



OC Ski Club Liftline

May 2025

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President's
Corner

Mark Wilder

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Okay, another ski season is in the rear view and summer is straight ahead. Although I bet a few of you are not ready to call it quits just yet!

We are in the process of planning next year's trips and we would love to hear your suggestions. Something tried and true and something new? Where do you want to go?

Lynda Heaney attended the Mountain Travel Symposium where she met with travel agents and others in the ski industry and has numerous ideas, so let us know what interests you.

This coming year will be our 65th birthday as an organized Club. We're looking for some ideas we can explore to celebrate this milestone so shoot some ideas our way and we'll see if we can make it happen!



As the Club's year winds down, I would like to thank my fellow officers for their hard work: VP for Skiing Lynda Heaney, VP for Administration Steve Ford, Treasurer John Wimmer, and Secretary Gail Marotti-Hossan. Also a big thank you to committees and volunteers that make the Club run. And yes, we are always looking for more volunteers to help out. There's no shortage of jobs that you could help with.

Let's have a fun and safe summer and be ready next year to do it again!

**Cheers,
Mark**

**Summer Schedule Starts in May
Meetings at the PCC are ONLY
on first Thursday of the month**


DUES ARE DUE June 1st


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Albany, NY 12212		President, OC SKI CLUB

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

membership@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. Who better to recruit new people but our current members?!

Questions, email membership@ocskiclub.org



65 Years of
Being Out of Control
In December 1960 the
OC Ski Club was formed
This year marks our 65th Anniversary



Thanks to all the Committee people for helping out this season. You are the unsung heroes who make this Ski Club run (ski). Yes, we have Club officers, but they already get all the glory. 😊

Membership – Gail Marotti-Hossan, Bob Hossan, Meghan Ruby, Gretchen Riley

Bus Committee – Sylvia Haefeli, Barbara Sorrell, Cathy Marvin
Alpine Trips – Lynda Heaney

Activities & Entertainment – Judy Franze Tewey, Kate Karlok

Ambassadors – Mike Koutelis

Elections – Gail Marotti-Hossan

Audio/Video – Bill Corbin

Facilities – Cynthia Ward

Family – Sylvia Haefeli

Finance – Bob Hossan

Fundraising – Rex Lyons

Marketing – Fred Haefeli, Meghan Ruby

NYCDSC Reps – Cynthia Ward, Sylvia Haefeli

PayPal Admin – Chris Phillips

Publications – Linda Mickle

Instruction – Jeff Kenton and his merry band of instructors, too numerous to count

Volleyball – Gail Marotti-Hossan, others

Webmaster – Fred Haefeli, Gretchen Riley

To find out more about these folks and the jobs they do visit this OC webpage:

<https://ocskiclub.org/about-us/committees/>



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

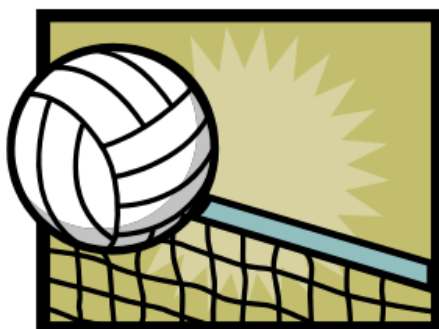
Summer League Registration website - [CLICK THIS LINK](#)



Collins Park in Scotia

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 snow season comes to a close, we find ourselves reminiscing about the unforgettable memories created on the slopes. But fear not, dear snow-lovers, for the excitement is far from over. We are excited to announce some thrilling destinations and dates for the upcoming ski season!

First up, mark your calendars for an exhilarating week at **Snowmass from January 24-31**. With its four iconic mountains - Aspen Mountain, Snowmass, Aspen Highlands, and Buttermilk - this destination promises varied terrain and stunning views of the Elk Mountains, making it a must-visit for every skier. Just remember, reservations are required for lift access, especially if you're using your Ikon pass, which grants you seven days with no blackouts.

