



## oc ski club Liftline

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President's
Corner
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December has finally rolled around — the snow is starting to fall and our ski buses are ready to roll! Some ski areas have already opened. The ski bus schedule is on line and available at the Bus Committee table at every weekly meeting. Don't forget that there will be free ski instruction available on all ski buses by our ski school of PSIA-certified instructors. The ski trips are filling up fast and some trips will have to start turning back rooms/air fairly soon. So don't delay!

Coming up this month is our annual holiday party, this year at the Century House in Latham on December 7th. Thanks to Kate Karlok! It will be a great time.

As I write this, I'm preparing to go "under the knife" for a knee replacement which will put me out of commission for this season. Bah humbug! So I'm depending on you all to take up the slack. I want to hear all about everyone's great adventures this season!

A happy, healthy and safe holiday season to all!

Cheers, Mark



REMEMBER ...

OC meetings at the PCC are now on a weekly basis every Thursday.

## Signup deadline is Dec. 3!



OC Webpage to signup - CLICK HERE



VP for Skiing Lynda Heaney skiing@ocskiclub.org

## Hey There, Fellow Ski Enthusiasts!

As we glide into the final stretch for sign-ups, excitement is building for our upcoming ski adventures. The turnback dates are fast approaching, so now's the perfect time to secure your spot and join your fellow ski enthusiasts for unforgettable experiences on the slopes.

This season, we have a fantastic selection of trips that promise not just thrilling runs but also amazing camaraderie among friends. Whether you're a seasoned skier or a beginner looking to hit the slopes for the first time, our destinations cater to all skill levels and preferences. From breathtaking mountain vistas to cozy après-ski gatherings, there's something for everyone!

To explore the various trip options, head over to our website, where you'll find detailed information about each destination, including dates, pricing, and what to expect. We're confident that you'll find a trip that excites you!

If you have any questions or need assistance with the sign-up process, don't hesitate to reach out. Our team is here to help you every step of the way. Whether you need additional information about a specific trip or have general inquiries, we're just a message away.

Don't miss out on the chance to create lasting memories with your OC ski buddies. Grab your gear, gather your friends, and let's make this ski season the best one yet!

PS - Check out our tips (see next page) for making the most of your lift ticket dollars.





## **Getting to Know Lift Ticket Prices**

Whether you're new to our ski club or just returning after a little break, diving into the world of lift ticket prices and discounts can feel a bit overwhelming. But don't worry—we've put together some friendly tips to help you save some cash and make the most of your time on the slopes.

Before you hop on the bus to your favorite ski spot, it's a good idea to get familiar with lift ticket prices. Many of our bus riders are seasoned pros with season passes from popular resorts like Epic, Ikon, or Indy. If you're among those without a season pass, don't fret. Buying your lift tickets in advance is the way to go. Seriously, ordering online early can lead to some pretty sweet savings! The earlier you buy, the better the deal—it's a simple way to stretch your budget.

#### Check Out the "Ski Three" Discount Card

If you're planning a day on the slopes at Whiteface, Gore, or Belleayre, you'll want to look into the Ski Three discount card. For just **\$60** (available until early December), this little gem gives you a whopping 50% off window prices during the week and 25% off on weekends. It's a fantastic way to enjoy skiing without draining your wallet!

#### Make the Most of Council Days

Another fantastic opportunity to save is by taking part in Council Days. The New York Capital District Ski Council (NYCDSC) offers these special discounts on designated days, making it even easier to hit the slopes for less. Just remember to **grab a sticker for the back of your membership card** during Club meetings or while on the bus—this will help you maximize those savings. And if you have any questions or need a hand, don't hesitate to reach out to your fellow members; we're all in this together!

With these tips in your back pocket, you're ready to make the most of your ski club adventures. Keep planning ahead, explore all your discount options, and remember, we're here to help each other out. The slopes are calling your name, and with a little savvy shopping, you can enjoy them without stressing about costs.



Happy skiing, everyone!



## Ski Trips Update



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

Jan 25 to Feb 1 Jackson Hole, WY \$1490, airfare included SOLD OUT

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

March 9-16 Switzerland, Flims, LAAX. 10 Spots left, deadine Dec 5 to sign up

March 22-29 Copper Mountain, CO Airfare included, 3 SPOTS LEFT! Don't wait

The open spots at publishing deadline. Could be less by the time you read this.

