



OC Ski Club Liftline

March 2025

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As I write this, we are about halfway through this ski season, and the snow conditions have been pretty good lately, if a bit colder and windier than we'd like at times. The day bus schedule is full. All we need are skiers and riders to fill those seats. Many of our trips have already come and gone with a few more still to go. And soon we will be planning next year's trips. Any requests?

We have our annual Winter Carnival coming up March 14th at Pico. Skiing, games, food and beverages -- what more could you ask for! We could use some volunteers to help that day. Stop by the Bus Committee table and see how you could help. Or email the committee or Lynda Heaney, VP for Skiing.

Also, coming up this month are nominations and elections for officers and Board members. The Club welcomes all interested parties to volunteer for these positions. Also, volunteers are always needed for committees and event positions.

This year is our 65th anniversary. We are looking for some ideas on how to celebrate. If you have any ideas on what you'd like to see, let us know.

**Cheers,
Mark**

Hey OCers!



VP for Skiing
Lynda Heaney
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As the crisp air of March settles in, winter isn't quite ready to say goodbye! Whether you're hitting the slopes, gliding on cross-country skis, or enjoying the tranquility of snowshoeing, there's no shortage of ways to enjoy the snow. And what better way to celebrate winter than by joining us for our upcoming Winter Carnival?



Winter Carnival Fun Awaits!

Mark your calendars for **Friday, March 14**, because a day filled with excitement and camaraderie is on the horizon! Our Winter Carnival at Pico Mountain promises fun for everyone, from friendly competitions to cozy gatherings.

Participate in the Games

Channel your competitive spirit by participating in the games! Join our tug-of-war on snow, unleash your creativity in the snowman-building contest, or see how far you can throw a snowball. Prefer to stay warm? We'll have tabletop games set up in the bar for some relaxed fun. And guess what? Every activity you join earns you a raffle ticket for a chance to win exciting prizes!

Delicious Lunch Provided

Forget packing lunch—we've got it covered. Enjoy a delicious picnic lunch with fellow Club members as we refuel for more fun. It's a fantastic chance to meet new friends and swap stories about your winter adventures.

Hit the Slopes for Less

Grab a **lift ticket for Pico for just \$55** when purchased through our Club website. Please note that the deadline to get a discounted lift ticket is noon Wednesday March 12th. It's the perfect opportunity for skiing or snowboarding, especially with our free lessons available. Be sure to sign up in advance to secure your spot! If driving up, be sure to let us know so we include you in the count.

Sign Up Now at [Winter Carnival LINK](#)

Bring your friends, family, or even come solo—the more, the merrier! Join us for the Winter Carnival, where fun, laughter, and unforgettable memories await. We can't wait to see you there! Let's make the most of this winter season together—sign up now. And we do need volunteers to help run the games. *Questions?* Email ocbus@ocskiclub.org



As we dive into another fantastic month at the Club, let's take a moment to hit Pause and reflect on something super important: our incredible volunteers. Seriously, where would we be without them?

So, next time you see a volunteer, take a minute to say thank you. A simple acknowledgment can go a long way in showing appreciation for their dedication. Let's keep the good vibes flowing and celebrate the spirit of teamwork that makes our Club special!

Cheers to our volunteers! You rock!

Message from the VP for Skiing

I genuinely appreciate everyone's concerns regarding the recent bus cancellations. I understand how frustrating it can be when we're all eagerly anticipating our time on the slopes.

As many of you know, bus cancellations can stem from various factors, including the challenging weather we have experienced lately—high winds and freezing temperatures can make skiing less appealing. And when the snow isn't falling in our backyards, it's completely normal for interest in mountain trips to dip. However, it's fantastic to see that we're finally getting some snow that's sticking around!

I want to highlight the importance of having a Plan B for our ski days. It's all about making the most of the situation, and together, we can find ways to enjoy the winter, even if that means adjusting our original plans. Our dedicated volunteers are doing their utmost to keep things running smoothly, and a positive outlook from all of us can truly make a difference.

Please keep in mind that we require a minimum of 21 prepaid seats for the bus to operate, and I appreciate your understanding of this guideline. On a positive note, it's encouraging to see our bus numbers climbing each year, which is a hopeful sign after the challenges we faced during COVID!

Let's keep our spirits high and focus on what we can control. Remember, we're all in this together, and maintaining a positive mindset will help us all enjoy this season even more.

Happy Skiing!
Lynda Heaney
VP for Skiing

skiing@ocskiclub.org





Ski Trips Update



Ski Trips Sold Out - wait list only

March 9-16 Switzerland, Flims, LAAX

March 22-29 Copper Mountain, CO Airfare included

March 18-21 Bolton Valley, VT many lodging & lift tickets options

April 4 -6 Jay Peak, VT drive-up, many room and ski & splash options

Ski Trips Completed

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

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

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

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

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

February 23-27 Tremblant, Quebec - \$460 plus bus

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

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

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



OC Elections Coming Up
Choose Your Club Leaders!



