



OC Ski Club Liftline

April 2025

www.ocskiclub.org

President's
Corner

Mark Wilder

president@ocskiclub.org



Don't put those boards away just yet! Many seasons we've skied through April. We can do it again this season. Some of the best skiing is still available. Sun-filled days, soft snow, and cold beers on the deck. What a great way to end the season. And, the buses will run as long as we have eager skiers signing up.

We just had our annual election and a lot of the same officers are still in office, but several are now term-limited, so start thinking now about what you will do next year!

If you enjoy the benefits of the Club -- day buses, XC buses, weekend & weeklong trips, free instruction, parties, Happy Hours, volleyball, etc. -- please consider helping to keep these great activities going strong. Feel free to contact me, or other officers, to find out what you can do to help keep the Club moving forward. Trust me, you won't regret it.

Or maybe you have some ideas on how things could be better. Don't keep those ideas and energy to yourself; the Club needs you. Just talk to me or any other officer or board member to find out what you could do.

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

**Cheers,
Mark**

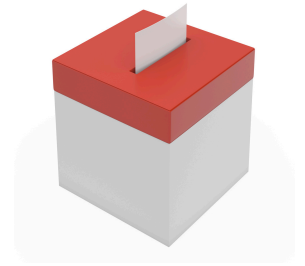
The Results Are In

Congratulations to Our Elected Officers and Board Members for 2025-2026!

Officers



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



Board of Directors

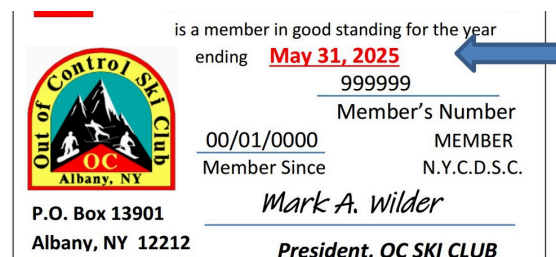
Greg Bockis
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Cynthia Ward

Matt Fabrizio
Sylvia Haefeli
Kate Karlok

Judy Franz Tewey
Doug Harrington
Jeff Kenton



DUES ARE DUE June 1st



No April Fool's Day joke – renewals or signups for 2025/2026 will open on April 1st, 2025... The OC SKI CLUB's membership year begins on June 1st. Yeah, we know – an odd start date for a club created to enjoy WINTER Sports but those founding dudes in 1960 (65 years ago, how cool!!!) chose to incorporate with a fiscal year rather than a calendar year.

So, the little cardboard membership card with the phrase “ending May 31, 2025” will soon be just a pretty piece of paper and something for your memory book. **IF** you have a new card, with an expiration date of May 31, 2026, we thank you for taking care of this.

Thanks for returning to the OC SKI CLUB for what is sure to be another great season!!!

The MEMBERSHIP Committee:

Bob Hossan, Gail Marotti-Hossan, Gretchen Riley, & Meghan Ruby

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Volleyball Leagues

Online registration for the OC summer volleyball leagues will open on Tuesday, April 1st.

League Formats

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. Detailed registration information will be posted on the OC website in April.

CLICK HERE for the required summer league team registration form

Important Dates

In-Person League Registration: Thursday, May 1st (if necessary) at 7:30 p.m.
Cleanup Date: Saturday, May 10th at 10 a.m. (One team member must attend)
League Play Begins: Week of May 12th at 6:00 p.m.

For more information on volleyball and to contact the Volleyball Committee, visit ocskiclub.org/volleyball.htm
We look forward to seeing you on the courts!!

