



# OC Ski Club Liftline

**November 2024**

[www.ocskiclub.org](http://www.ocskiclub.org)

President's  
Corner  
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Here we are in November already! Can the snow be far behind? We never know, so get those skis and boards tuned and ready to go.

Trips are selling fast and several are sold out already but there are many opportunities still available. Don't wait too long, though, because rooms and air have to be turned back if not sold by a certain date. The Bus Committee has completed the season schedule and they are ready to go. First bus will be to Big Snow in NJ to get the cobwebs out and have fun with OC friends.

Coming up is the Winter Expo at the Albany Convention Center November 2-3. We will have a table there as usual to recruit new members. Admission is free so stop by and check it out. Happy Hour to follow. Then on November 14, we will have our annual New Member Party at the PCC. Free beer and munchies and lots of raffle prizes. Let's all join in to welcome new OC members. Also coming up will be the annual Holiday Party at The Century House in Latham on December 7. Don't miss this one.

**Cheers,  
Mark**



## REMINDER

OC meetings at the PCC are now on a weekly basis, every Thursday (except Thanksgiving).

# Annual New Member Party Thursday Nov. 14, 2024 All new members get in **FREE**



**OC SKI CLUB – NEW MEMBER PARTY**

INVITING ALL RETURNING AND NEW MEMBERS (GUESTS TOO) !!!

Thursday, November 14, 2024  
Polish Community Center  
225 Washington Ave East  
7:00pm to 9:00pm



Advance tickets (purchased on-line w/PayPal) by Nov. 7th

- \$10.00 – Members
- \$15.00 – Guests

Tickets purchased online after November 7 or at the door

- \$15.00 – Members
- \$20.00 – Guests

ADMISSION IS FREE FOR ALL NEW MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED SINCE 4/1/24 AND/OR JOINING THAT EVENING

Make sure you are present when the raffle drawings begin for generous prizes donated by vendors and ski areas.

Plans, munchies, beer, wine, and soda will be free-flowing throughout the evening



**LET THE PARTY BEGIN!**

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- \$15.00 – Guests

Tickets purchased **ONLINE AFTER NOVEMBER 7** or at the door on November 14:

- \$15.00 – Members
- \$20.00 – Guests

**1 RAFFLE TICKET WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH GUEST. YOU MUST PARTICIPATE IN OUR PLANNED "GAME" TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL RAFFLE TICKETS**

OC Webpage [LINK](#) to get your tickets



## 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.** Filling up fast, sign up soon!

**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, **MLK Weekend**, **OPEN FOR SIGNUPS**

**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 18-21 Bolton Valley, VT** lodging & lift tickets included, signups start in November (?)

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



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

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR THE OC WEBSITE TRIPS PAGE



VP for Skiing  
Lynda Heaney  
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## Winter Adventures: Get Ready for a Season of Skiing!

As the chill of winter approaches, it's time to dust off your ski gear and start planning those much-anticipated trips to the mountains. Before you know it, the buses will be rolling out for exciting day trips, and you won't want to miss out on the fun!

First things first: Be sure to check out the **bus schedule**, which is posted for the entire season. This year, we're offering both alpine and cross country trips, making it easier than ever to find the perfect adventure that suits your style. Plus, we're thrilled to announce a new pickup location at Crossgates Commons for all day buses, so it's convenient to get to your winter wonderland!

Planning ahead is key. Take a moment to familiarize yourself with your destination before you hop on the bus. For more details, visit our website, where you'll find all the information you need to ensure a smooth trip.

If you're interested in enhancing your skills on the slopes, consider scheduling a lesson with our qualified ski instructors. **Lessons are available** on all of our alpine buses, so you can learn from the best while enjoying the stunning scenery. A little preparation goes a long way in making your experience unforgettable!

We're excited to share that there are **still spots available** on most trips this season, but act fast! Our trips to Vail and Jackson Hole are already sold out, so don't delay in securing your place on the slopes. Take a moment to check out our list of trips; many are filling up quickly. To lock in your spot, submit your payment promptly—missing out on a winter adventure is something you don't want to experience!

This season, we've lined up an incredible array of trips, from local gems in the Northeast to breathtaking adventures out West. We're even offering European and Canadian trips. Whatever your preference, there's an adventure waiting for you.

To secure your spot, simply fill out the **application online** and submit it along with your payment. It's all auto-filled for your convenience. If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to the trip leader or me directly. We're here to help make your winter experience as enjoyable as possible!

