



# LIFTLINE

APRIL 2024  
NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Mark Wilder  
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Don't put those boards away just yet! There's still snow in them thar hills! We skied into April last year and we can do it again. Some of the best skiing of the season is still available. Sun filled days, soft snow, and cold beers on the deck. What a great way to end the season!

Coming up in April, the first ever Eclipse bus. And the last one for another 20 years, so don't wait! We are running a bus or two to Whiteface. Ski and experience the eclipse. Also, coming up on May 3, is the annual installation banquet, this year at the Normanside Country Club. Officers and Board members for the coming season will be introduced. Don't forget the Die Hard Skier/Rider awards. If you scored

20 or more days on the slopes let us know. It's been a challenging ski season so lets share our accomplishments with our fellow OC'ers.

Soon we will be getting out the bikes, golf clubs, kayaks and other toys of summer. But for a little while longer, we can still get some fun out of winter.

See you on the slopes,  
Cheers! Mark



**Still Winter Schedule**  
**Every Thursday in Albany**  
**PCC Washington Ave Ext**  
**Thru End of April**



## Election Results

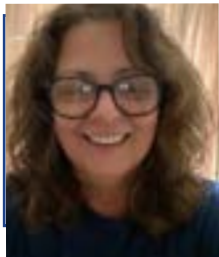
### ANNOUNCING THE 2024/2025 Officers and Board of Directors

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Board - Sylvia Haefeli  
Board - Doug Harrington  
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Board - Rich Livsey  
Board - Cynthia Ward



# SKIING



Lynda Heaney  
Vice President for  
Organized Skiing

Stay Safe While Enjoying Outdoor Activities: The Importance of a Medical ID Card or Updated phone Medical Information.

When you're out and about, whether hiking in the mountains or enjoying a day at the beach, safety should always be a top priority. One simple way to ensure your well-being is by carrying a medical ID card or making sure your phone is up to date with your medical information.

A medical ID card can provide vital information to first responders in case of an emergency, such as any medical conditions, allergies, or medications you are taking. This can help them provide you with the appropriate care quickly and efficiently.

Alternatively, many phones now come equipped with a feature that allows you to input your medical information, such as emergency contacts, blood type, allergies, and medical conditions. This information can be accessed even when your phone is locked, making it easily available to anyone who may need it in an emergency.

By taking a few minutes to set up your medical ID card or update your phone with your medical information, you can enjoy your outdoor activities with peace of mind, knowing that you are prepared for any unforeseen circumstances.

Stay safe and have Fun!

Lynda Heaney email [skiing@ocskiclub.org](mailto:skiing@ocskiclub.org)



## **Epic and Ikon passes discounted rate thru the OC Ski Club**

### **Season pass program for Members only!**

**Hey everyone! As we gear up for booking our out west ski trip, we're thrilled to announce that this season we'll be exploring 2 Ikon and 1 Epic destination with our amazing tour operator.**

**And guess what? For those who purchase through our special link, you'll receive a fantastic \$50 land package credit for full Epic or Ikon passes, and a \$30 land package credit for Epic Local or Ikon Base passes. How awesome is that?**

**Some fantastic savings up for grabs. First-time Ikon pass holders can enjoy \$90 off the new Ikon pass price (now \$1159 instead of \$1249), and the Ikon Base pass is available at \$829 instead of \$869. Renewal pricing is even \$10 less! Please note that there's no group pricing program for the Ikon Base Plus pass.**

**This group member pricing offer will be valid until the beginning of September, but remember that price increases will kick in. The first deadline to lock in the lowest pricing is May 3rd, so don't miss out on these amazing deals!**

**Just reach out to Lynda Heaney at [skiing@ocskiclub.org](mailto:skiing@ocskiclub.org) she will answer any questions you may have.**

**Let's hit that group minimum purchase to unlock this discount – remember, we exceeded it last year!**

### **Ski trips the OCs did this season!**

Heavenly in South Lake Tahoe, Winter Park in CO, Val Di Fassa in Italy, Banff in Canada

Whiteface lessons trip, Quebec City New Years Trip, New Hampshire, Smugglers Notch, VT  
Sunday River Maine, Burke Mountain VT, Jay Peak VT

## Exciting Western and European Destinations for OC Alpine Trips Upcoming Trips

Get your passports ready and your ski gear prepped because OC Alpine Trips is gearing up for some unforgettable adventures! We're thrilled to share with you our upcoming choices for destinations that are sure to make your heart race with excitement.