Looking ahead to February, we have an incredible trip planned for **February 21-28**, where one city brings two remarkable resorts together: **Park City and Deer Valley**. While Deer Valley offers an exclusive, high-end skiing experience, Park City invites you to explore a broader range of activities and accommodations. Just like before, reservations are required, especially for those planning to ski with an Ikon pass.

As we transition into May, we're working on finalizing details for a **potential adventure to Palisades Tahoe**, renowned for its legendary terrain and vibrant ski culture. United by the Base-to-Base Gondola, it's the perfect opportunity to experience two distinct mountains.

And don't forget, we have an exciting **skills weekend at Whiteface scheduled for December 12-13**. Lake Placid transforms into a Christmas wonderland, and we've secured some delightful Village-side rooms to enhance your stay!



We're also gearing up for a fun-filled experience at **Sunday River** from **February 9-13**, where you can enjoy 300 acres of tree skiing and a variety of terrain suitable for all skill levels.

For those who dream of international slopes, we're excited to announce our upcoming destination, **St. Moritz**! With the Ikon pass, you can enjoy up to seven days at this gorgeous location without any blackouts, and with direct access to all nine areas.

Finally, we are currently finishing dates for our **family-friendly destinations** like **Smugglers' Notch** and **Jay Peak**.

Stay tuned for more information as signups will begin sometime in June. Keep an eye on our weekly mailers and Facebook page for the latest updates. We can't wait to see all of you at our opening night events for these exciting trips ahead.

Let's make this ski season unforgettable!



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

OC Alpine & Nordic Buses



Hi Everyone –

What a season we had! From lots of snow to spring riding, we ran buses to Whiteface, Gore, Sugarbush, Killington, Pico and Stratton. The Winter Carnival at Pico was a huge success and we ended the season at Killington with a great tailgate party. Thanks to Killington and Brown Coach for making these parties possible.

We are already planning for next season. Killington dates are accepted and the 2026 Winter Carnival will be at Pico again. Mike B. has promised us a special discount price for lift tickets. So put that date on your calendar and plan to take **March 13, Friday**, off from work for an awesome party at Pico.

Next year we will again offer the 3rd stop at the Warren County Building Park & Ride. We know more members will start using that stop. We will continue the combination of Nordic and Alpine buses. That was successful too. Again the **Winter Carnival will be March 13, Friday, at Pico**. Save that date!

A big Thank You to Cathy Marvin who single-handedly ran the Camp Sagamore bus. We plan to do that again next year. Cathy will be leaving us and **Josh Nixon is coming aboard as our third co-chair**. Barbara Sorrell and I (Sylvia) will stay on for another season.

The Bus table is closed for the summer. We will be back at our table right after Thanksgiving. See you there.

OC Alpine and Nordic Bus Committee

ocbus@ocskiclub.org

Barbara Sorrell, Cathy Marvin and Sylvia Haefeli

Welcome, Josh Nixon, to the Bus Committee!

Hello Families,

Jay Peak was a fun trip. A bit of fog and rain did not keep us inside. Friday and Saturday were good days on spring snow. The trees were heavenly and open to all. The water park was a great way to relax during the rain. The pizza party was delicious. **Thanks to Matt Wakefield and Trisha Cook** for hosting a fantastic trip.

I am retiring from the Family Committee and Matt Fabrizio will be taking over in June. He is planning a summer trip to Zoom Flume. Matt and Jamie look forward to hosting a family get-together at the water park. Lots of other activities are in the works too.

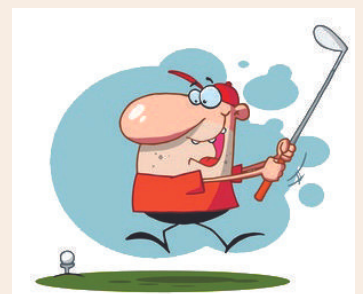
Smugglers' Notch and Jay Peak are being scheduled as I type. So put both trips on your schedule for next ski season.