So, as winter approaches, grab your gear, gather your friends or family, and start planning for a season filled with laughter, adventure, and unforgettable memories on the snow.



## Happy Skiing!

## Hello Bus Riders!



The real snow season begins soon. Killington will have its World Cup race and then we start on the boards. Dec. 8 is the first bus. We have canceled Big Snow for Nov. 16 as we had no interest (2 signed up for October). The holidays, starting with Halloween through New Year's, means people have too many obligations.

The Bus Committee will hold a **bus leader training session** Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in running a bus for us (you get a free seat), please attend. It should take about 30 minutes.

**Cross Country skiers:** We are trying to get an **email list** together with everyone interested in doing XC. Please send us an email at [ocbus@ocskiclub.org](mailto:ocbus@ocskiclub.org) that you are interested in being on this list. The old list is gone so we need to start again - hope to hear from many of you. Cathy and Barbara are working on resurrecting the Nordic email list.

Barbara, Cathy and I have put together a great schedule. There are many dates at the mountains you requested. We are also entertaining a 3rd stop at Exit 20 (Warren County Bldg Park & Ride) for trips going to Whiteface, Killington, Pico, Sugarbush and Okemo as well as the Nordic resorts associated with those trips — Mt. Hoevenberg, Mt. Top and Ole's Nordic. Please visit the Bus table or send us an email if you are interested in using the 3rd stop. We will need at least 5 people per bus trip getting on at the 3rd stop for us to make the stop. If we don't get the signups, then we will just be making a stop at Exit 12 as usual. Be sure to make your wants known to us before Dec. 8, our first bus to Killington.

We discussed having a 3rd stop for Gore, but so many who would use it will probably drive to Gore because it is so close to them. The time spent picking up the fewer than 5 riders was not worth it. BUT if you want to discuss this further, please come visit us at the Bus table. We want and need your input.

The bus schedule is on the website as a PDF and can be downloaded and printed.

**Reminder: The first stop is now at Crossgates Commons** behind the Walmart. Check the map on the website for the exact location. All buses leave Crossgates Commons at 7 a.m.

OC Alpine and Nordic Bus Committee

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

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 [www.ocskiclub.org](http://www.ocskiclub.org) for the most up-to-date information.

Buses start rolling  
on Sunday December 8th

Sign ups start Nov 14th

New Albany pickup location is  
at Crossgates Commons

**NOT**  
Crossgates Mall



# Family Corner



## Hello OC Families!

The season is kicking off with a **day bus trip to Killington Dec. 8**. Children ages 7-17 are welcome to ride the bus. Their seat is \$12 and the member parent or guardian must accompany them. Remember that equipment must be in a bag tagged with name and phone number. Boots can be brought on the bus, stored either under your seat or in the overhead rack, but boot bags go under the bus with the equipment. If your child wants a ski or snowboard lesson, see Jeff Kenton at Instruction to schedule the lesson. These lessons must be pre-booked to be sure there is an instructor for children available.

Besides day bus trips, the Club runs **overnight trips** and children are welcome on these trips too. Only the trip to Europe is limited to adults only. Be sure to talk to the individual trip leader or Lynda Heaney, Trips Chair, if you have questions about a particular trip.

Jay Peak and Smuggler's Notch are popular family trips. Jay Peak has an indoor water park, indoor ice rink and other activities for families to enjoy together. Smuggler's Notch has a superior children's lesson program as well as a Fun Zone and indoor pool area that families love to visit in the evenings. Plenty to do for kids. Bolton Valley has evening skiing as well as day skiing. That's one way to tire out the kids. All the destinations have activities and events geared to families, so check them out. Make memories together!

Look for me at the Bus Table at any meeting to talk about Family events. I would love to hear your ideas for future events.

***Sylvia Haefeli, Family Committee Chair***

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



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

Instructions or renew online [CLICK HERE](#)



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

### **SKI AND SNOWBOARD LESSONS**

No matter what your ability, OC Snowsports School offers free downhill coaching on most single-day bus trips as a benefit of being part of the OC Ski Club. 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 [skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org](mailto:skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org).

### **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

### **WEEKEND TRIP - SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS AT WHITEFACE**

December 13, 14, 15 - Friday and Saturday night lodging at Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort in downtown Lake Placid; breakfast included. OC Snowsports School instructors will be available on this trip. **A limited number of lakefront rooms are still available**, \$283 per person double occupancy.

