



# OC Ski Club Liftline

September 2024

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Corner  
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Another summer is all too quickly winding down. Although the season will be changing soon, we are still biking, hiking, kayaking and playing volleyball. It ain't over yet!

The world famous OC Volleyball Tournament is coming up 9/14 -- our 52nd year. It is the biggest fundraiser for the Club and its continued success is one of the reasons the cost of riding the day buses is as low as it is. Lynda Heaney has stepped up to run the tournament again this year, but of course she needs lots of help to do it. This event, like all others we do, is run entirely by volunteers. So if you haven't signed up yet, please let Lynda know that you can help out that weekend.

Our new A&E chair, Kate Karlok, is busy planning some social events for the upcoming season. If you have any ideas for new events you would like to see happen, she would love to hear from you.

On to skiing. The trips are open and some have sold out already, but get on the wait list if you are interested. I've heard some say there are too many good trips; it's hard to choose, but you can't go wrong with an OC ski trip! And if you can't wait to get on the boards, we are planning the first ski bus trip for late October and another in November. The destination is Big Snow in NJ. Start the season off early.

Cheers,

Mark

## ***The Annual Budget Vote Meeting is in October!***

The 2024-2025 budget vote is on **Thursday, October 10th, 6:30-9:00 p.m.** at the PCC. See page 3 for details of the proposed budget (also available on the [OC website](http://www.ocskiclub.org)).

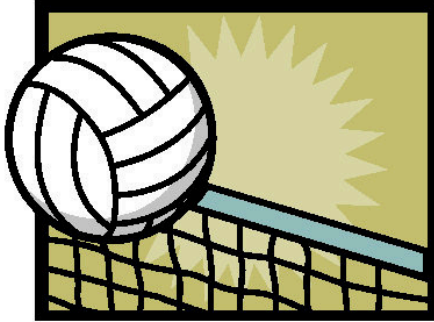




# OC SKI CLUB 52<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL



## VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



SAVE THE DATE !!!!

Register Early !!!

**Saturday**

**September 14**

**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](http://www.ocskiclub.org) a copy will be mailed to last year's captains on 8/09/24

### Maple Ski Ridge

2725 Mariaville Rd. Schenectady, NY 12307

Gate opens at 7:30 a.m. Play begins at 9:00 a.m. SHARP!

To register or for more information, click this [LINK](#).

**Players:** \$70 in advance; \$75 if paid after September 6th.

**Visitors:** Admission is free. Meal/beverage tickets available.

**We need volunteers** to run this important event and make it a success! Help is needed for setup, during the day, and afterwards for cleanup. If you'd like to help with this - our biggest event of the year - please step up!

Any questions or to offer your help, email [vbtourney@ocskiclub.org](mailto:vbtourney@ocskiclub.org)



# 2024-25 Budget Proposal

In this fiscal year which ends May 31, 2025 we are projecting a budget deficit like last year, only smaller. The summary of this forecast is in the table below. We project that our dues, a little higher than last year, will continue to be lower than in pre-pandemic years. Public relations costs will be much lower now that the new website is complete. Ski bus expenses are the biggest unknown as usual. For budget purposes we are assuming a similar number of buses this year as last year but this may be wrong.

The net result is a projected loss of \$12,700. But considering we had large net surpluses during the pandemic years, a loss of this magnitude can easily be absorbed for several more years before we need to raise prices. The Board of Directors recommends the approval of this proposed budget which will be put to a vote next month.