For our Epic Pass holders, we have our eyes set on the picturesque landscapes of Switzerland, including the breathtaking Andermatt-Sedrun-Disentis and the world-renowned Les 3 Vallées in France. We're also considering the charming Vail in Colorado and the stunning Park City in Utah for a truly unforgettable experience.

If you're an Ikon Pass holder, get ready for an epic journey to the majestic Zermatt Matterhorn in Switzerland, the vast Grandvalira Resorts in Andorra, and the captivating Palisades Tahoe in California. We're also exploring other intriguing options like Copper Mountain in Colorado, Jackson Hole in Wyoming, and Tremblant in Quebec.

Amidst all these thrilling possibilities, Whitefish shines as a unique gem waiting to be discovered, offering a different kind of adventure for our group.

Stay tuned as we delve into the planning process in the weeks to come. The excitement and anticipation for these upcoming trips are off the charts! Remember, we'll be selecting just one European destination, so the suspense is real. Get ready for unforgettable experiences and cherished memories as we embark on these incredible journeys together. Adventure awaits with OC Alpine Trips!



### The OC Ski/Ride Awards are making a triumphant return!

The Diehard Skier Award and Empty Wallet Award are back! If you've skied 20 days or more this season, let your fellow OC'ers know. Share your pride in your accomplishment. And for the one who skied the most days (unpaid), you could score the highly coveted Empty Wallet Award! Just think how great it'll look on your wall!

To secure your spot on the list of OC Champions, shoot an email over to [skiing@ocskiclub.org](mailto:skiing@ocskiclub.org) with your name, award information, email address, and cell number. It's time to show off your snow skills and claim your well-deserved recognition in the ski club.



# Alpine Bus Committee



April is starting off with 4/1 Sugarbush (bus leaves Crossgates at 6:30 am sharp). You get to use your bonus ticket from the 3rd Best Deal offer or IKON. With the recent snowstorm, Sugarbush is in great condition. 4/5 is the last Friday bus to Gore. 4/7 is Killington (the Umbrella Bar is calling your name!) and 4/8 Whiteface and the Eclipse. The Bus committee is supplying free special glasses for this event. \$40 lift ticket too. If people are interested, the Bus committee will go where the snow is until our membership no longer fills a bus. Be sure to check out the website for additions to the bus schedule.

As of March 15, the average ridership was 32 per bus. That is a big improvement over last year's season. We have run 19 bus trips so far with an additional 4 still to go. Private Lesson days were well received and special trips like Mt Snow Reggae are back on the schedule. Maybe Moguls at Killington will have the Pig Roast and we can run a bus for that event.

Let us know how you liked the schedule this year. What changes we should make. One change under consideration is returning to the 5 pm time for leaving a mountain. Many have asked for this. We have tried to offer Alpine and Nordic skiing options on the same bus. It was a really tough season for Nordic. So many areas failed to stay open or offer skiing. Most just offered snow shoeing due to poor snow falls. We will continue combining the 2 groups next year.

If you would like to learn how to run a bus or help out at the Bus table during meetings, Barbara and I would love to welcome you to joining us. Stop by our table and talk to us.

Thanks to everyone who made our job easy. We appreciate all you do.

Sylvia Haefeli & Barbara Sorrell, your friendly Alpine Bus Committee      email [ocbus@ocskiclub.org](mailto:ocbus@ocskiclub.org)

[CROSSGATES MAP Link](#) - this is an 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](#)



## AS THE SKI TURNS - OC SNOWSPORTS SCHOOL

### SKI AND SNOWBOARD LESSONS

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. To learn more, stop by the Snowsports School table at any meeting or contact me at [skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org](mailto:skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org)

LET IT SNOW!!!!!! Jeff Kenton OC Snowsports School Director email [skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org](mailto:skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org)

### Recap of Burke VT Feb 14-16

The OC Ski Club recently embarked on an exhilarating adventure to Burke Mountain, and it was nothing short of epic! Nestled in the heart of Vermont, this hidden gem offered our members the perfect mix of challenging slopes and breathtaking views.