### **STANCE & BALANCE CLINIC**

Thursday, November 21 - PCC back half of the big room, 6:00 p.m. sharp. Presented again by Master Bootfitter Garrick Dardani of Steiner's Sports. An opportunity get an update on the latest in ski boots and other ski equipment. Learn how to determine what is the best ski boot for you.



**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. There will be at least 3 private-lesson days where you can request your instructor for individual feedback. This season we will make instructors available on some of the drive-up days.

**Let it snow!!!**

[Jeff Kenton](#)  
[OC Snowsports School Director](#)  
[skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org](mailto:skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org)



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**Hey OCers,**

Fall is my favorite time of year -- the warm days, cool nights and of course the anticipation of ski season just around the corner. We have lots of exciting events coming up over the next few weeks so be sure to mark your calendar. November 2 and 3 is the 61st annual **Winter Expo** weekend at the Albany Capital Center located at 55 Eagle St. in Albany. There will be 125 exhibitors (including our own OC booth) and \$10,000 in prizes. Admission to the event is free. If you have not checked out the expo, it is certainly worth seeing and the perfect way to kick off the 2024-2025 ski season.

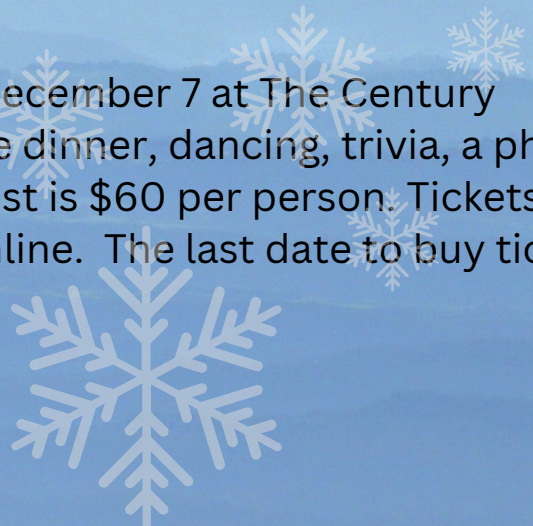
November 14 is the **New Member Party** from 7- 9 pm at the PCC. This annual event is a welcome to all our new members and a welcome back to our existing members. The party will include a raffle drawing, pizza, munchies, beer, wine, and soft drinks. Admission is **free for all new members** (those who have joined after April 1, 2024) and those joining at the event. Tickets purchased online or at the weekly meetings before November 7 are \$10; after November 7 tickets are \$15 for members. Be sure to get your tickets for what is always a fun night.

Our next **happy hour** will be on November 20 from 4- 7 p.m. at BJ's Restaurant & Brewery located at 3 Wolf Road, Colonie. We have the front room reserved. Food and drink specials will be available. Mark your calendar for what is always a good time.

This year, the **OC Holiday Party** will be held December 7 at The Century House in Latham from 6-10 p.m. There will be dinner, dancing, trivia, a photo booth and tons of fun to be had by all. The cost is \$60 per person. Tickets will be on sale during our weekly meetings and online. The last date to buy tickets will be December 3.

Think snow!

**Steve**





**Wednesday, Nov. 20**

**4-7 p.m.**

BJ's Restaurant & Brewery

3 Wolf Rd.

Colonie, NY 12205

(518) 375-3570

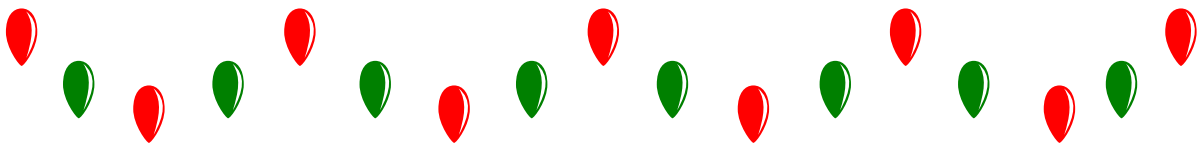
***Front room reserved***

Giveaways, great food and drinks.