## OC Ski Club 2024-2025 Budget Proposal

<b>Income</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Last Year</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Last Year</b>
Dues	34,000	31,300	PCC rental	13,000	12,600
Volleyball	12,800	14,300	Public Relations	6,600	10,400
Other	5,500	3,700	Activities & Parties	3,000	2,500
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>52,300</b>	<b>49,300</b>	Insurance	1,500	1,100
			Recognition Awards	6,500	5,600
			Ski Buses	29,000	28,500
			Instruction	4,200	4,200
			Misc.	1,200	900
			<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>65,800</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-12,700</b>	<b>-16,500</b>			



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## Exciting Update: New Pickup Location for Albany Day Buses

We have some fantastic news to share with you. Our day Alpine buses have a brand-new pickup location in Albany, and we couldn't be more excited! We've relocated to Crossgates Commons, right next to Walmart, making it easier than ever for you to hop on board for your next mountain adventure. Exact details will be posted to the OC website and shared with members in early October

We hope this new spot enhances your travel experience and makes it super convenient for you to locate the morning bus. As always, don't forget to stay updated with the latest information regarding our trips. Be sure to check the OC website regularly for any updates or changes to our schedule.

If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out to me or your trip leader. We're here to help and ensure you have a wonderful experience!

Happy travels, and we can't wait to see you on the bus!

Warm regards,

Lynda Heaney - VP for Skiing





## Ski Trips Update

YOU LOST ME AT  
I DON'T  
SKI

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

**Jan 25 to Feb 1 Jackson Hole, WY** \$1490, airfare included **NEED ONE MALE, ONE FEMALE**

**Feb 23-March 1 Vail, CO** \$1,975 airfare included, **SOLD OUT!**

**March 9-16 Switzerland, Flims, LAAX.** Will be open for signups early September.

**March 22-29 Copper Mountain, CO** Airfare included, **OPEN FOR SIGNUPS**

### Eastern Resorts USA Trips

**Dec 13-15 Whiteface** drive-up, starts at \$245 **OPEN FOR SIGNUPS**

**Jan 7-10 Indian Head Resort, NH** starts at \$379 Three nights & meals **OPEN FOR SIGNUPS**

**January 17-20 Smugglers Notch, VT** - ski in ski out, drive-up - **Martin Luther King Weekend**

**Feb 9-14 Sunday River, ME** - starts at \$490, drive-up or coach **STILL OPEN!**

**February 23-27 Tremblant, Quebec** Price \$460 plus bus. **OPEN FOR SIGNUPS**

**March 11-14 Bolton Valley, VT** drive-up, signups start in October.

**April 4 -6 Jay Peak, VT** drive-up, stay tuned for updates.

Let It  
SNOW

For more detailed information about any OC ski trip  
go to the OC website

Some trips are OPEN for signups and selling FAST  
[CLICK HERE](#) FOR THE OC WEBSITE TRIPS PAGE



## Alpine Bus Committee

Welcome back, everyone. Like last year, the Downhill Bus Committee and the Cross Country Bus Committee are merged for this season. Barbara Sorrell, Cathy Marvin and I (Sylvia Haefeli) will co-chair the group. We are currently creating a schedule starting with October 26 - Big Snow, New Jersey. We have included the following mountains: Killington, Sugarbush, Pico, Okemo, Mt. Snow, Stratton, Magic, Gore, Whiteface, and Belleayre. We are hoping to add Bromley and Hunter to the mix. For Cross Country, we are talking with Mt. Top, Garnet, Viking Nordic, Prospect Mountain, Ole's Nordic, Mt. Van Hoevenberg, and Lapland Nordic. Pretty impressive list!

Where possible, both Alpine and Nordic will share buses. If Nordic increases in numbers, then they will start running their own separate buses. Our hope is the Nordic group increases dramatically in numbers over the season.

Browns Coach has informed us that **the bus stop in Crossgates has moved across Washington Ave. Ext. to Crossgates Commons. The new stop will be to the rear of Walmart.** The lot is off the lower level of Walmart. We are posting a map on the website to help you find the new location.

The second stop is at either Exit 12, Malta, in the lot opposite Panera's; or Rte. 7, Walmart. Park&Ride remains the same. The price of a seat has NOT changed - \$12 for members and their children (age 7-17) and guests \$22. Thank Leadership for holding the price down despite the increase in the price of buses. We still require a minimum of 21 riders for a bus to run. All seats are prepaid. Walk-ons must go to the second stop before loading. This is to make sure that everyone who prepaid has a seat.