## Eastern Resorts USA Trips

Dec 13-15 Whiteface drive-up, starts at \$245 CLOSED

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, MLK Weekend, OPEN FOR SIGNUPS

Feb 9-14 Sunday River, ME - starts at \$490, drive-up or coach STILL OPEN! 6 Rooms Left!

February 23-27 Tremblant, Quebec Price \$460 plus bus. 4 Spots left!

March 18-21 Bolton Valley, VT lodging & lift tickets included, open for sign ups

April 4 -6 Jay Peak, VT drive-up, trip to open for sign ups in Janurary



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

**CLICK HERE** FOR THE OC WEBSITE TRIPS PAGE



Please note that we have XC days already planned out. They are in conjunction with the Alpine bus schedule. Check them out <u>HERE</u>.

We are also checking into other XC-only days. A special email blast will go out to the folks on our Cross Country email list soon. Please be on the lookout for it. If you have any questions beforehand you can always email the XC folks at <a href="mailto:ocxcskiing@ocskiclub.org">ocxcskiing@ocskiclub.org</a>.

Not on the XC email list then sign up <u>HERE</u> Plus any other list like weekly updates, volleyball, etc.

Let it Snow!



# SKIBUS

## Hello Bus Riders!

The buses are rolling, and the season is off to a great start. As I am writing this, the first major snowstorm has hit the mountains around us. The Dec. 8 Killington bus is filling up. Whiteface Dec. 13 and Stratton Dec. 15 will also run. If the weather continues to bless us, I expect lots of buses to run this season.

Just a few reminders: skis & boards must be in bags when loaded on the bus. Be sure to put your name on the bag with your phone number. Makes it so much easier for us to return them to you when you leave them on the bus. Be sure to put a name & phone number on your boot bag as well. We ask you to label your bags for Nordic (XC) or Alpine (Downhill) in big letters. If we have a full bus, we will insist that all boot bags are stored under the bus. You may bring just your boots on board, but they must be stored in the rack over the seat or under your feet. Seats are for people, not boot bags.

Yes, we still will be offering bottles of water on the return trips and we ask when you share food (the best part of the return trip) that you take with you any leftovers. There are garbage bags up the aisle, so please use them. For this season, weekday buses (Friday) will leave the Alpine resort at 4:30 p.m. and weekend buses (Sunday) will leave at 5 p.m. We are trying to accommodate our different groups that use the buses. In most cases the Nordic group will unload second and load first. The Alpine group will usually be first off the bus and last on the bus at the resorts.

The **biggest change** is the location of the start. It will be at **Crossgates Commons** behind Walmart. When you drive in the back, look for the huge Brown Coach bus. Please park as near to the bus as possible. All buses leave Crossgates Commons at 7 a.m.

Nordic Skiers: Cathy is setting up a Nordic email list and has some special plans in mind for the coming season. She hopes to set up some Nordic Saturday buses and do some meet-ups when conditions are especially good. Go to "About US" at ocskiclub.org to find a link for signing up for the Nordic email list. Starting in January, the buses will go to an Alpine resort first and to the Nordic destination next. The bus will stay at the Nordic resort and will reload in the late afternoon to return to the Alpine mountain to pick up the skiers. The bus will then return home.



Nordic skiers will place their ski bags and boot bags in the bus bays according to stop: 1 & 2 for Albany, 3 & 4 for Exit 12. It is advisable that Nordic skiers have name tags with phone number and in large letters say NORDIC on both their ski and boot bags. When the bus unloads at the Alpine stop, care will be taken to leave those bags on the bus. The leader of the Nordic group will watch to make sure nothing is left behind when the bus leaves.

We need both Alpine and Nordic bus leaders. We did training Nov. 21 but anyone interested can stop by our table and we'll be happy to train you.

Last item: **Possible 3rd stop** on buses going north to Whiteface, Killington, Pico and Okemo. If we get at least 5 paid seats, we will stop at Exit 20 at the Warren County Building Park & Ride to load those passengers. In that case, Bay 3 is for the 2nd stop and Bay 4 is for the 3rd stop. So if you want to get on the bus at Exit 20, you must be sure to tell us when you purchase a seat on that bus. If the bus doesn't stop because we don't have enough sign-ups, we will contact you by email, text or phone call to discuss your pickup. So be sure to **always give us your phone number.** We will let you know by Wednesday for a Friday bus and Friday for a Sunday bus. We won't accept 3rd stop riders after Wednesday for the Friday bus and after Friday for the Sunday bus. We have to make all bus decisions by noon on those days.

