check out the OC website for more information as it becomes available.

Keep doing those snow dances so the buses roll on!

Sylvia Haefeli and Barbara Sorrell, Alpine Bus Co-Chairs.

[Want to Ski September 30th???](#)

Yes that is possible! The OC's are doing a bus trip to Big Snow at American Dream in New Jersey. 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 for details & to sign up](#)

You don't want to miss out on this opportunity for the 1st OC Ski Bus of the season as it's going to be a Blast!



AS THE SKI TURNS - OC SNOWSPORTS SCHOOL

Calling all Ski, Snowboard and Telemark Instructors. We will have our annual pre-season meeting at the PCC on Thursday October 12 at 6:00 PM sharp in the upstairs room. We will be discussing changes in organizing sessions, indoor and on the snow training, private lesson days. Brian Mieczkowski will attend this meeting to discuss training plans. For all existing instructors, I would like an update on your plans for the season, training plans, availability to teach, etc. For anyone interested in training to become an instructor, you should contact me and attend this meeting.

STANCE AND BALANCE CLINIC-Thursday November 30-PCC big room-6:00 PM sharp, An extremely popular annual clinic on everything you need to know about Ski Boots and how they effect your comfort and performance. Expert boot fitter Garrick Dardani will be conducting the clinic. Bring your boots if you wish for a free evaluation. More than just boots, Get an update on the latest in ski equipment.

CALLING ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS - OC Snowsports School is a PSIA certified school providing coaching as a free benefit for all members. Our instructors will be available whenever we run a single day bus. As in the past, there will be at least 3 Private Lesson Days where you can request your instructor for individual feedback. 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,SKI3,etc.,is there an instructor you would like to request ? You can send this information to skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org or see me at a meeting or Happy Hour. And back again this year is a December” Sharpen your Skills” weekend trip with instructors available both days. The dates are December 15-17,accommodations at The Golden Arrow in Lake Placid, Skiing at Whiteface.

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

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 am in a state of denial that summer is coming to an end this month. How could that be? I certainly hope that all of you have been enjoying the fruits, and veggies, that summer brings us! I plan on enjoying every minute of what is left of it!

Please join us at the last Happy Hour of the summer at On Tap, which is located in the Holiday Inn off of Route 9 in Latham, NY. The date is Wednesday, September 20th. The time is 4-7 pm. There will be food and drink specials created just for us. Come have some end of summer fun with your OC ski buddies!

The weekend before the Happy Hour is our biggest fundraiser- the Volleyball Tournament! Please consider volunteering to help out in some capacity at it or coming out to be a spectator at the event on Saturday, September 16th! It is always a fun time! Rain or Shine!

Keep your eyes on the website for any updates and /or new events. I have the October HH booked and am deciding on a date for a fall foliage cruise on Lake George On the Horizon.

It will be on one of these two dates – October 7th or 14th. If you have a preference for one them, please let me know at admin@ocskiclub.org. Thank you!

See you out and about,

Erin O'Brien

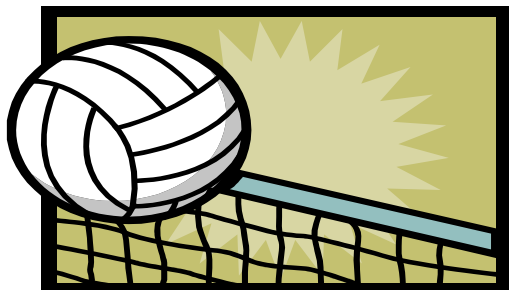




OC SKI CLUB 51st ANNUAL



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 or see your League Coordinator for a copy starting 7/24

[Click here for the registration link](#)
on OC Website

OK we need you to volunteer to make this special event be amazing as usual. You don't have to commit all day just a couple of hours either Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Come and see what OC volunteers do to make this Club special.

Email - vbtourney@ocskiclub.org



September Happy Hour

Wednesday September 20th 4:00 to 7:00

On Tap (bar/restaurant)

400 Old Loudon Road. Latham

Food and drink specials specific for OC

[On Tap Facebook page](#)





OC Golf Scramble

Saturday September 23, 2023 Shotgun start
Brookhaven Country Club - Porters Corners
4 person scramble \$75 members, \$80 guest
18 Holes with cart & dinner buffet.