From the moment we arrived, we were greeted by fresh powder and clear blue skies, setting the stage for an unforgettable day on the slopes. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a newbie looking to conquer your first black diamond, Burke Mountain had something for everyone.

The thrill of racing down the mountain, the laughter shared on the chairlift, and the sense of camaraderie among our Club members made this trip truly special. As the sun set behind the peaks, we couldn't help but feel grateful for the memories made and the bonds forged during our time at Burke Mountain.

So, if you're looking for your next winter adventure, look no further than Burke Mountain with the OC Ski Club. Join us for an experience that will leave you breathless and craving more!

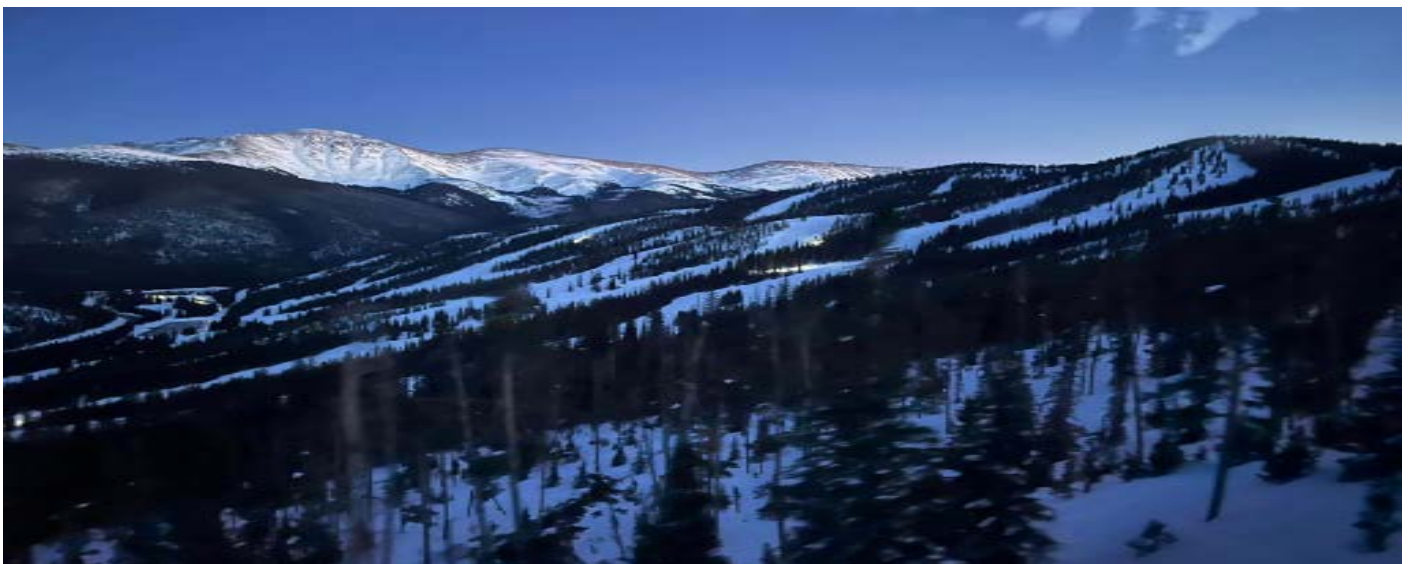


## Winter Park Trip review Feb 25 - March 3

Well we're back from Winterpark, and Colorado didn't disappoint! When we got there we had almost a 250" base, and the following day we got another 8 to 10" dropping.

The place was one hundred percent open, and I have to say that I beat myself up when we got all the freshies. It took a couple of days to get my legs back! There were no complaints about conditions or weather, as the Gods treated us well.

A lot of us are heading to Banff in the morning to try and beat up another mountain! Ski ya!



## Italy trip review March 8-16

The 2024 trip to Val Di Fassa, Italy was a great success. On March 8th the O.C. Ski Club headed to Italy for ten days of skiing and exploring. The Dolomiti Superski resort with over 450 interconnected lifts and 1,200 km of trails is one of the largest ski resorts in the world. It definitely did not disappoint.