Like last year, only 6 bus dates at a time will be available for signups on the website. Information about lift tickets will be explained with the bus sign-up. Each mountain is different. Those with passes – Epic, IKON, INDY, or season pass – can use them. If we get a discount price, there will be instructions on how to get the lift ticket. You can ride the bus and not ski, your choice.

If you are interested in skiing/riding Sugarbush, January 24 (Friday) and April 4 (Friday), and you don't have an IKON pass, consider purchasing the "Best Deal" offer on the Sugarbush website. For \$99 + tax, you get a lift ticket for the January date and a bonus ticket to use for the April date. This is a limited-time offer.

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Check out the Downhill pages on the OC website for information about lift ticket deals that are being offered this season. Caution - if you want to get the Vermont 4-pack, go to [their website](#) in the beginning of October to get the date of the sale. Last year they sold out in 15 minutes. Be ready to go on the site exactly at noon. They offer a wait list, and they did come back to those on the wait list with a chance to purchase the Vt4 pack. Be sure to put your name on the wait list. The Indy pass sold out last spring, but they also run a wait list and will contact those on the list with an opportunity to purchase the pass.

Weekly meetings start in October and we will be there to sell lift tickets and bus seats for Big Snow, which goes on sale mid-September on the website. Look for us in our usual place. Come chat. We are so ready to start the snow season this year. Snow dances are appreciated.

**OC Bus Committee** email [ocbus@ocskiclub.org](mailto:ocbus@ocskiclub.org)  
**Barbara Sorrell, Cathy Marvin and Sylvia Haefeli**



## Family Corner



### **Hello OC Families!**

We are back, planning for the 2024-25 ski season. The Smuggler's Notch and Jay Peak trips are scheduled. We have new trip leaders from the Family group. Chris Bendon and Colleen Bruecken Hudson will be the leaders for Smuggler's Notch, Martin Luther King Weekend, January 17-20, 2025. This is always a fun trip to a great mountain. April 4-6, 2025, are the dates for Jay and the leader will be Tracy Cook. Watch for the opening of Smuggs in October and, later in the fall, the opening of Jay. Both are drive-ups and families are welcome!

**Seasonal rentals.** So many children of members grow out of equipment, and it is costly to keep buying new or even used equipment for kids. But with a seasonal rental from one of the local ski shops, you get skis, boots, poles, and bindings (naturally) or snowboard with boots and bindings. They are professionally adjusted to your child's skill level, age, and yes, weight. And if the child grows

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out of the boot size, you can go back to the shop and trade in the current boot for a bigger fitted boot. My grandson needed larger boots midseason last year. We went back to the shop and they fitted him and adjusted the ski bindings at no charge. So easy. Seasonal rentals are also **great for returning skiers** who have taken several years off and find their old skis so "out of date." Consider seasonal rentals also **for newbie adults** who want to learn but are not sure if they will enjoy the sport. Rentals at the mountain for one day cost almost as much as seasonal rentals from local shops! High Adventure, Rte. 7, Latham, just reopened for the season August 1. Play It Again Sports, Rte. 7, Latham, rents both skis and snowboard packages. Alphin Haus, Amsterdam and Clifton Park, also rent equipment. Consider Steiners in Glenmont and Valatie, Alpine Sports Shop, Saratoga Springs, or Sports Page, Queensbury, which specializes in racing equipment as well as general ski and snowboard. Tune Skis, Glenville, has snowboard, cross-country and downhill skiing rentals. These local shops have reasonable rates, provide maintenance, and support the local snowsports clubs.

Also be sure to **get your equipment tuned** at the beginning of the season, and during the season. Here in the east, we have ice and that means sharp edges. My rule of thumb is beginning, midseason, and, if I am going out west, then too. The Club has a professional ski school and provides clinics about boot fitting, stance, fitness and, best of all, tuning skis. Want to learn more? Talk to Jeff Kenton, our ski school director, at any meeting.

