



OC Ski Club Liftline

January 2025

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President's
Corner
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Another year has come and gone. I hope you all had a fabulous holiday season with family and friends.

This is the time of year when many people go into hibernation mode. Cold, dark and dreary. No way! We have the perfect antidote to SAD (seasonal affective disorder). So don't sit around feeling sad, join your OC buddies on a day bus or a ski trip and get out there and have fun! That's what we're all about.

This coming year we mark our 65th year of being Out of Control, and we have more ski trips than ever. And if you're new to skiing or if you're looking to brush up or improve on your technique, we offer free instruction on our day trips from PSIA instructors, included with your membership. We are trying to rebuild interest in the cross-country ski contingent of the Club. If you are interested, stop by the Bus Committee table at any weekly meeting and speak with a committee member about it. Remember, just because there's no snow in your back yard doesn't mean there's no snow in the mountains or XC trails.

We have a new Activities & Entertainment Committee chair this season, Kate Karlok, and she ran a terrific holiday party this year at the Century House. Look for more events coming up. Oh yeah, and Happy Hours too. Thanks to Judy Franze-Tewey for arranging those.

I'm recovering from knee surgery this season so you guys will have to pick up the slack for me.

**Cheers,
Mark**



VP for Skiing
Lynda Heaney
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Hey OCers!

This month, we're hitting the slopes in some of the best destinations around —New Hampshire, Smugglers' Notch, and Jackson Hole! It's thrilling to see that all our ski trips are fully booked, but if you missed out, don't fret. We've got a waitlist ready for those eager to jump in.

For those still looking to join the fun, we have just two trips left open for sign-ups: Bolton Valley and Jay Peak. Don't miss your chance to hit these fantastic resorts with your OC friends.

A friendly reminder to purchase your trip insurance. With penalties on the rise, it's more important than ever to protect your investment. Policies start at just 7.5%, and there's a variety of coverage options to suit your needs.

And don't forget to check the bus schedule. There's always a good time to be had on the buses, from contagious fun to great company. Let us make this ski season unforgettable! Happy skiing and see you on the slopes.

Day Buses are rolling

Taking Sign ups NOW

Click [HERE](#) for Bus Sign up page

**New Albany pickup location is
at Crossgates Commons **NOT** Crossgates Mall**





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. **CLOSED**

March 22-29 Copper Mountain, CO Airfare included, **CLOSED**

Eastern Resorts USA Trips

Dec 13-15 Whiteface drive-up, starts at \$245 **Trip completed**

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

January 17-20 Smugglers Notch, VT - ski in ski out, **MLK Weekend**, **CLOSED**

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

February 23-27 Tremblant, Quebec Price \$460 plus bus. **CLOSED**

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 on January 2nd**

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

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





OC Alpine & Nordic Buses

Yes! We are rolling for 2025. Happy New Year! Remember that both skiing groups ride the same bus. It is important that all your gear under the bus be labeled with your name, phone number and a **huge "A"** for Alpine or **"N"** for Nordic. That way, we are less likely to take the wrong gear off the bus when we arrive at the resorts.

January starts off with Jan 3 bus to Pico and Mt. Top, with a second stop at Exit 12. We will have a third stop at Excit 20 if someone signs up for it. The bus will arrive at Pico first and then go to Mt. Top where it will stay until 3:30. The bus will return to Pico at 4:00 and leave the mountain promptly at 4:30. This means everyone needs to be aware of the where and when the bus is at your stop. Questions, ask the bus leader. The schedule is found on almost every page of our website. It is a PDF that you can download and print out. Many take pictures of the schedule on the wall at our meetings; however, that schedule has some errors and we are reprinting it for use at future meetings. So use the website; don't rely on a photograph you took. Barbara, Cathy or/and I (Sylvia) are at every meeting. You can pay for seats at meetings, by PayPal online, or on the bus. Lots of options! Use them. Pray for MORE SNOW!

OC Alpine and Nordic Bus Committee

ocbus@ocskiclub.org

Barbara Sorrell, Cathy Marvin and Sylvia Haefeli

Go to the OC Website to download the PDF file

[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 for the most up-to-date information.

Nordic Skiers!

Mountain Top is offering a season pass for \$60; we have scheduled 5 buses to go there so that will be a great savings if you plan on going on several buses.



NY Capital District Ski Council Notes

The New York Capital District Ski Council (NYCDSC) meets on the first Wednesday of the month, except for January 1. That meeting will be January 7. You can attend via Zoom. Just go to the website nycdsc.org and send an email requesting the Zoom information and sign-on code.

There are 18 ski clubs on the Council. They share information about their own club activities as well as the list of Council downhill days at ski areas. If interest is shown, the Council would be interested in seeking dates at Nordic venues. Get involved and make your wishes known.

Sylvia Haefeli and Cynthia Ward
OC Council Representatives

Make the Most of Council Days discount ski days

A 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!

Family Corner



Hello OC Families!

Happy New Year! 2025 has come and opportunities for families are greater than ever. Kids are welcome on all trips but the one to Europe. Smugglers' Notch (MLK weekend) is filling up. Final payments were due in December. Jay Peak will open January 2. You can sign up online. The trip includes the waterpark and lift tickets, April 4-6. Don't wait -- sign up early as this trip will sell out.

Buses are rolling with both Alpine and Nordic options together. Kids (7-17) are welcome on the bus. **Seats are \$12** and a parent or guardian must accompany them. To take advantage of Skier Appreciation Days be sure to get a **Jr ID card (\$6)** from membership and an orange Council sticker on the back of the card. There are lots of dates at various mountains around. Check out the nycdsc.org website, click on Council Days and explore the opportunities.