After landing in Milan, our journey began with a scenic drive through picturesque green valleys, where medieval forts and churches greeted us at every turn. Upon arriving at our hotel in Canazei, we were welcomed by warm Italian hospitality and breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains. The well-groomed trails and modern lifts made navigation easy, while off-piste options added an extra challenge for those that dared. We were fortunate to receive about 10" of new snow one evening. The apres-ski scene offered a fun place to unwind after a hard day of skiing. The highlight of each evening was our group dinner at the hotel. We shared stories of the day's adventures while indulging in bottomless glasses of wine, mouthwatering cuisine, and decadent desserts. The hotel's onsite spa offered a range of rejuvenating treatments and facilities, including steam rooms, saunas, and hot tubs. Perfect after a day on the slopes. Everything contributed to an unforgettable skiing experience.

The Milan extension was full of sightseeing and shopping. We saw historic landmarks such as the imposing Sforza Castle, the iconic La Scala opera house, and Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper". We strolled the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, an elegant nineteenth-century arcade with a stunning glass and iron dome, ornate facades, and high-end shopping. We stood in awe of the Gothic architecture of Milan's largest cathedral, Duomo di Milano. Several of us even got to witness a beautiful sunset from the massive cathedral's roof. Smaller groups took trips to Lake Como, Florence, and Venice. The trip was filled with great people and unforgettable memories. Amiamo l'Italia! (We love Italy!)



# NYCDSC NEWS

Cynthia Ward, Rex Lyons and Sylvia Haefeli are your current representatives on the NY Capital District Ski Council for 2023-24. The Council meets monthly on the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is April 3 at Brown's Brewing Co. in Troy. Anyone can attend these meetings and discuss Council business. The Council has a Board of Directors, several officers, and representatives from 19 area clubs who make up the Council. April 3 is elections for people to serve on Board of Directors ( 6 Directors), President, VP of Skiing, VP of Admin, Treasurer and Secretary. Anyone can run for these offices. Just come to the meeting at 7 pm. The Council needs more people to participate.

One major activity of the Council is to solicit from ski mountains, member appreciation days. This year the Council had over 50 days set up with reduced lift ticket prices. In the Fall, the Council holds an online auction of various ski related items that are donated. The Council also pays for a booth at the 2 Adirondack Expos. This allows the individual clubs to reach out to prospective members. The OC's are always represented at these events.

If you are interested in participating in the Council, please see our current reps for more information. To be an official OC rep on the Council, you have to be appointed by our OC Board of Directors. To be elected to the Council Board, you just need to attend the election on April 3 at Brown's, Troy 7 pm. So volunteer and give back to the skiing community. Become involved with the Council.

## ADMINISTRATION



Erin O'Brien

Vice President for  
Administration

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Greetings OCers,

Welcome to Spring! I hope that many of you got to enjoy the early spring snow storm that brought some much needed snow to the Northeast. The pictures that I saw on FB and the OC page showed how good the conditions looked! Let's hope that it holds up for a bit with April showers headed our way.

We do hope that it isn't showering on Wednesday, the 17th, for the monthly Happy Hour! It is being held at Ryan's Wake, which is on River Street in Troy. There is parking next to it in a public lot. The hours are 4-7 pm. The deck is one of the best in the area!

## April Happy Hour

Date/Time: Wednesday April 24

Location: Ryan's Wake

403 River Street, Troy

Details: Hours are 4-7

Door Prize Raffle

[Website Link](#)



Coming up on May 3rd is our installation banquet. It is being held at the Normanside Country Club in Delmar. I know that it will be a fun night!

Speaking of installations, I would like to congratulate all of the winners of positions in our Club elections. Thank you to all who opted to run for an office or the board. It means a lot to have people willing to volunteer their time to help run our favorite Club!

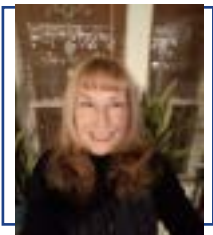
I am already thinking about the eclipse bus on the 8th to Whiteface. The pictures will be great! Let's hope it is a bluebird day! And after that the lead up to May flowers! Enjoy the rest of your ski season!