Next year beginning in August, the Family Committee will put on a workshop at the PCC on Board meeting night about seasonal rentals, answering all your questions. **Big Snow, NJ, Oct. 26, Saturday**, will be the first official bus of the season. Kids (age 7-17) are welcome to ride the bus and drive-downs are allowed. You can pay for bus seats and 2-hour lift ticket: \$38.99 (a \$30 savings) via PayPal online September 17 or at meetings starting October 3. Big Snow is at the Meadowlands Sports Complex, NJ, and American Dream Mall. See the event schedule for details. The bus back won't leave until 6:30 p.m. This is a family event. Guests are welcome too!

Remember, **the first stop for buses has changed** -- now behind Crossgates Commons, across from the lower level of Walmart. See the map on the Alpine Bus web pages. Do those snow dances!

**Sylvia Haefeli, Family Committee Chair**

[family@ocskiclub.org](mailto:family@ocskiclub.org)





## **AS THE SKI TURNS - OC SNOWSPORTS SCHOOL**

Back again is an early season "Sharpen your Skills" trip with instructors available for the entire weekend.

**December 13-15, Whiteface Mountain**

**Accommodations: The Golden Arrow, Lake Placid**

Last year we had great early season skiing with a happy hour Friday and Saturday afterwards. It's a great way to start the season right with some feedback on your skills. You can sign up online or see me at a Happy Hour or OC meeting.

### **Calling all ski, snowboard and telemark instructors!**

We will have our annual **pre-season meeting on Thursday, October 10** at 6:00 pm sharp in the upstairs room at the PCC. We will be discussing plans for the season, indoor and on-the-snow training, and private lesson days. Brian Mieczkowski will attend this meeting to discuss training plans. For all existing instructors, I would like an update on your availability to teach, training plans, etc. For anyone interested in learning more about training to be an instructor, please contact me at [skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org](mailto:skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org) or attend this meeting.

### **ANNUAL OC CLINICS**

**FUNCTIONAL MOVEMENT SCREEN** – Thursday October 24. PCC big room - Brian Mieczkowski. 5:30 p.m.

**STANCE AND BALANCE CLINIC** – Thursday November 21. PCC big room - Garrick Dardani. 6:00 p.m.

**CONDITIONING & PREVENTING SKI INJURIES** – Thursday December 12. PCC big room - Kelly Chang. 6:00 p.m.

**SKI CARE & TUNING CLINIC** – January 2025 - Date TBA

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?

Send this information to [skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org](mailto:skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org) or see me at an OC meeting or Happy Hour.

Let it snow!!!

**Jeff Kenton**  
**OC Snowsports School Director**



## New York Capital District Ski Council (NYCDSC)

### *NEWS*

#### *Fundraising: Public Service Announcement*

Well, OCers, I really am back, after a 20-year leave of absence. It's still less than a year, and I've gone from a Co-Chair to a Chair in what seems like the blink of an eye. And what form of magic was that where I suddenly find myself Vice President of the New York Capital District Ski Council, an organization with 14 clubs and over 4,000 members.

As Chair of the OC Fundraising Committee, I have vowed that we will be more than button-pushers. I am printing up a brand new line card with a possible 36 items on it, which you will be able to purchase at the OC Fundraising table; or you can fill out a show-of-interest/order form.

I am also fundraising for the NYCDSC, among many other things. We are arranging to bring in guest speakers, and we already have a Happy Hour Fundraiser scheduled for July 4, 2025. The NYCDSC meets the first Wednesday of each month as follows at Brown's Brewing Co., River Street in Troy:

- September 4, 2024
- October 2, 2024
- November 6, 2024

We also need volunteers to work the NYCDSC booth at the Adirondack Sports Winter Expo in Albany (November 2-3, 2024). There will be a signup sheet at the OC Fundraising table. There will also be a signup sheet at the fundraising table at the "Spring Skiing" Adirondack Sports Summer Expo in Saratoga Springs.

That is enough for now. Hope to see you in the mountains. Remember, everybody wants to be your friend.

