



LIFTLINE

JANUARY 2024
NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Mark Wilder
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Another year has come and gone. I hope your holidays were happy and fun. We've already had our first trips of the season. The Whiteface Lessons and Luxury trip was a great success and we rang in the New Year in style in beautiful Quebec City. More trips are on deck. Most are sold out but a few still have some spots open and you can always get on a wait list.

Once again, Jeff Kenton is leading our OC Ski School. Lessons are available on all day bus trips from PSIA certified instructors at

a price you can't beat - free! Just another perk of the Club. See Jeff at meetings for more information on lessons and upcoming clinics.

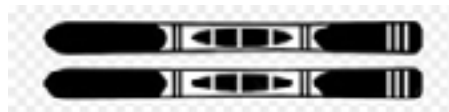
Greetings and welcome to our newest members! We're glad you chose to join us. If you are new to the Club, please stop by the Ambassadors table while at the meeting and talk to Mike Koutelis for more information on the Club.

Buses are rolling for our day trips. Stop by the Bus committee table to see the schedule and sign up for downhill and cross country buses.

Think Snow!
Cheers! Mark



Winter Schedule
Every Thursday in Albany
PCC Washington Ave Ext



There is an Event Calendar posted to the OC Website

It is on the "Upcoming Events" page

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

Not on the "OC Events & Trips" 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 are 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 offer to 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

We've got some exciting stuff coming up, so mark your calendars!

First off, our Bus Committee, Ski Instruction, Ski Council, and Trips Committee have all been hard at work planning some awesome adventures. If you're curious about their articles herein or want to stay in the loop, check out our website or follow us on Facebook for weekly updates.

Now, here's the big news: save the date for Thursday, February 29th – Leap Year Day! We're going all out with an OC Take Over of Plattekill for the Vintage [Winter Carnival](#).

2024. It's gonna be a blast! Here's the amazing news - Tickets are just \$20 for members and \$40 for guests, which includes a \$5 day membership fee. This is really vintage prices. These tickets will go quickly. Keep an eye out for updates on all the fun activities we've got in store, like games and competitions. We can't wait to see everyone there!

Just a friendly reminder, prices are guaranteed for the first 200 people, so make sure to snag your lift tickets early. You won't want to miss out on the Vintage price of \$20 Lift Ticket – talk about an epic deal! It's gonna be an absolute OC Party, so put in for the day off and get ready to hit the slopes with your fellow OCer's.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me at skiing@ocskiclub.org. I'm here to help! Also, we're looking for a couple of volunteers to help us with the Winter Carnival games and events. So, if you're interested in giving back and being a part of the fun, let us know!

Looking forward to shredding with you all soon!

Happy skiing! Lynda Heaney

email skiing@ocskiclub.org



Detailed Information about Ski Trips are posted to the OC Website

From the Alpine Trips Chair - Hey there! If you're a single male and in need of a last-minute chance to join the Indian Head Resorts, Ski New Hampshire trip, guess what? An opening just became available! It's the perfect opportunity to have an amazing time and meet new people. Don't miss out! But wait, there's more! We also have a room up for grabs on the Banff trip, ideal for double occupancy. Plus, there are two air spots available. However, here's the catch – this fabulous opportunity is only up for grabs until we secure the air tickets. Once that's done, sadly, we'll have to release it back into the wild.

So, if you're interested in either of these incredible options, don't hesitate to drop us an email at alpinetrips@ocskiclub.org. Act fast because these opportunities won't be around for long! FYI the Burke & Jay Peak trips are fully open for sign ups at this point

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

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

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

Val Di Fassa, Italy \$1878 (starts at), 7 nites, March 9-19, side trip to Milan **Closed email trip leader**

Banff, Canada \$1,979, March 19-26 **Just opened one double occupancy spot, email trip leader**

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

Dec 15-17 Whiteface \$253 (+) Golden Arrow Lakeside resort **Trip Completed**

Dec 29 - Jan 1 Quebec City New Years Trip \$520 **Trip Completed**

Jan 9-12 New Hampshire \$309 Indian Head Resort **Have a single male opening, 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 **(awesome price!!)**

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



The Buses Are Rolling, the Season is in Full Swing

Check the Bus Schedule on the website. We have made a few minor changes. Jan 5 is Pico, a ski council day. To get a lift ticket use the link on our page to get you to the NYCDS Council page. Pico is an IKON mountain. Jan 7 is Gore and they have agreed to let the few who need lift tickets to pay the group rate to us and we in return will pay Gore. We LOVE Gore, that mountain gets us.