Sylvia Haefeli, Family Committee Chair
family@ocskiclub.org



SAVE THE DATE

OC Annual Golf Tournament
Sunday, September 21



VP for Administration
Steven Ford
admin@ocskiclub.org



Hey OCers,

The 2024/2025 ski season is officially in the books and boy what a great OC ski season it was! The Club ran 11 trips this year including trips to six states and two foreign countries. The most of any club in the Capital District!

Our next happy hour will be Wednesday, May 21 from 4-7 p.m. at Smokey Bones, 1557 Central Avenue, Colonie. Come for food/drink specials and gift card prizes!

Your OC membership expires May 31. Don't wait until the fall. Renew now! We have lots of fun activities planned for the summer.

Beginning May 1, the Club drops to a summer meeting schedule. Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month at the PCC. Stop in and say hello. Don't forget to get your 50/50 raffle ticket and swing by the Fundraising table to check out the latest OC merchandise.

Enjoy the spring!

Steve

OC SECRETARY
Gail Marotti-Hossan
secretary@ocskiclub.org



The OC Ski Club 2024-2025 Board of Directors met on April 3, 2025, starting @ 6:33 p.m.

In Attendance:

Mark Wilder, Steve Ford, Lynda Heaney, John Wimmer, Gail Marotti-Hossan, Matt Fabrizio, Judy Franze Tewey, Fred Haefeli, Sylvia Haefeli, Doug Harrington, Lauren Harrington, Jeff Kenton, Cynthia Ward

Absent: Rich Livsey, Greg Bockis

Approval of Agenda, Minutes & Treasurer's Report:

Agenda: *Motion:* Sylvia Haefeli 2nd Lynda Heaney Passed

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

Treasurer's Report: *Motion:* Sylvia Haefeli 2nd Cynthia Ward Passed

OFFICERS' REPORTS

VP Admin

o Membership Stats

o Happy Hours: April 16 @ at Martell's at Capital Hills Golf Course, May 21 @ Smokey Bones

o Installation party booked for May 2nd, returning to the Normanside Country Club

o Summer schedule for Happy Hours will be 2x per month. 6/4 & 6/18 at Philly Bar & Lounge, Latham

VP Skiing

o Trips are being planned with returns to Sunday River, New Hampshire, Whiteface, Smuggs, & Jay Peak for certain.

o Epic & Icon Passes are on sale now... purchase early for best prices.

o OC online Fundraising store, vendor out of Cohoes, will be stocked with OC "stuff" and specific trip merchandise. Look for more information on FB, weekly emails, and website.

o MTS — April 7th to do some speed dating with tour operators & resorts. Mingle with other clubs and councils.

Old Business

o VBT Update: New location is now set to be Collins Park - the Lions Pavilion and the "temple" next door (cooking facilities)

New Business

o Subsidy of up to \$25 per person for the Installation Banquet was discussed and approved.

o NYCDSC and our membership in it was discussed at length. Basic summary is that the council no longer offers much to the clubs other than networking. Council days are disappearing with lack of participation from the "local" mountains and racing has pretty much died out due to lack of interest. Our cost to belong is ~\$300 (dues & recognition awards) which is not much but we need to consider whether we should continue.

o Marketing Forum: Fred Haefeli opened a discussion on what we want the OC Ski Club to evolve to, with racing and group lift ticket discounts drying up and lower bus ridership. We need to showcase other activities that we have had in the past to make us a year-round club and to attract/keep membership.

Next meeting will be May 1, 2025 at the PCC: 6:30 p.m.

MOTIONS:

1. SUBSIDIZE THE INSTALLATION BANQUET UP TO \$25 PER PERSON

Motion: Gail Marotti-Hossan 2nd Sylvia Haefeli Passed: Unanimously

MOTION TO ADJOURN - TIME: 7:33 p.m.

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



Judy Franze Tewey

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!



**Happy Hours twice
a month all summer**

Wednesday, June 4 4-7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 18 4-7 p.m.