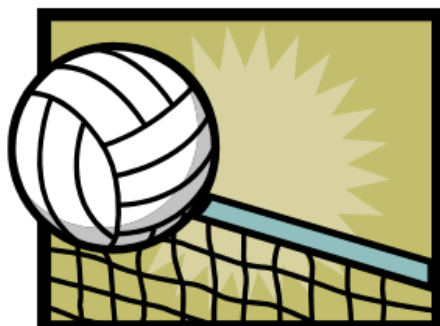
Gail Marotti-Hossan
Volleyball League Administrator

Summer League Registration website - [CLICK THIS LINK](#)



OC SKI CLUB 53rd ANNUAL

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



SAVE THE DATE !!!!

New Location!!!

Saturday,

September 13

We are going to try a pre-order concept again. 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

Registration Forms and details will be available on www.ocskiclub.org or see your League Coordinator for a copy starting 6/30/25

Hey OCers!



VP for Skiing
Lynda Heaney
skiing@ocskiclub.org

As the sun begins to shine longer and summer plans take shape, we know what's lurking around the corner. Yes, it's that magical time of year when ski enthusiasts start plotting their snowy getaways. Excitement is in the air, and we have some fantastic trips lined up that'll make your winter dreams come true.

Alpine Trips

First up, we're heading back to the legendary slopes of Whiteface for our "Sharpen Your Skills" weekend. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just looking to perfect that pizza style, this is the place to be! After last year's triumph at Tremblant, we're thrilled to announce we'll be returning there as well. And let's not forget Sunday River—our go-to destination for decades. It's like that old friend who's always there when you need them.

For families, we have some special themed trips planned for Smugglers' Notch and Jay Peak. These trips are all about fun, laughter, and making unforgettable memories. And guess what? We welcome families on all our trips, except our European adventure (sorry, kiddos, that one's for the grown-ups!).

Now, let's talk about our Western destinations. With a few moving parts still in play, we'll keep you updated on the latest and greatest locations through our weekly mailer. Trust us, you won't want to miss out!

And here's the scoop: we're including both Epic and IKON passes for our travels. Our European destination will even be an IKON slope-side location—how fancy is that? As for discounts, the ski.com travel discount is back! Sign up by using the season pass link on Facebook. Who doesn't love a good deal while planning for powder?

Now, let's get serious for a moment. We've heard some heartbreaking stories about injuries on ski trips. When things go bad, you want more than just your checkbook to help you out. Insurance policies not only cover claims but also assist with your travel back home, whether you're returning early or staying late due to an unfortunate injury. So, please, for the love of snow and all things fun, get a policy as soon as you put your money down. It's the best way to ensure you keep the good times rolling, no matter what surprises come your way.

Get ready for an epic winter, folks! The slopes are calling, and we can't wait to hit them with you!



VP Report

Have you ever found yourself scratching your head, pondering why the Club does things a certain way? Perhaps you've wondered why decisions are made with the finesse of a penguin on ice skates.

Before you send out an all-points bulletin to the entire organization, take a moment to reach out to the committee head or the appropriate VP. Remember, we're all volunteers here, juggling full-time jobs, retirement hobbies, and the occasional Netflix binge! Spamming everyone with questions is like throwing confetti in a windstorm—it's not effective time management. So, start with the top of the hierarchy: the committee head, the VP, then if all else fails, the president.

Let's not forget to express our gratitude! This past season was a wild ride, with winds that seemed to be auditioning for a role in a disaster movie—the highest average wind speeds since the 1940s, folks! So, if you felt like your bus was canceled more often than your plans for a Saturday night, you were absolutely correct.

Kudos to the Bus Committee, who work year-round to deliver a schedule that accommodates both downhill and cross-country enthusiasts. They did an amazing job juggling this season.

So, let's keep the lines of communication open, show some appreciation, and bring those creative ideas to life. Together, we can make this Club even better—windy days and all!