Most of our members took advantage of the Epic and IKON passes and purchased them through the Club. We also did a great job of pushing the Sugarbush "Third Best Deal" tickets and the ORDA Ski3 pass for Belleayre, Gore and Whiteface. We are selling about 3 to 5 lift tickets per bus. That usually is too few to qualify for group discounts.

However, Gore, Whiteface, Magic, and Sugarbush all recognized this fact and will let us qualify for group discounts as long as there are at least 20 skiers/boarders on the bus. Good thing we demand 21 riders for the bus to run. This year we are going to try something new. The Cross Country group had a lot of trouble getting the minimum 21 riders for their buses last year. They ended up doing drive ups. Well this year, we are combining our buses. Whenever the Alpine bus goes near a Cross Country ski area, we will also sell seats to that group. Our buses so far this season have about 25-27 riders per trip, lots of empty seats. Thus the bus to Gore will also sell seats to those wanting to ski Garnet Hill. The Mt Snow bus will carry skiers for Prospect Mountain. The Whiteface bus will also go to Mt. Hoevenberg. Nordic Skiers and snowshoers should check the Bus Schedule to see what buses will be combined with them. Both Bob Priest and US (Alpine Bus) will keep track of the bus seat purchases. You can use PayPal or come to the Bus table at meetings to sign up. Both Alpine and Nordic will be at the same table.

There will be 4 private lesson days this year. You will need to sign up with Jeff Kenton at meetings for this event. Don't forget to also sign up for a seat on the bus with the Bus Committee.

Reminder: Walk Ons are welcome, but you must always go to the second stop to board the bus. Be sure you have a name tag with your phone number on all equipment bags. Often some bag gets left behind, and we scramble to find the owner. If you do leave items on the bus, come to the next meeting to retrieve it. Also, you can call Brown Coach in Amsterdam to see if they have your equipment. The most frequent item lost is a phone. They are known to slip between the seats and are easy to miss. Always check your seat and the floor around you for items that may have fallen.

The Bus Committee brings water on all bus trips to be handed out on the return trip. Often riders bring snacks to share as well. We really appreciate this, but after the snack has gone around the bus twice, please retrieve it and take the remainder home with you. Open bags of chips and popcorn usually end up spilling and leaving the bus in a mess. One thing we OCers pride ourselves on is leaving the bus clean. The bus leader and others will always walk through the bus at the end of trip to retrieve lost items and clean up the garbage. Garbage bags are hung from aisle seats. Please use them. We really appreciate your help.

Pray for lots of snow. We are doing our best Snow Dances!
Sylvia Haefeli & Barbara Sorrell, your friendly Alpine Bus Committee

email ocbus@ocskiclub.org



AS THE SKI TURNS - OC SNOWSPORTS SCHOOL

SKI AND SNOWBOARD LESSONS

The snow is falling, we are skiing. A benefit of skiing with the Club is the professional level of instruction on all Sunday & most weekday trips. We offer instruction for all levels of Skiing, Snowboarding, children and Telemark, all at no charge. Join us to get a tour of the mountain and meet skiers with similar interests. Sign ups for sessions on the Alpine Bus trips are usually taken on the bus. Prior arrangements for First timers, Snowboard and Telemark lessons are advised. On days when the bus trip is canceled, we can possibly make other arrangements to meet you at the resort. To learn more, stop by the Snowsports School table at any meeting or contact me at skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org

Save the Dates!

PRIVATE LESSON DAYS

This is another free benefit of joining our Club. This is an opportunity to ski with your favorite instructor and get some individual feedback. Sign up in advance for the 90 min. Private Lessons is available at weekly meetings, happy hours or any Club event.