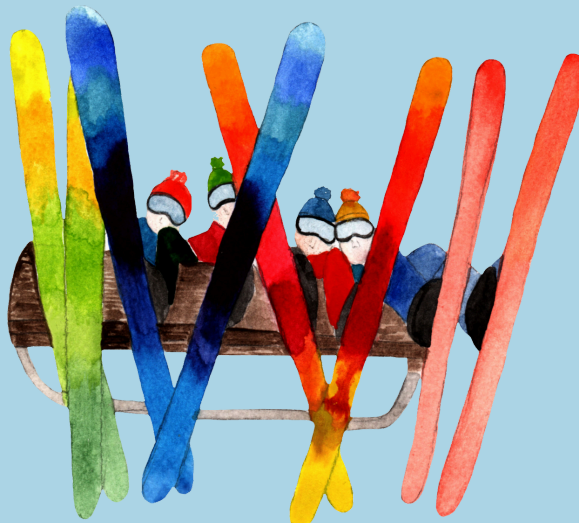
More Details on Nominations
[CLICK HERE](#)



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



OC Alpine & Nordic Buses



You all know how to read the bus schedule – here are the HIGHLIGHTS:

Friday, March 7 is Council Day to Whiteface. \$64 Lift ticket.....yeah, sign me up!

Sunday, March 9 to Gore....Private Lesson Day. Go sign up. This instruction is priceless (and free)!

Friday, March 14 is WINTER CARNIVAL. Can you say PARTAY! Special lift ticket price of \$55 to Pico – yes, \$55 if you've finished your Ikon days or just need a ticket. We are providing lunch and games and PRIZES. **Sign up here:** [Winter Carnival LINK](#)

Saturday, March 22 is Reggae Fest at Mount Snow

XC options – LOTS! Most Fridays and Sundays you can go in combination with downhill skiers to different locations.

We had hoped to run another XC-only bus but there are no buses available on March 8. CASTA (Capital Area Ski Touring Association) is doing a drive-up to Garnet, meeting at Exit 9 on that day – check out their website nycasta.org for more info.

OC Alpine and Nordic Bus Committee

ocbus@ocskiclub.org

Barbara Sorrell, Cathy Marvin and Sylvia Haefeli

Day buses are rolling

Taking Signups NOW

Click [HERE](#) for Bus Signup page

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



Family Corner

Hello OC Families!

I hope you are getting in some good ski days. With the recent snow, the mountains are calling your name.

The Jay Peak trip has closed. If you have questions, be sure to contact Matt Wakefield at Jaypeak@ocskiclub.org.

I am looking into trips for next year and will be working closely with Lynda Heaney, Trips chair. Smugglers' Notch is set for MLK weekend next year. We will be renewing Jay Peak as well.

Remember that all of our trips except Europe are open to families with children. The 2025-26 calendar will be finalized by June so that you can start saving and planning your trips for next year. Watch the Lifeline and the website as information is made available.

As I write this, I am on the Powder Highway in British Columbia, Canada. I'll be back at the beginning of March. Send me any suggestions you have for next year.

Sylvia Haefeli, Family Committee Chair
family@ocskiclub.org



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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.

SUNDAY March 9 - Gore Mountain

FRIDAY March 14 - Winter Carnival, Pico Mountain
Also a Private-Lesson day!!

One last chance this ski season to get some one-on-one coaching with your choice of instructors! This is another no-cost benefit of being part of OC Ski Club.

Let it snow!!!

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OC Snowsports School Director
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VP for Administration
Steven Ford
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Hey OCers,

It's late February when I'm writing this and the ski conditions are great. I hope you all are getting to enjoy some turns out there.

Election nominations are coming up March 6th and March 13th. This is when any OC member can nominate another OC member for an Officer or Board position in the Club. Election night will be Thursday, March 27th.

Our next happy hour will be held on Wednesday, March 19th from 4-7 p.m. at Don Tequila Mexican Cantina (formerly where the Warehouse Grill was located) at 219 Wolf Rd., Colonie. There will be food and drink specials and specials just for the OCs! Plus, a gift card giveaway! Stop by and see your friends.

Be sure to get your 50/50 raffle ticket and stop by the Fundraising table to check out the latest OC merchandise.

See you on the slopes!

Steve

OC SECRETARY
Gail Marotti-Hossan
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The February Board meeting was canceled due to the weather.

Next Board Meeting:
Thursday, March 6th at the PCC, 6:30 p.m.



Fundraising



The Fundraising Committee has been upgrading OC inventory. We have reintroduced decals and patches, among other things, and the new Out of Control Ski Club T-shirt is now in stock.

Stop by the Fundraising table at any meeting and check it out!

We have also been running a 50/50 raffle every Thursday night at the Polish Community Center.

Rexford Lyons, Fundraising Committee Chair





Wednesday, March 19 4-7 p.m.

Don Tequila Mexican Cantina

219 Wolf Rd.

(former location of the Warehouse Grill)

Albany, NY 12205

(518) 512-3469

[Restaurant Link](#)

***Unique specials just for the OCs. Gift card giveaway.
Come check out this beautiful place!***

OC upcoming events [LINK](#)



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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Lynda Heaney - VP for Skiing

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