Questions, see me at the Bus table at meetings.

Happy skiing/riding!

Sylvia Haefeli, Family Committee Chair
family@ocskiclub.org



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



AS THE SKI TURNS - OC SNOWSPORTS SCHOOL

SAVE THE DATE!

SKI & SNOWBOARD CARE & TUNING CLINIC

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 6:00 p.m. We will cover everything from keeping your edges sharp to beveling, base repair, when you should get a machine-ground tune-up, storage of your equipment in the off season, hot waxing, the latest in ski technology, etc. Make the best of your time on the snow with equipment in the proper condition. Open to all who wish to learn. Bring your skis if you wish.

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 skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org.

PRIVATE-LESSON DAYS

Back by popular demand. This is another free benefit of joining our Club, an opportunity for some individual feedback with your choice of instructors. Signups for the 90-minute private lessons are available at the Snowsports School table weeks in advance, or see me at a Happy Hour or bus trip.

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

LESSONS ON SUNDAY & FRIDAY BUS TRIPS

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

Let it snow!!!

Jeff Kenton
OC Snowsports School Director
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New Member this Year?

Here is a contest for you

Find the one person who is in each photo and name them.

First new member to answer gets a FREE Bus Ride

email Publications@ocskiclub.org



VP for Administration
Steven Ford
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Hey OCers,

Happy holidays everyone! This year's Holiday Party was held on December 18th at the Century House and, if you somehow missed it, I'm pleased to report that it was a resounding success. The food was excellent, the DJ was great, and we had over 80 OCers in attendance. Everyone was decked out in their finest holiday attire striking a pose at the photo booth and taking over the dance floor. It was a lot of fun.

Be sure to stop by the fundraising table at our weekly meetings to pick up your own world-famous OC T-shirt and soon-to-arrive world famous pair of OC socks. If you don't have one or both of these items, your new years resolution should be to get them. :-)

Our next happy hour will be on Wednesday, January 15, from 4-7 at Maggie McFly's in Crossgates Mall. Food and drink specials will run 4-6.

We continue to work on getting exciting and interesting speakers for the Club. More to come on this soon. Happy New Year and see you on the slopes!

Think snow!

Steve



HELLO 2025!

Wednesday, January 15 4-7 p.m.

Food & drink specials 4-6 p.m.

Maggie McFly's / Crossgates

1 Crossgates Mall Rd.

Albany, NY 12203

(518) 608-5647

maggiemcfllys.com

Wednesday, February 19 4-7 p.m.

110 Grill

664 New Loudon Rd.

Latham, NY 12110

Fresh Market Commons

(corner Rte. 9 & Watervliet-Shaker Rd.)

(518) 608-1049

110grill.com

OC upcoming events [LINK](#)



OC SECRETARY

Gail Marotti-Hossan

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The OC Ski Club 2024-2025 Board of Directors met on December 5, starting at 6:41 p.m.

IN ATTENDANCE:

MARK WILDER, STEVE FORD, LYNDA HEANEY, JOHN WIMMER, GREG BOCKIS, MATT FABRIZIO, JUDY FRANZE TEWEY, FRED HAEFELI, SYLVIA HAEFELI, DOUG HARRINGTON, LAUREN HARRINGTON, JEFF KENTON, RICH LIVSEY, CYNTHIA WARD. Absent: Gail Marotti-Hossan.

VP for Administration

- o Membership Stats – our numbers are only slightly behind this time last year
- o Activities coming up: Happy Hour (12/18, O'Tooles), Holiday Party with 76 signed up to date (12/7)
- o Branded socks and shirts are now available at Fundraising. Thanks to Rex and Fred, a small number of each item were ordered to test their appeal to the members.

VP for Organized Skiing

- o Buses are rolling. The December 8 bus to Killington is a go.
- o Forty participants are attending the Whiteface Trip.
- o Winter Carnival is scheduled for Pico on March 14.

Old Business

- o A discussion of the price of membership focused on the confusion and frustration expressed by members. The issue is that membership is advertised as \$35 for renewal and \$40 for first-time members; however, when they go to pay, an additional mandatory dollar is charged for mailing and an optional dollar for lamination. It should be made clear that the cost of membership is really at least \$36 or \$41 plus the \$1 for lamination.

New Business

- o Sylvia Haefeli to be appointed to the position of NYCDSC Representative
- o Rick Hurley initiated a lively discussion of the 3rd bus stop at Exit 20 to accommodate skiers on buses heading north. Rick suggested that this would also include growth of XC skiers as they also now share buses with downhill skiers and riders. Requiring a minimum of 5 signups is a deterrent to many who might take advantage of the bus. As a result, a motion to eliminate the 5-person minimum at the 3rd stop for this season as a trial, made by Matt and seconded by Sylvia, was approved.

Next Board Meeting: January 2nd @ the PCC, 6:30 p.m.

Motions:

1. Appoint Sylvia Hafeli to position of Family Committee Chair
Motion: Cynthia Ward 2nd Matt Fabrizio Passed: Unanimously
2. Eliminate signup minimum for 3rd bus stop as a trial for this season
Motion: Matt Fabrizio 2nd Sylvia Haefeli Passed: Unanimously

Motion to adjourn Time: 7:29 p.m.
Motion: Lynda Heaney 2nd Fred Haefeli Passed: Unanimously



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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