So much information! We have updated the bus policy, available on the website. Go to About US to find the policy manual, section 14. Also check out the bus procedures under Buses. We aim to please and try hard to meet your expectations. If you have any questions, just email us at <a href="mailto:ocbus@ocskiclub.org">ocbus@ocskiclub.org</a>.

See you on the bus and keep up the Snow Dances - they are working!

OC Alpine and Nordic Bus Committee
<a href="mailto:ocbus@ocskiclub.org">ocbus@ocskiclub.org</a>
Barbara Sorrell, Cathy Marvin and Sylvia Haefeli



### 2024-2025 OC Bus schedule

October 29, 2024

Note we offer discounted group lift pass when available.

Discount NYCDSC days, included with OC Membership

Buses leave from Crossgates Commons at 7:00 am

Buses leave the ski resort at 4:30 weekdays & 5:00 weekends

Bus fee for Members is \$12 Bus fee for OC Guests \$22



Go to the OC Website to download the PDF file
This has been updated on 10/29/24
BUS SCHEDULE

NOTE: Alpine and Nordic Buses combined all season

Schedule is subject to change due to weather & ski conditions. Always check <u>www.ocskiclub.org</u> for the most up-to-date information.

# Buses start rolling on Sunday December 8th Taking Sign ups NOW Click HERE for Bus Sign up page

New Albany pickup location is at Crossgates Commons
NOT
Crossgates Mall







## NY Capital District Ski Council Notes

The Council (NYCDSC) meets monthly on the first Wednesday of the month, 7-8 p.m. on Zoom. Anyone can join the meeting; just send a message to the Council at <u>nycdsc.org</u> that you want to attend the Zoom meeting live. Jim Tunney is the President. Our own Rex Lyons is VP of Skiing. John Hurley was appointed Race Chair at the November meeting. Cynthia Ward and I (Sylvia Haefeli) are OC representatives.

Eighteen area ski clubs belong to the Council. Some are ski clubs like ours, others are college clubs, and one is based in NYC. Visit the website to review all the clubs that belong.

At the December 3 (7-8 p.m.) meeting at Brown's Brewing Company, Troy, NY, Tom Moran of Albany Med Trauma will be speaking on injury prevention. Anyone is welcome to attend. The Council is also holding a raffle for a "Basket of Cheer" donated by Brown's Brewing. You can obtain tickets at the meeting, also scheduled on Zoom. Just contact the Council via its website for the Zoom information.

One purpose of the Council is to give member clubs access to Skier Appreciation Days that many mountains offer. If you visit the nycdsc.org website, you will find a headline on the main page for Council Days. Just click on it and discover all the mountains, dates and lift ticket prices available. Currently, Killington, Pico, Whiteface, Stratton, Bromley, Snow Ridge, Catamount, Berkshire East, Greek Peak, and Maple Ridge offer Council Days. You will need an OC membership card with an orange Council sticker on the back to get your discount lift ticket. Most only offer one ticket per membership card. For children, we have a Junior ID card (\$6) that you can purchase at the membership table. Be sure to get a Council sticker also.

As more ski areas offer Council Days, I will pass on the information here.

Racers -- for future reference: Bromley offers a Wednesday racing program for adults, called the Innkeepers Race Program. \$175 for a seasonal pass is good on Wednesdays only, from January to the end of the season. You must be part of a 5-person race team and race for the 8 Wednesdays of racing. Then you can use the pass for the rest of the season. You must participate in the racing program in order to get the pass.

**Teams for the 2025 season are already set up** and the pass is no longer offered for this year. However, we will remind you this summer about this opportunity for 2026 season.

Sylvia Haefeli and Cynthia Ward OC Council Representatives

## Family Corner



## Hello OC Families!

The season has begun. There is snow "in them that hills" and our buses start rolling December 8 to Killington. Kids 7-17 are welcome on the bus. If any kids need lessons, just contact Instruction ahead of time to make arrangements. Kids or grandkids are \$12 with member signing up. Guests are \$22.

We are trying to set up a **third stop of the bus going north** to Whiteface, Killington, Pico or Okemo. We need 5 people signed up for a bus who want to get on at Exit 20, Warren County Building Park & Ride. When you sign up for the bus online or at meetings, let us know that you prefer the third stop. If we get the required 5 then the bus will stop. We will let you know either way via email, text and Facebook.