We're in the process of planning for the 2025-26 ski trip season. We'd appreciate any suggestions on locations where you'd like to go. Please email me at:

skiing@ocskiclub.org



2024-2025 Ski Trips

Dec 13-15 Whiteface

January 17-20 Smugglers' Notch, VT

Feb 9-14 Sunday River, ME

Feb 23-March 1 Vail, CO

March 22-29 Copper Mountain, CO

April 4-6 Jay Peak, VT

Jan 7-10 Indian Head Resort, NH

Jan 25-Feb 1 Jackson Hole, WY

February 23-27 Tremblant, Quebec

Europe - Swiss Trip March 8-16

Feb 18-21 Bolton Valley, VT

Epic & Ikon Passes on Sale

OC Member Bonus

if purchased through our discount link

More Detail [HERE](#)



Killington Sunday April 13th

OC Day Bus is scheduled

We want to do an end-of-the-year Tailgate Party

So sign up for the bus

Look for tailgate details the week before

OC Bus sign up page - [CLICK HERE](#)

OC Alpine & Nordic Buses



Hi Everyone –

The OC Bus Committee wants to share our concerns about the canceling of buses this season, and some ideas for next season.

Our process:

We published the bus schedule back in October. We maintain a bus table every week at meetings with the schedule clearly posted and updated. We put out weekly updates on number of signups, list the number needed nightly on the signup page. We run buses to the 3 major pass mountains: Ski 3, Ikon and Epic. We constantly gave you opportunities for discount lift tickets. We were able to negotiate those prices with every mountain this year. We made you aware, via Liftline articles and website posting, of discount tickets (Council and Skier Appreciation dates). We combined Nordic and Alpine mountains on the same bus and added a 3rd stop at Exit 20. But still we canceled over 10 buses this season.

When we cancel a bus, we put each person's name on a rollover list and notify the person via email or text of that status. You can use that bus credit for another bus or even get a cash refund at a meeting.

Buses:

The buses are one of the major attractions of the Club to members. Your dues underwrite the cost of the bus. Even if we fill every seat, that will only pay for a third of the cost of the bus. No other Club has the financial ability to run buses to the mountains for \$12 per seat.

February was a bad month. Almost all the buses were canceled due to lack of signups. The Club requires a minimum of 21 seats (including the bus leader) to be filled to have a bus. We must confirm with Brown Coach at least 2 days prior to the bus date. Often the lift tickets that we sold had to be ordered at least 5 days prior to the bus running. Those requirements led to the canceling of many buses.

I think many of the February trips competed for the same members that usually rode the bus. The bigger trips like Sunday River (over 100 attendees) meant that few people were left who were willing to ride the bus to a ski mountain. Even in March, we saw most buses canceled. And yet we ran 2 buses to Pico 3/14 for Winter Carnival.



Next year:

We will try to not run buses on Fridays and Sundays that conflict with the larger trips and holiday blackout dates. We will schedule fewer buses and perhaps not bother with Okemo and Mount Snow (both Epic passes) as none of those buses ran. Even the Reggae bus this year was canceled.

We will continue to combine Nordic and Alpine and keep the 3rd stop as this might attract more new members to the Club. We are open to your suggestions. What smaller, less expensive mountains in the area are you interested in for having a bus?

We need your input!

Please talk to us at meetings or anywhere you see us. We need new ideas. Josh Nixon will be joining the committee to replace Cathy Marvin. Josh is both a alpine and cross country skier.

There are still buses scheduled into April. So join us on a bus. The conditions are good, lessons are available and the party atmosphere is still with us. Note, the Nordic resorts are closed due to conditions. It's spring now!

OC Alpine and Nordic Bus Committee

ocbus@ocskiclub.org

Barbara Sorrell, Cathy Marvin and Sylvia Haefeli



Day buses are rolling
Click [HERE](#) for Bus Signup page
The Albany pickup location is
at Crossgates Commons
NOT Crossgates Mall



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. Most instructors are certified, and all are trained by PSIA professionals. No matter what your ability, OC Snowsports School offers free downhill coaching on most single-day bus trips.