*Come celebrate the holidays!*

OC upcoming events [LINK](#)

**Next month's Happy Hour will be on December 18.**



**The Fun is Never  
Over When The  
OC's Have A Party!**

# *Holiday* PARTY

**Location:**

*The Century House*

**997 Loudon Rd, Latham, NY 12110**

**Date:**

*Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>*

**Good Food  
Good Company  
& Tons of Fun**



**6 PM:** Party Starts

**7 PM:** Dinner

- **Beef:** Herb butter steak tips with mushrooms, onions, and oven roasted potatoes
- **Chicken Francaise:** Egg battered with herb grains
- **Mediterranean Salmon** with roasted tomato rice

Salad, desserts, and coffee or tea included.

\* **Vegan and GF options** available on request five days before the party

**10 PM:** Party Ends

*DJ Andy Pratt*

**Tickets: \$60**

**RSVP: December 3, 2024**

**DELICIOUS FOOD, MUSIC, DANCING, AND PRIZES**

OC Webpage to signup - [CLICK HERE](#)



## OC SECRETARY

**Gail Marotti-Hossan**

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

The OC Ski Club 2024 2025 Board of Directors met on October 3, starting @ 6:39pm.

### IN ATTENDANCE:

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

### VP for Administration

**Membership Stats – our numbers slowly continue to improve**

**Activities coming up: Happy Hour(s), New Member Welcome Party (11/14), Snow Expo (11/2 & 3)**

### VP for Organized Skiing

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

**In the works: Big Snow experience (Oct or Nov)**

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

### Old Business

**Update on Volleyball Tournament preparations was supplied; discussion of future tournaments**

### New Business

**Budget Vote on October 10th will include a free beverage for our members who come to vote**

**Policy Manual update to reflect changes in Alpine bus Policy / procedures**

**New Member Party / Season Welcome Back date has been moved back to Thursday, Nov 14**

**Next Board Meeting: November 7th @ the PCC, 6:30 pm**

**Next Membership Meeting: Thursday, October 10th @ the PCC, 8:00**

### Motions:

**1. Approve Updated Day Bus Policy & Procedures**

**Motion: Gail Marotti-Hossan 2nd Matt Fabrizio Passed: Unanimously**

**2. Motion to adjourn**

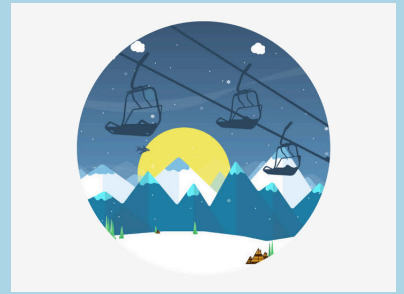
**Time: 7:41 p.m. Motion: Gail Marotti-Hossan 2nd Sylvia Haefeli Passed: Unanimously**



**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)



## Fundraising Committee

Rexford Lyons - Chairperson

Hi everyone. It's Rex again!

The Fundraising Committee has a sole purpose. That is to raise money, for the club, through on-site sales, plus the weekly Thursday night 50 / 50 raffle and drawing.

Tickets are: 1 for \$1.00 5 for \$3.00 or 10 for \$5.00

I have spoken to many of you personally about Volunteering to sell tickets and so far we have been having a good time, plus the FRC has it's head above water economically. However I must reach out to more of you through the Lifeline to ask more of you to come in and help the club by selling raffle tickets. Please pitch in for your OC Ski Club. Last week we deposited \$84.00 and that was a slow night, compared to the upcoming New Member Party.

I was asked to take on this job and so far we have reactivated the iconic patch, reactivated the Ski tip or helmet decals, and we have plenty of buttons. But I have (30) some odd items to deal with. One item on the price list is T-shirts. Linda Heany is telling me that by "TRADITION" the unsold T-shirts from the Volleyball Tournament will be available to the Fundraising Committee for sale, after the next board meeting.

Also you will find a T-shirt I spent (5) months developing. According to the board, this design must be modified, and will be, to a one sided T-shirt. What I want is for "We the People" to participate in this. Any Thursday night you can come in make design suggestions or actually sign up for a shirt by virtue of having written down your name, voluntary contact information, size, etc., on the sign up sheet. You will be getting a black + white shirt, however. I want all club members to participate in this.

See you at the Adirondack Sports Winter Expo. As the Vice-President of the New York Capital District Ski Council, I can tell you that on Sunday, November 3, 2024, we need volunteers from the O.C. Ski Club to help out from 2 to 4 pm. Maybe we will see you afterwards at the City Beer Hall, or the Albany War Room, or believe it or not, the newly reopened Sign of the Tree.

"Can we go skiing now?"



We need your photos of all the cool places you've been and things you've 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](#)

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