**Smuggler's Notch** is filling up, with over 60 signed up already. If you want to go, now is the time to contact Chris and Colleen, trip leaders, and tell them you are interested. Just email <a href="mailto:Smuggs@ocskiclub.org">Smuggs@ocskiclub.org</a> to discuss with the trip leaders.

**Jay Peak** is opening in January after the holidays, but contact Lynda Heaney now if you have questions. The trip is scheduled for the first weekend of April.

Some good news: Council days are listed on the NYCDSC.org website. Killington, Pico, Whiteface, Stratton, Jiminy Peak, and Snow Ridge are just some who are offering discounts on specific dates. Maple Ridge is offering \$25 lift tickets Wednesday to Friday every week of the season. Just show your membership card. Kids will need a Jr. OC ID card (\$6) from Membership. You can order them online or get them at meetings.

If you need a Council sticker for the back of your membership card so you can take advantage of a Council day, come to any meeting at the Bus table, Membership table and Instruction. We all have stickers. They will also be available on any bus trip.

Looking forward to seeing our families on the bus, on the snow, and on trips. Cross Country will be starting up in January and kids are welcome on those outings too.

## Happy skiing/riding!

Sylvia Haefeli, Family Committee Chair family@ocskiclub.org





## AS THE SKI TURNS - OC SNOWSPORTS SCHOOL

#### SKI AND SNOWBOARD LESSONS

OC Snowsports School is a PSIA-certified school providing coaching as a free benefit for all members. No matter what your ability, OC Snowsports School offers free downhill coaching on most single-day bus trips. There will be at least 3 private-lesson days where you can request your instructor for individual feedback. This season we will also make instructors available on some of the drive-up days.

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 more details at any meeting, Club event, Happy Hour or <a href="mailto:skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org">skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org</a>.

#### **PRIVATE-LESSON DAYS**

An opportunity for some individual feedback with your choice of instructors. Advance signups for the 90-minute private lessons and more information available at weekly meetings, happy hours or any Club event.

FRIDAY January 10 - Gore Mountain FRIDAY February 28 - Gore Mountain SUNDAY March 9 - Gore Mountain

#### **CONDITIONING & PREVENTING SKI INJURIES**

Thursday December 12. PCC 6:00 p.m. 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 & conditioning circuit designed specifically for skiers to build strength and prevent injuries.

#### SKI CARE AND TUNING CLINIC

Thursday January 9. PCC 6:00 p.m. sharp. Learn how to take care of your skis, determine when they need tuning, do minor repairs or do complete tuning yourself. We will also be discussing the latest in ski technology.

#### **CALLING ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS**

Our instructors are available whenever we run a single-day bus. This season we plan to make 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
- Whether you have a pass: ICON, EPIC, SKI 3, etc.
- Whether there is an instructor you would like to request.

#### Let it snow!!!

<u>Jeff Kenton</u>
<u>OC Snowsports School Director</u>
<u>skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org</u>

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 started on June 1st.

Questions, email membership@ocskiclub.org

Instructions or renew online CLICK HERE

VP for Administration Steven Ford admin@ocskiclub.org



## Hey Ocers,

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving enjoying the company of family and friends. Get those edges sharpened and skis waxed. The 2024-25 ski season is upon us. We have some exciting events coming up so be sure to mark your calendar.

This year's Holiday Party will be held December 7th at The Century House in Latham from 6-10 p.m. There will be dinner, dancing, trivia, giveaways, and tons of fun to be had by all. The cost is \$60 per person. Tickets will be on sale during our weekly membership meetings and are available to purchase online. The last day to buy tickets is December 3rd. Be there or be square! If you happen to see Kate Karlok, tell her thank you for all her hard work in planning what is sure to be a great party.

Our next Happy Hour will be held December 18th from 4-7 p.m. at O'Toole's Restaurant, 1814 Central Ave., Colonie (in Kohl's plaza). There will be food and drink specials available. Come celebrate the holiday season with your OC family! If you happen to see Judy Franze there, please buy her a drink and give her a big thank you for all her hard work in organizing the happy hours. I couldn't do it without her.