Group lessons are generally available on any single-day bus trip based on availability of instructors. We always give preference to the beginner levels. Prior notice is needed for snowboard, telemark and lessons for children. Please contact us for more details at any meeting, Club event, Happy Hour or skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org.

PRIVATE-LESSON DAYS

Another benefit of being an OC Ski Club member -- your opportunity to get a 90-minute private lesson from your favorite instructor. Private-lesson day signups are taken in advance on a first-come basis. Sign up at the Snowsports School table at meetings, or see me at a Happy Hour or on a bus trip

Let it snow!!!

Jeff Kenton
OC Snowsports School Director
skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org



VP for Administration
Steven Ford
admin@ocskiclub.org



Hey OCers,

I cannot believe it's April already. Another great OC ski season is winding down and will soon be in the books.

The annual OC installation banquet will be held on Friday, May 2nd from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Normanside Country Club, 150 Salisbury Road in Delmar. More details to follow, but expect a great event.

Our next happy hour will be held on Wednesday, April 16th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at **Martell's Restaurant**, Capital Hills Golf Course, located at 65 O'Neil Road, Albany. Come for the friends, stay for the food.

During the season, we hold regular meetings every Thursday at the PCC. Stop in. Don't forget to get your 50/50 raffle ticket and swing by the fundraising table to check out the latest OC merchandise.

See you soon!

Steve

OC SECRETARY
Gail Marotti-Hossan
secretary@ocskiclub.org



The OC Ski Club 2024-2025 Board of Directors met on **March 6**, starting @ 6:33 p.m.

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

- Membership stats
- Happy Hours: 3/19 @ at Don Tequila Mexican Cantina
- Installation party booked for May 2, returning to the Normanside Country Club
- Nominations March 6 & 13, elections March 27

VP for Organized Skiing

- Trips are winding down: Bolton, Switzerland, Copper, & Jay Peak yet to happen
- Lack of discounts are affecting the use of the bus so numbers are down but we are still running
- Winter Carnival @ Pico will be held March 14

Old Business

New Business

- 2025 VBT – 99% sure that the VBT will be moved from MSR to Scotia Town Park. With the rate increase for 2024 still in place, despite cutting corners & raising prices, we cannot see how we can regain the approximately \$3000+ loss in revenue. Decision will be made this week.
- 65th year celebrations will be planned; hopefully to include a special picnic and holiday party
- Election night subsidy was discussed with the final decision to subsidize up to \$500. We will be offering a free drink, pizza, mini subs and some snacks for members who come to claim a ballot.

Next Board Meeting: April 3rd @ the PCC, 6:30 p.m.

Motions:

1. Allocate \$500 to subsidize food/drink at the election meeting
Motion: Sylvia Haefeli 2nd Gail Marotti-Hossan Passed: Unanimously

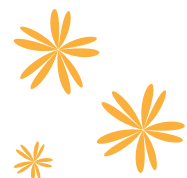
Motion to adjourn Time: 7:08 p.m.
Motion: Gail Marotti-Hossan 2nd Lynda Heaney Passed: Unanimously



*Save
The
Date*

*OC Annual Installation Banquet
The Start of Our 65th Anniversary Celebration!*

Normanside Country Club, Delmar
Friday, May 2 7:00-10:00 p.m.





Wednesday, April 16 4-7 p.m.

Martell's

Capital Hills Golf Course

65 O'Neil Rd. Albany NY 12208

martellsatcapitalhills.com

(518) 489-0466

Wednesday, May 21 4-7 p.m.

Smokey Bones

1557 Central Avenue Albany, NY 12205 (Colonie)

smokeybones.com

(518) 464-9971

Food/drink specials and gift card prizes!

OC upcoming events [LINK](#)

Saratoga Expo '25

I would like to thank OCers Matt Quackenbush and Rick Hurley who helped out at the New York Capital District Ski Council booth this past March in Saratoga Springs. Jim Tunney was there as President of the NYCDSC, and Gerry Danielski (NYCDSC) gave us a good early start on Friday.