Philly Bar & Lounge
622 Watervliet-Shaker Rd.
Latham, NY 12110
phillybaranlounge.com

Main bar and patio
Drink specials until 6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 9 4-7 p.m.
Wednesday, July 23 4-7 p.m.

Don Tequila Mexican Cantina
219 Wolf Road, Albany
dontequilamexicancantina.com

Patio
Food & drink specials and gift card giveaway!

Kate Karlok



A&E Committee

We are looking forward to a great "off season" of fun activities. Got any ideas? Shoot me an email at activities@ocskiclub.org

Working on details for the summer picnic which will be one of our special 65th Anniversary year events.



Fundraising Committee



We have new "President's" hats available on May 25. Available for purchase only at the fundraising table during meetings. Along with some T-shirts, socks and "Out of Control" buttons, including flashers, too!

Additionally, there is now an [OC On-Line Store](#) where you can buy items online, with options for pick-up in Cohoes or USPS delivery. Find the link on our website.

Have you noticed that the first three letters of fundraising spell FUN? Have some.

I really do want to thank you guys for allowing me the opportunity to barbecue for you at Killington. Hot dogs are really not that hard. Whoever brought the barbecue shrimp, feel free to do that again. They were great. 😊



Rexford Lyons
Fundraising Committee Chair

NYCDSC Info



As an OC Ski Club Member you are also part of the New York Capital District Ski Council (NYCDSC).

For updates on what is happening at the NYCDSC

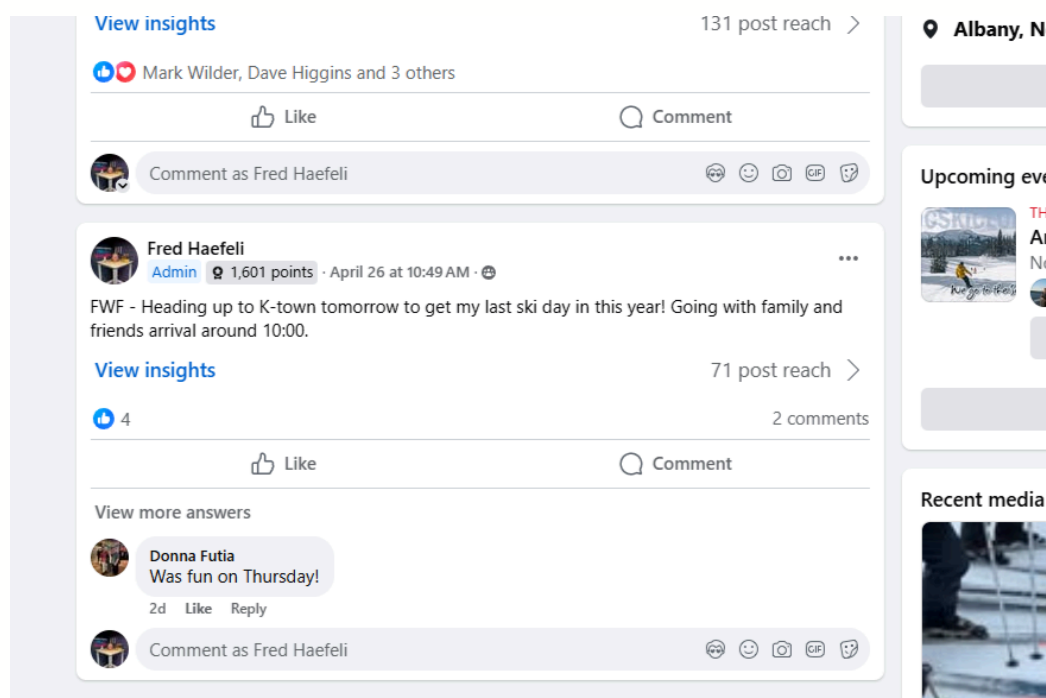
[CLICK HERE](#) for their Website

As you might know, the **OC Ski Club has a Facebook group page**, "The Out of Control Ski Club" [Direct Link](#) When we started this group the idea was to have a place where our members would post all the cool things they are doing and as a venue for the Ski Club to get news out to our members and followers.