FRIDAY January 19-Gore Mt FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16-Gore Mt FRIDAY MARCH 15-Gore Mt.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 29 - Plattekill - at [Winter Carnival](#)

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 self-er, what to look for when buying used skis, etc. A complete sharpen and wax tune up will be done at this clinic. We will cover everything from keeping you edges sharp to beveling, base repair, when you should get a machine ground tune up, hot waxing, the latest in ski technology, etc. Make the best of your time on the snow with equipment in the proper condition, open to all who wish to learn. Bring your skis if you wish.

This clinic will be led by OC Snowsports

LET IT SNOW!!!!!! **Jeff Kenton** **OC Snowsports School Director** email skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org

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. You order your lift tickets via the NYCDSC.org website. Instructions are listed on the first page of the website.

Killington, Pico, Stratton, Jiminy, Whiteface and many more have listed Member Appreciation days. More mountains are expected to also set up dates. Stay tuned for more information. All dates are listed on the NYCDSC website, so check there for more information.

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

Cliff notes for Bus Sign ups

- 1) Bus sign up info is on [this web page](#) (Note that we only list the next 6 buses for sign ups).
- 2) Please read the detail inside the day bus date grid - Don't just click on the PayPal button
- 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

[CROSSGATES MAP Link](#) - this is a exact "pin" location for the parking lot, next to the Tru by Hilton hotel
Also check out the Alpine Bus pick up locations info here [OC Pick Up Locations](#)

Recap of Whiteface Trip DEC 15,16,17

We had 3 days of great weather and great skiing, Warm weather, a little bit of fog, no rain until about 4:30 Sunday. The 32 skiers on the trip were joined with another 27 OCers from the Friday bus. With help from our ski school team, we gave a total of 47 lessons for the weekend. Nothing but praise for The Golden Arrow accommodations, staff, happy hour every day, food service, etc. Everyone on the trip wants to do it again.

Jeff Kenton - Trip Leader



WINTER Carnival

Attention all thrill-seekers and snow enthusiasts! The Out of Control Ski Club presents its annual Winter Carnival. Is a Take Over of Plattekill Mountain. Brace yourselves for a day filled with adventures, games, door prizes and a whole lot of retro fun! Shenanigans too!

We are starting the vintage feel with the classic lift ticket price. \$20 members and \$40 guests. What a deal! Buy your tickets now as sales are limited to the first 200.

Feeling competitive? Join our retro ski costume contest and show off your best throwback outfit. Whether you channel the iconic style of the ski bunnies or opt for the funky flair of the disco era, our panel of judges will be on the lookout for the most authentic and creative ensembles. The winners will receive epic prizes and, of course, the admiration of the entire ski club.

Of course, a Heaney Weenie Roast, you can expect a fun-filled atmosphere with plenty of laughter and good vibes. We'll provide all the necessary ingredients for the perfect hot dog, including buns, condiments, and a variety of toppings. Whether you prefer classic ketchup and mustard or want to get creative with relish, we've got you covered.

So, grab your vintage ski gear, gather your friends, and join us at the Plattekill Mountain for the Winter Carnival. Let's celebrate the spirit of skiing, embrace the nostalgia of the past, and create new stories to tell for years to come. This is an event you won't want to miss!

OC Website link for Winter Carnival [CLICK HERE](#)

Questions email skiing@ocskiclub.org



This could be you this year winning a valuable price for one of the cool activities during Winter Carnival

ADMINISTRATION



Erin O'Brien
Vice President for
Administration
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Greetings OCers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a lovely holiday season! For me it is still going on until Epiphany, which is the 6th of the month. May you all have at least one epiphany this year!

Our monthly Happy Hour will occur on Wednesday, January 17th, at BJ's Brewery on the corner of Wolf Road and Central Avenue in Colonie. They will have food and drink specials until 7. They have reserved the front bar section for us! See you there!

January Happy Hour

Date/Time: Wednesday January 17

Location: BJ Brewery

Corner of Central & Wolf Rd (On Wolf Rd)

Front Patio Room is reserved for the OC's

Details: Hours are 4-7 Great HH Specials!

BJ Brewery [Website Link](#)



Holiday Party Review

It was a grand old time with a full house. The event location had to ask us to leave or we would have been there till the wee hours of the morning!

Thanks Erin & Sharon!

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!!!!