The NYCDSC Annual Basket of Cheer sold \$57.00 worth of raffle tickets. I personally handed out 7 referral cards for OC membership, and also spoke with 3 ski resorts about joining the Council and the OC Ski Club. But not least, I got to listen to a lot of stories about OC behavior in the gondolas. Can you imagine?

Rexford Lyons
Vice President
New York Capital District Ski Council

OC Fundraising Table



The following generated \$27 for the OCs:

1 Out of Control T-shirt was sold.

1 Metal Garage Sign was sold: "Double Diamond. Only Expert Skiers Beyond This Point."

Stop by the Fundraising Table, a fun table.

Your friend,

Rexford Lyons
Fundraising Committee





SAVE THE DATE

OC Annual Golf Tournament
Sunday, September 21



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



Sunday River, Maine

February 9-14, 2025



The annual OC Sunday River Trip has come and gone. There were 121 attendees this year. Sadly, my co-leader Tom had to bail due to a knee injury. We had a few others who also, unfortunately, had to cancel for medical reasons. We missed you!! Get healthy for next year!

Again, this year, we were unable to entice enough people to ride a bus to make the cost reasonable. Maybe next year? Think about it – but remember, there will be an additional cost, so get all your friends to commit to the bus to keep the cost reasonable!

There were the usual issues at check-in. Rooms are never guaranteed before 5:00 p.m. and most were not even ready until 6:30 and later; as it was Super Bowl Sunday, getting unloaded and into a room with a functioning TV by the start of the game was somewhat tricky. Some people headed down to the Shipyard Pub & Brewery next door in the White Cap Lodge to have a bite and watch the game, but their experience was not as it used to be. As OCers, though, we made the best of it and enjoyed the week anyway.

The slopes were in good shape with plenty of cover in the glades and woods (much better than the past few years). Unfortunately, Bobby D was the first to crash on Monday in OC favorite Blind Ambition. He is doing much better, but he took a pretty hard hit to the hip and ribs. His wonderful roomie Doug U. took great care of him and even delivered Bobby to the Monday night Dessert Party via luggage cart Uber 😊. We all had a good laugh, even Bobby! Unfortunately, on Tuesday Doug took Bobby home to get X-rays, so they missed the rest of the week. We will let Bobby tell the "Saga of the Subaru" – we are still chuckling.

Tom may not have been able to join us on the trip, but his influence was felt with every prize we gave away. (Many were his idea - ok, most were!) We gathered by the fireplace in the South Wing to enjoy some wine, cookies, eclairs, brownies, and a beautiful birthday cake in honor of Jack S. (the blue color from the frosting took 7 washings to get off my fingers, lips and teeth, but it was worth it!). We had 23 Sunday River gift cards (\$20/\$25), 4 Visa gift cards (\$50), a Sunday River swag donated by Gail M., and 3 grand prizes: a basket filled with gourmet Italian pasta/gnocchi/seasoning was won by Phil O.; a basket of lottery scratch-offs went to Laurel B.; and a basket filled with wine, Prosecco, cheese, crackers and candy went to Matt Q. Believe it or not, when I was calling out the winners' names, I was told I don't speak loud enough – imagine that!?

On Tuesday evening 100+ enjoyed a Tuscany Buffet in the Grand Ballroom. The other nights, smaller groups hosted dinners and happy hours in their rooms as many had kitchenettes. Many enjoyed the Ice Igloo by the Jordan lift. The pool and the hot tubs saw our crew fill them up pretty much every day. Sadly, Linda C. slipped while getting out of the hot tub and broke a bone in her wrist.

On Thursday we had a wonderful powder day. There was some mixed precipitation early, but the snow was silky underneath our skis/boards. Friday was sunny, but cold and windy. Several braved the cold and hit the slopes for the fifth day. Many of us headed home and the wind came right along with us! All in all, it was a great week.