FYI this Facebook group is not just for OC members. We also accept local people who are interested in our Club's activities in the hope that at some point they will join the Club once they see how cool we are. So far we have over 700 people on this group page, which is great, and we hope to add more as time goes by.

The two main reasons for this article are:

1. We want more of you to post what you have been doing. Skiing, obviously, but also other activities like hiking, biking, concerts, boating, etc. This is the **OC's Social Community Hub**. Let others see that the OCs are a fun-loving group. This will encourage non-members to want to join our great ski club.
2. Not necessarily new, but the other reason for our Facebook group is to let others know what you are also planning on doing. In the past OCs were always letting others know, for example, "Hey, Champagne in the Park is next Thursday - let's meet up!" or "Going to hike up to the snow hole on Saturday - want to join us?" Yes, we want these posts too. But to help others out, please start off with **"FWF"** which is the OC way of saying **"Friends doing things With Friends."** See the screen shot below for an example.



Please note that when you submit a post to our Facebook group it will say "Needs approval." This is only because in the past either wrong information about an OC event was being posted or the post was inappropriate, mean, etc. Your post will be approved ASAP as we have OC members monitoring the Group Page. As noted, this Facebook group is the **OC's Social Community Hub**, so we want everyone to post often!

***** LET THE POSTING BEGIN! *****

A Week of Adventure and Camaraderie in Copper!

What a week! Our OCers truly lived life to the fullest on this unforgettable ski trip. We were welcomed by eight inches of fresh snowfall, setting the perfect stage for days of blue skies, adventure, and laughter.

Beyond the slopes, our group embraced every opportunity for fun and connection. Side trips included a visit to Frisco for some adventurous rattlesnake sausage at a German pub and a memorable barbecue dinner sleigh ride in Breckenridge—complete with a few unexpected local transportation adventures. Some of us danced the night away to live music, while others explored Copper for unique dining experiences. The Copper Village pub crawl was a hit, with karaoke performances that won over the crowd.

One of the highlights was a fantastic group dinner at Black Diamond, where we celebrated Mike Koutelis's birthday with dessert and a glowing candle. The week was packed with laughter and fellowship, from a spirited game night featuring *Cards Against Humanity* to a thrilling scavenger hunt with hidden items to find scattered across the mountain.

Though we weren't without a few bumps and bruises, our OC spirit shined through as everyone rallied to support and care for each other. While skiing was a major part of the trip, it was the energy, positivity, and friendships that made it truly special. Many of us arrived as strangers but left as friends, proving once again that the OC Ski Club is something extraordinary.

Until next time—cheers to another incredible adventure!

Chantal Couture – Trip Leader



Look how steep that is!

Laax, Switzerland

March 8-16, 2025

Side trip extension to Zurich (March 16-19)



Our European trip afforded 29 adventurous OC members the opportunity to experience beautiful mountains, a modern European culture, interesting ski lifts, varied and delicious culinary experiences, and an environmentally conscious lodging style. Laax is the unofficial snowboarding capital of Europe and has a distinctly youthful and funky vibe.

There was a variety of terrain for skiing. At the top of the mountain, we encountered fluffy powder and packed powder conditions. From the midstation and lower, we had spring-like conditions with soft snow. All of the areas gave us a beautiful view. We giggled at the name of the midstation, "Crap Sogn Gion" (see photo below). Translated from Romansh, the least-spoken language of the four official languages of Switzerland (the others are German, French and Italian), it means St. John's Stone (Peak). Laax is known for its snow parks and halfpipes which host several competitions. These areas could be seen from the chairlifts and midstation cafeteria. The abilities of the riders were very impressive. The "flytrap" effect of these areas meant that the other 95% of the resort was left to the skiers. Everyone coexisted happily and peacefully at the resort.

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The Cadillac photo booth restored our youthful good looks!