[OC website for registration - Click here](#)

Only 3 weeks till tee time **Please sign up now!**
Open to all Members and their Guests



OC SECRETARY

Cynthia Ward

NOTES FROM OC BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 2023

The board met at the PCC on August 10th. Erin announced the dates of the coming HHs. The August HH at Maggie McFly's was well attended and another success. Thanks go to Judy Franze Tewey for arranging these gatherings. The September 20 HH will be at On Tap in Latham.

Erin has arranged for a boat cruise on Lake George for August 19 at 3:30 pm. If 20 sign up by August 12, the cost is \$30 or \$27 for seniors. If less than 20 want to participate the cost increases by \$5. Pay when you arrive.

Erin's nomination of Gail as Elections Chair was approved. Positions as chair of House, Fundraising and A&E have yet to be determined.

Membership statistics continue to improve. Online sign-ups, trip openings and emails are likely working to encourage the increase.

The first ski bus will run September 30th to the Meadowlands Sports Complex for some summer indoor skiing. A 2-hour skiing session is \$40 and the cost for gear rental excluding gloves is \$79.

The European trip to Val di Fassa, Italy will include a side trip to Milan. The trip will open as soon as details are confirmed. Since the Banff and Italy trips overlap, the attempt to stagger the dates, so members can attend both should they desire to do so, will be negotiated.

Smugg's has been scheduled for MLK weekend, January 12-15 with the same accommodations as before.

The 51st VB tournament is scheduled for September 16th with set up on the 15th and clean up on the 17th. The committee running the tournament this year includes Gail (Chair), Lynda, Jeff, Erin and Mark. As in the past, our biggest fundraiser and social event will include food and beer. Many volunteers are needed to ensure the success of this event. A letter soliciting volunteers will be emailed. Last year's tourney netted about \$8,000.

The web page Stage I update is underway with upcoming events listed and links to details. The calendar is now on the site with links as well. Stage II will include reviewing the site and updating content and remodeling which will be sent out for bids. This is not to be such a major change that will confuse our members, but should make the site easier for users to navigate. Thanks go to Fred Haefeli for taking the reins and spearheading the long-needed revision of the website.

Paying for a table at Freedom Park at \$100 as proposed by Frank Coleman was discussed. While a good idea, the cost appears to outweigh the benefits.

According to the OC Constitution, Applicant fees are currently at \$40; however, since the constitution was amended to remove this level of membership, the board discussed the need to designate fees for first year members. The term Applicant is now replaced with the term New Member in the Constitution and By-Laws. First year members (New Members) will continue to pay \$40 and will still be admitted to what was formerly called the Applicant Party for free.

Jeff reported that this year's snow expo at the Capital Center will be held November 11-12. He has negotiated that the OCs will have 4 booth spaces for the price of 3. Charges have been reduced for us from last year. More exhibitors and better attendance are expected this year.

It's back-to school time. Happy end of summer, Everyone!

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia aka Princess Snowflake

Family Corner

Let me introduce myself. Matt Wakefield and Eileen Finn-LeMatty have retired and now I am taking over this committee. We are still going to have buses, trips and events organized for our OC families. My daughters Carrie and Jamie Britt will be running the family trips this year.

Good News: **Smuggler's Notch** trip will be January 12-15, 2024. We are returning to Martin Luther King holiday weekend. Carrie Britt will be trip leader with help from me. The accommodations will be in the usual condos- Trailside Executive and the Willows like last year. Pricing will be slightly higher than last year but on the MLK weekend. The trip will open in September at the Happy Hour location.

Jay Peak is also scheduled for April 5-7, 2024. There is a full eclipse on Monday April 8 but that is not included in our trip. Jamie Britt will be trip leader and plans to open the trip in November. Rooms at Hotel Jay and Stateside are set aside for the Club. More details will be available in October.

If you have suggestions about events you would like to see held, just contact me at Family@OCskiclub.org or at any meeting or Happy Hour. I will be volunteering at the Volleyball Tournament and the Golf Tournament. In addition, I will be co-chairing the Downhill Bus Committee with Barbara Sorell.

Think Snow! Sylvia Haefeli Chair Family Committee



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](#)



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

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