Until next time!!

**Eileen Finn-Lematty and
Tom Butcher**





Vail, Colorado

February 23-March 1, 2025



40 intrepid adventurer OC skiers signed up for the ultimate ski escape – the Highline Vail resort in legendary Vail, Colorado. The hotel was extremely accommodating from start to finish. The shuttle service was the most convenient I have experienced, with a very short ride to all of the Vail base areas.

The mountain itself was not disappointing. Although we didn't experience very much "Colorado powder," the terrain lived up to its reputation, from the Game Creek Bowl to the back bowls (Sun-Up, China, Siberia) and everybody's favorite, the Blue Sky Basin. And that is just the back of the mountain! The place is huge. A lot of our fellow travelers took one of the mountain tours (front side, back bowls and Blue Sky Basin). On top of all that, there was a free bus to Beaver Creek, just a short trip down the road. I think most of the group took advantage of the chance to experience another epic "EPIC" mountain.

I want to give a shout out to the great group of people we had on this trip. As a many-time trip leader, I have never had a better group. Lots of people stepped up to make my job easier. Thank you all for all of the effort that was shared by many. (I would mention names, but that would take up my whole article.)

Another shout out goes to Lynda Heaney and the great OC organization that makes this and many other trips possible. Personally, I would go on this trip if we did it again. I would recommend any one of you to lead the trip.

Matt Quackenbush, Trip Leader

Bolton Valley, Vermont

March 18-21, 2025

The Bolton Valley trip this year saw spring-like temperatures and spring-like skiing. 26 OC members and guests arrived at Bolton Valley to see some bare spots on trails. This was a first for most of us who have been on previous trips.



Under blue skies and sun with warm temperatures and spring-like snow conditions, everyone had a great time. Seven of us took the snowshoe tour on Thursday morning, led by our guide, Eric Davis. Eric pointed out a number of the ski trails visible from the snowshoe and cross-country trails. He also provided some adult beverages during the tour when we stopped for a break.

Wednesday night was our group dinner, which was delicious. Dinner started with Happy Hour beverages & snacks, followed by a Bellini's pasta recipe made by Gail, accompanied by an impressive tossed salad thanks to Gretchen, and rounded out with desserts also made by Gail. Everyone enjoyed the meal and the camaraderie.

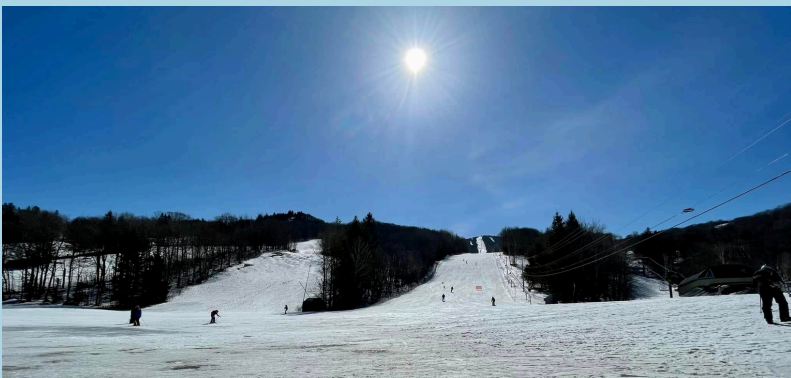
After two days of skiing and snowboarding, we woke up on Friday to winter conditions. Snow, ice and blustery winds. Gail and I have repeatedly stated that when we go to Bolton Valley, we always get snow. This trip was no exception at the end . . . The Bolton Valley trip is great trip and one well worth going on.

Thank you to all the OCers who went on the trip. Perhaps we'll see you on another Bolton Valley trip.

Gail Marotti-Hossan and Gretchen Riley, Co-Trip Leaders



**Winter Carnival 2025 was an awesome day & time.
Thank you, Lynda Heaney and Cathy Marvin!**



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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