Laax, Switzerland (continued)

Our hotel boasted a vegetarian breakfast. Although many of us were wary of what we would be served, our fears were allayed. The buffet offerings were plentiful, interesting and delicious. Five of the 7 group dinners were in 4 different restaurants within walking distance. We enjoyed the esprit de corps of these 5 delicious dinners and shared our tales of each day's adventures.

Other adventures included fun lifts: the Lavadinas 6-pack lift designed by Porsche, the FlemExpress - the world's only on-demand 10-person lift which takes you only to your destination, bypassing stops along the way - and the V-shaped Fourcla lift which would transport you to a different mountain peak than you intended if you entered the gondola building on the wrong side. We also enjoyed the tree-top walk, the shopping, and the Cadillac photobooth, which peeled away several decades to reveal our younger, more attractive selves. Or at least, how we remember ourselves.

Nine from our group returned to the USA and 20 of us continued to Zurich. We had a comprehensive city tour and boat ride across the lake. Many of us enjoyed spending additional time in the Lindt Museum of Chocolate. The samples were plentiful and delicious. As the Swiss trains were easy to navigate some folks ventured on to Basel, Munich and Luzern. If you had enough francs and luggage space, the shopping experience was wonderful.

Overall, the trip was great not only for skiing but for the cultural experience.

Jitka Zobal Ratner, Trip Leader



Mont-Tremblant, Québec

February 23-27, 2025



Another great OC trip to Mont-Tremblant for 39 new and old members. We enjoyed beautiful skiing – perfect for all skill levels: steep trails, glades and plenty of uncrowded groomers. The weather was warm and the snow plentiful. This drive up-trip enabled several people to make a stop pre- or post-trip to see their own friends and family or just enjoy a side visit to Montreal. Everyone had a buddy to share the easy ride.

Several people got right on the slopes upon arrival to this perfectly located ski-in, cabriolet-out Residence Inn. The welcome party at P'tit Caribou, which was voted best après-ski bar in North America 10 years in a row by Ski Canada Magazine and ranked fourth best ski bar in the world by Forbes, was the perfect place to meet and greet.

Monday evening, we had a delicious group dinner at Lucille's, which offered a three-course gourmet meal. A few enjoyed an optional group dinner to experience a traditional Raclette meal with melted cheese.

The walkable base village offered wonderful food, drink, and shopping options. Some of us found our way to the casino and I'm pretty sure everyone won.

As usual for OC trips, many enjoyed the hot tub après ski and some participated in evening games in the lobby gathering area.

This was terrific trip and we are thankful for all who went and shared this experience. We're hoping the Club returns next year!

Maura Kenny and John Dowling, Trip Leaders

Hello Fellow OC Members

Another OC calendar year nears its end. If you didn't already know, our business year goes from June 1st to May 31st. My committee and many others are already planning for the next season. Here are a few things we are looking to improve upon.

- Membership retention
- Increase new membership sign-ups
- On our Facebook group, get group members to post more of the fun things they are doing! We are a community - let others know what is happening.
- Get our members to wear their OC buttons when they are out and about. Going to Saratoga Racetrack, Valley Cats game, Frog Alley? Wear your button, it is the best advertisement we have. Plus, our members are our best spokespersons.
- Do more cool things during the regular OC meetings at the PCC:
 - a. More clinics
 - b. Game night with prizes
 - c. Guest speakers
 - d. Got an idea? Shoot me an email.

Remember this Ski Club benefits its members and is run by member volunteers. We need YOU to promote the Club, plus we need your INPUT on what you want to do. We do our best, as usual, to make the ski season and the "off season" fun for our membership



Fred Haefeli
OC Marketing Director
marketing@ocskiclub.org

Yes, that is me in the skirt.
What can I say, I got good legs!

**Everything that happens with the OC Ski Club
is done by Volunteers**



Please [CLICK HERE](#)
to find out how
YOU can help the
OC Ski Club

OC Bus Comm BBQ photos past & present



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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OC Facebook Group - [OC Facebook](#)

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Contact a Committee Chairperson - [Click Here](#)

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