See you out and about,

**Erin O'Brien**







# OC SECRETARY

Cynthia Ward

NOTES FROM OC BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 2024



Report of the VP for Administration:

- Please see report in attachments for HH details at O'Toole's on March 20th.
- The Installation Party will be at Normanside Country Club on May 3. Details to follow.
- Membership: See Membership Statistics attachment. Memberships are up slightly.
- Nominations continue tonight at the business meeting with elections to follow in two weeks.

Report of the VP of Organized Skiing:

- Please see report in attachments for Plattekill summary. 20 new members attended.
- So far we have sent 16 buses with an average ridership of 32.2/bus.
- There will be a bus to Mount Snow on March 23 for the Reggae-fest.
- There will also be a bus to Whiteface to view the total eclipse. The lift ticket is \$40.
- Substantial refunds for participants on the Winter Park trip are due to those whose accommodations were substandard.

Old Business

- Gail submitted the report on the Volleyball Tournament. It was most successful. The team did a great job and will run the next tournament on September 14, 2024.

New Business

- Fred Haefeli reminded the Board that a review of the recognition policy is in order.
- Mike Gosden summarized his email to the Board (see attachment) to remove the \$25 trip cancellation fee. After considerable discussion on the motion to rescind the \$25 fee and review after 2 years made by Cynthia and seconded by John, the motion was defeated. It was decided that those who feel the fee should be waived for reasonable circumstances can petition the Board for review and this fact should be shared by trip leaders with trip participants.
- Maureen Kline addressed the board to suggest that the Club issue OC Medical ID cards for members to keep with their ski pass in case of injury. All agreed that this is a good idea.
- Mark reminded everyone that nominations would be continued at tonight's business meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia aka Princess Snowflake

## **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](mailto:membership@ocskiclub.org)

# Family Corner

## **Hello Families**

The Ski season is winding down. April 5-7 is the annual Jay Peak trip. The trip is full and everyone is looking forward to a great time skiing, swimming, and partying. We do it all at Jay. I'm thinking about Timbuktu and Valhalla, 2 of my favorite trails. I will introduce them to the grandkids. Just listen for the cooing as we tear through the trees and glide in Kokomo. I'm sure the wind on the Flyer is cold as usual.

4/8 is the bus to Whiteface for a day of skiing. At 2 pm the lifts shut down while the eclipse occurs. The bus committee is supplying everyone with special glasses. Sign up and bring the kids for this unique event. The next full eclipse is 2144, so you might not get a chance to see one again. Kids are welcome on the bus.

I am already thinking of the summer. I was planning on scheduling 2 trips to Big Snow, perhaps one in August and one in September or September and October. Let me know what you like. I have booked Smuggler's Notch for 2025 MLK weekend. Put that on your calendar. I will be looking for a trip leader.

Keep up the snow dances, they are working. I could use a surprise snow storm at Jay. It does happen up north. Winter ain't over yet!!!

Sylvia Haefeli, OC Family Chair. email [family@ocskiclub.org](mailto:family@ocskiclub.org)



OK here is Fred at Fred's Slot

So what ski resort is he at?

Get a [free membership renewal](#) for the first to get the correct answer. Deadline for correct answer is 5/1/24

And no Rich you were there so you are disqualified 😊

email [marketing@ocskiclub.org](mailto:marketing@ocskiclub.org)

# Volleyball League Registration

Online Registration for the OC Summer Leagues Opens Thursday April 4

League Formats Include: Monday: Competitive co-ed 4's  
Tuesday: Competitive and recreational co-ed 6's

Registration is required for all league play. [Online registration](#) will remain open until each league is full. Participants must be members of the OC Ski Club and over the age of 18. Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

In-Person League Registration: Thursday April 25 (if necessary) at 7:00 pm

Clean-Up Date: Saturday May 11 at 10:00 am (one member per team must attend)

League Play Begins: Week of May 13 at 6:00 pm

Fall Volleyball Tournament: Saturday, September 14 (save the date!)

For more information on volleyball and to contact the Volleyball Committee, visit this [OC website web page](#) We look forward to seeing you on the courts!!



**Photos, Photos, Photos we need photos!** Our library of photos is getting old & dusty. We need new photos so please email [marketing@ocskiclub.org](mailto: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.

**We are still in our active winter 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.**



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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