Sincerely,

*Rexford Lyons*

National Ski Patrol Reg. #294780

OC Member #12592

PSIA Reg. #438870

FCC Reg. call sign "Mountain"! Really. Goes back to 1978.

**Epic and Ikon passes discounted rate through the OC Ski Club season pass program for members only!**

**Exciting news for all OC Ski Club members - we've got an exclusive deal on Epic and Ikon season passes for our upcoming out west ski trip! With trips on our schedule to incredible destinations like Copper Mountain, Jackson Hole, and Vail, this is a winter adventure you won't want to miss.**

**When you buy your pass through our special link, you will 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. It's a one-time discount that adds even more value to your ski season!**

**OC Discount on Ski Passes - [Click Here](#)**

**For more info or to secure your pass, just reach out to Lynda Heaney at [skiing@ocskiclub.org](mailto:skiing@ocskiclub.org) and she will answer any questions you may have.**

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**Hey OCers,**

Our Happy Hours are going strong! And, of course, we're eagerly anticipating the Club's annual volleyball tournament at Maple Ski Ridge on September 14. I'll undoubtedly have more to report as our ski season gets going.

Enjoy the cool fall weather!

See you around,  
**Steve**



If you want to sign up for ski trips and other events, **YOUR MEMBERSHIP MUST BE CURRENT.** If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership.

The Club's calendar year starts on June 1st.

Questions, email [membership@ocskiclub.org](mailto:membership@ocskiclub.org).

Instructions or renew online [CLICK HERE](#)

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**Our next OC meeting is Thursday, September 5 at the PCC (6:30 p.m.).**

Starting October 3, we will back on the winter schedule of weekly meetings.

Check the **Upcoming Events** for any changes to this schedule.

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Our next happy hour is **halfway to St. Patrick's Day!**

**Wednesday, Sept. 18**  
**4-7 p.m.**



**Ryan's Wake**

403 River Street, Troy 12181  
(518) 270-9253



*Lots of giveaways -- St. Pat's beads,  
koozies, etc.*

Wear your green!!

OC upcoming event [LINK](#)



*Save  
the Date*

Our Holiday Party is booked for Saturday,  
December 7, at **The Century House**  
997 New Loudon Rd.  
Latham, NY 12110

**Board meeting minutes** will be  
updated in the next *Liftline* issue.



OC SECRETARY  
Gail Marotti-Hossan



# OC Annual Golf Scramble!

**Saturday, September 28**

Brookhaven Golf Club

Porters Corner, NY

*Tee time - noon??*

*Greens fee & cart included*

*Après-golf buffet dinner & party included*

This event is ready for signups. Use the link below.

[OC Golf event link](#)

Questions? Email [ocgolf@ocskiclub.org](mailto:ocgolf@ocskiclub.org)

**Fred & Sylvia Haefeli, OC Golf**

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## Refer a Friend to Your Favorite Club!



The OC Ski Club \$5 referral program is still in effect. You will save \$5 per referral on your membership renewal. That means **you can get a free OC membership if you get 7 friends to sign up!** Who better to recruit new people but our current members?!

Questions, email [membership@ocskiclub.org](mailto:membership@ocskiclub.org)

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The OC Ski Club is run by dedicated volunteers and we could use some more good souls.

It's not that hard to help out!

Email:

VP for Admin [admin@ocskiclub.org](mailto:admin@ocskiclub.org) or

VP for Skiing [skiing@ocskiclub.org](mailto:skiing@ocskiclub.org)





We need your photos of all the cool places you've been and things you have done. Please post to the OC Facebook group page or email to [marketing@ocskiclub.org](mailto:marketing@ocskiclub.org)



The OC Ski Club is a member of the New York Capital District Ski Council (NYCDSC). As an 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 - [Click Here](#)

### Officers

- Mark Wilder - President
- Steven Ford - VP for Admin
- Lynda Heaney - VP for Skiing
- Gail Marotti-Hossan - Secretary
- John Wimmer - Treasurer

### Board of Directors

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