We just held our annual New Member Party, and we broke last year's fundraising record. A big thank you to our fundraising chair, Rex Lyons, who tirelessly sells buttons, decals, patches, pens, membership pins, koozies, signs, hand warmers, and of course 50/50 raffle tickets to raise money for the Club. I am also excited to announce that Out of Control Ski Club T-shirts and socks will soon be available for purchase at our fundraising table. Be sure to come to a weekly membership meeting and check them out.

Be well & think snow!

### Steve



## Wednesday, Dec. 18 4-7 p.m. <u>O'Toole's Restaurant Pub</u>

1814 Central Avenue (Kohl's Plaza) Albany, NY 12205 (518) 464-1200

Giveaways, great food and drinks.

Come celebrate the holidays!

OC upcoming events LINK



## OC SECRETARY Gail Marotti-Hossan secretary@ocskiclub.org

The OC Ski Club 2024 2025 Board of Directors met on November 7, starting @ 6:39pm.

IN ATTENDANCE: MARK WILDER, STEVE FORD, LYNDA HEANEY, JOHN WIMMER, GAIL MAROTTI-HOSSAN, GREG BOCKIS, MATT FABRIZIO, JUDY FRANZE TEWEY, FRED HAEFELI, SYLVIA HAEFELI, DOUG HARRINGTON, LAUREN HARRINGTON, JEFF KENTON, RICH LIVSEY, CYNTHIA WARD.

#### **VP for Administration**

o Membership Stats – our numbers slowly continue to improve

o Activities coming up: Happy Hour(s), New Member Welcome Party (11/14), Holiday Party (12/7)

#### **VP for Organized Skiing**

o Trips booked: Jackson Hole, Vail, Sunday River, Copper, Films LAAX (Switzerland), Whiteface, NH, Smuggs, Tremblant, Bolton Valley, & Jay Peak

o Big Snow experience cancelled for lack of signups

o Winter Carnival will be at Pico, on Friday, March 14

#### **Old Business**

·Volleyball Tournament netted ~\$6,500; \$2,500 lower than projected in 23/24 budget and \$4,500 lower than last years. Largest factor was facility rent was doubled but other vendor prices saw increases as well.Discussion of new location being actively pursued.

o Volleyball League remained profitable to run despite increase in court rental.

•Golf event was a success without a snag

#### **New Business**

●The OC Ski Club will send a representative to MTS once again this year

● Family Committee and comp were discussed. Sylvia Haefeli has been appointed to be the Committee chair. Due to the arrangement of the Bus & Trips committees the comp has been reduced from what was awarded in the past

● Bus Committee comp has been increased due to the re-arrangement of the Day bus & XC bus committees

Membership processing fees were discussed and clarified.

●An Incident report was submitted to the Board: the Board moved into an executive session (non-board members were asked to leave the meeting) to review and discuss. It was agreed that an action was necessary... a letter will be sent to the member to provide a written warning and a reminder of the OC policy.

Next Board Meeting: December 5th @ the PCC, 6:30 pm

#### **Motions:**

1. Approve Budgeted expenditure, up to \$1,000 to send Lynda Heaney to MTS in April 2025

**Passed: Unanimously Motion: Cynthia Ward** 2nd Gail Marotti-Hossan

2. Appoint Sylvia Hafeli to position of Family Committee Chair

**Passed: Unanimously Motion: Lynda Heaney 2nd Cynthia Ward** 

3. Reinstate recognition comp to the family committee, value of \$45

**Motion: Cynthia Ward** 2nd Matt Fabrizio **Passed: Unanimously** 

4. Raise Bus committee comp to \$900 (increase of \$100) to support rearrangement of 2 committees

2nd Matt Fabrizio **Passed: Unanimously Motion: Cynthia Ward** 

**5.Switch Board Meeting to an Executive Session** 

Motion: Gail Marotti-Hossan 2nd: Lynda Heaney **Passed: Unanimously** 

President will write a letter notifying a member of the filed incident report and the board recommended actions

Motion: Gail Marotti-Hossan 2nd: Doug Harrington **Passed: Unanimously** 

Motion to adjourn

Time: 8:03 p.m. Motion: Gail Marotti-Hossan **2nd Doug Harrington Passed: Unanimously** 



#### Thanks to our volunteers at the OC booth!

Adirondack Sports Winter Expo Albany Capital Center Movember 2-3. 2024





## 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











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 <u>HERE</u>



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Contact a Committee Chairperson - Click Here

#### **Officers**

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