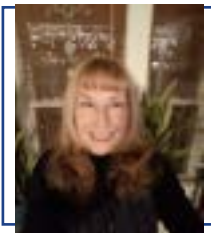
Questions email membership@ocskiclub.org

I would like to send out a BIG thank you to Sharon Gosden for selling tickets to the holiday party and for checking people in when they arrived at the event. Another thank you goes out to Chris Corbin for DJing! You had the dance floor hopping! Another thank you goes out to Santa Claus for helping pass out the door prizes and to Debra Kruzona for documenting the evening with her photos. Finally, thank you to everyone who got a little fancy in their holiday outfits and joined us for the party!

I hope that all of our snow dances work soon so we can get out on the slopes and have some fun!

See you out and about,

Erin O'Brien



OC SECRETARY

Cynthia Ward

NOTES FROM OC BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 2023



VP of Administration:

- Please see report in attachments for HH details at Fiden's on December 20th.
- The holiday party is scheduled for December 9 at Franklin Terrace. ~80 are expected to attend.
- Membership: See Membership Statistics attachment. Memberships are running slightly behind last year. Hopefully, tonight's party will draw a few more in.

VP of Organized Skiing:

- Please see report in attachments for committee updates.
- The day bus schedule is available and has begun to happen.
- All trips are open but with several approaching the cutoff date for return of unused rooms.

Old Business

- The Dicks store showcase was not very effective this year but 2 people did sign up (from other tables set up at the store). Advertising, or lack of, may have been accountable for this
- Website update presented by Fred did not generate many questions or comments. Report was filed

New Business

- Subsidizing the Plattekill Winter Carnival Day and if /how much to subsidize was considered. After much discussion, the motion to charge members \$20 and guests \$40 was passed unanimously.
- The Travel Symposium (MTS) was discussed including the costs; \$870 for the event which will be held in Lake Tahoe. Lynda Heaney will attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia aka Princess Snowflake



Family Corner

Hi Family Members - The buses are rolling. Remember you can bring your kids on the bus (ages 7 & up). Purchase seats at member price - \$12.

Our trips are selling well. Carrie Britt reports that the Smuggler's Notch trip, Jan 12-15, MLK weekend has sold 14 2-bedroom condos and 1 3-bedroom condo. There are still condos available for late comers. That means over 60 people are going to enjoy 4 days and 3 nights at Smuggler's Notch, best family resort in the US. IF you want anyone to join ski school at the mountain, or need Treasures for under age 3, you must call the resort now to make your own arrangements. Mention you are with the OC Ski Club and there is a discount. The sooner you call, the more likely they will have space for you. This is a busy vacation weekend and spots fill up quickly. Carrie Brittrand Kelly Barlow can give you more information.

The Jay trip for April 5-7 is starting to fill. Contact Jamie Fabrizio for information and registration forms. If you stay at Jay Hotel, lift tickets and water park are included. Rooms at Stateside include lift tickets. Water park is extra. See the Jay Peak trip on the website for more information.

Plattekill is Feb 29 Thursday, so plan a day off for you and your family and join the Club as they take over the mountain. This is our [Winter Carnival](#) and the theme is "Vintage." So dig out those old stretch pants and ski sweaters to amuse the kids with our stylish past. We are planning a race that day as well. It will be on a blue slope. Both skiers and boarders are welcome. Hopefully it will be a Council race. Lift tickets for members will be \$20 each and guests are \$40. Guests are welcome. Games and fun will be on the menu.

We've had a tough last 2 weeks but snow is on the horizon and the ski areas are making snow. By now, most of the trails are open and lifts working, so come and join us on the mountains. Skiing and riding will free your Soul. Come commune with nature. Turn off that computer and phone and join us as we glide in paradise.

"The family that glides together, has joyous fun together!"

Sylvia Haefeli, OC Family Chair. email family@ocskiclub.org





Information about the remodeled OC website

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.

To sign up for the weekly update email, Cross Country news, Family Corner go to this web page [Email Lists](#)
It is up to you to sign up. We do not automatically put you on an email list

Guess where this photo was taken. **Free Bus Ride** voucher to the winner!

Resort & location

If you are in the photo you are not eligible. Even though you might have forgotten! 😊

email
marketing@ocskiclub.org



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 a major yard sale.

Holiday Party Saturday December 9, 2023



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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