



# OC Ski Club Liftline

**July 2025**

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Corner

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Summer is definitely in full swing, with temps in the high 90s just recently, so who's thinking skiing now? We are, that's who! As you put on that sunscreen and enjoy warm-weather activities, the Club is actively planning next season's ski trips and bus schedule. Many trips are already set and ready to go on sale. I know, it's hard to think about making a commitment to a ski trip in July, but our vendors are looking for earlier commitments and payments from ski clubs.

Summer activities are underway. Volleyball leagues play Mondays and Tuesdays and the annual tournament is being planned for a new location this year – Collins Park in Scotia. We will be looking for volunteers as we get closer to the event.

A summer picnic is set for Rogers Memorial Park on Lake George September 6. Check the website for details. The annual golf scramble is coming soon. And of course we have Happy Hours. This summer we will have two each month! Thank you, Judy Franze Tewey, for setting them up.

Since this is our 65<sup>th</sup> year, we are always looking for ways to celebrate, so if you have any ideas, please let us know. If you have any stories or memories you could share we would all love to hear them!

**Cheers,**

**Mark**

Don't  
Forget!

*Our next meeting is Thursday, July 10 at the PCC.*



## 🔥 2025-2026 Ski Season is Heating Up Even in the Summer! 🔥

While the temperatures are up, your Club volunteers are already hard at work planning an incredible 2025-2026 ski season! Mark your calendars and get ready—trip signups are just around the corner. Starting with in-person signups at Don Tequila's Mexican Cantina, 219 Wolf Road, Colonie, for both dates.

### Opens Wednesday July 9

Chantal Couture – Park City / Deer Valley (Opening Night!)  
John Hyde – Snowmass - this trip is already open for sign ups  
Cathy McGuire – Kitzbühel/Salzburg European Adventure (Opening Night!)

### Opens Wednesday July 23

Lauren & Doug Harrington or Lynda Heaney – Sunday River (Opening Night!)

\$50 OFF when you sign up in person with qualifying trips opening night only. Online payments go live the day after each in-person signup date.

### **Know Before You Go:**

Want to scope out your accommodations? Be sure to check them online before you commit—many trips feature ski-in/ski-out lodging, condos, and a variety of rooming options. Be sure your application is completely filled out.

### **Payment Options Made Easy:**

You now have three ways to pay your deposit:

- PayPal (note: additional processing fees apply)
- Check by mail ("snail mail")
- ACH bank transfer – instant, no fees!

To view the full 2025-2026 Ski Trip Schedule or for detailed trip info, visit [ocskiclub.org](http://ocskiclub.org) or email us at [alpinetrips@ocskiclub.org](mailto:alpinetrips@ocskiclub.org). Let's make it another unforgettable season on the slopes!

*When you sign up . . .*

If the registration or payment is incomplete or missing, your spot can and will be given to someone else.



**Late payments = automatic cancellation. Don't risk it.**

Remember: Trip leaders are volunteers. They're busy making these trips awesome—it's not their job to chase down paperwork or payments.

Traveling or unavailable? Leave a post-dated check with your Trip Leader to stay in good standing.

Get your paperwork ready and be on time—these trips will fill fast!

**Alpine Trips Committee**  
email: [alpinetrips@ocskiclub.org](mailto:alpinetrips@ocskiclub.org)

Happiness is skiing!



## 2025-2026 OC Ski Trips

Trips offer downhill and XC skiing

Whiteface, New York - December 12 to 14

Smugglers' Notch, Vermont - January 16 to 19

Snowmass - Aspen, Colorado - January 24 to 31 - **Open for signups**

Sunday River, Maine - February 8 to 13 - **Opens July 23rd**

Kitzbühel/Salzburg European Feb 20 to 27 (plus side trip) **Opens July 9th**

Park City - Deer Valley, Utah - February 21 to 28 - **Opens July 9th**

Mount Tremblant, Canada - March 8 to 13

Palisades Tahoe, California - March 24 to 30

Jay Peak, Vermont - April 10 to 12

New Hampshire - under construction

**Keep an eye on the weekly email news update. [OC Ski Trip Link](#)**



**This could be you this year!**

VP for Administration  
Steven Ford  
[admin@ocskiclub.org](mailto:admin@ocskiclub.org)



**Hey OCers,**

As a reminder, due to the July 4th holiday, our next meeting at the PCC will be July 10th.

Our July happy hours are returning to Don Tequila's Mexican Cantina located at 219 Wolf Road in Colonie (formerly where the Warehouse Grill was located), Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> both from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Come show off your summer tan and enjoy the great patio, along with food and drink specials and a gift card giveaway!

As part of our 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration we are having our picnic at Rogers Memorial Park in Bolton Landing on Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Join us for a sunny afternoon of good food and lakeside fun. Bring your dancing shoes and your favorite people for a relaxing day by the water – you won't want to miss it!

I am very pleased to announce that the OC Ski Club has a new online store at <http://ocskiclub.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

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

All the best,

**Steve**



65<sup>th</sup>

## Member Profile

Since its inception 65 years ago, the OC Ski Club has welcomed hundreds of members whose interests and achievements set them apart. In this new Liftline space, we will spotlight a special OC member..



Photo credit - FIS Telemark/Sam Decout



**Stefan Bagnato** has been a member of the OCs since 2006 when he joined with his wife Amy. What makes Stefan unusual is he is a telemark skier and competes for the US Telemark Ski Team at the World Cup level. Yup, that's WORLD CUP level!

Stefan started skiing as a kid in the Catskills and Berkshires not far from his home in Tarrytown, NY. The family skied mostly Windham, Hunter, and Butternut with special trips to Pico, Stowe, and Sugarbush. When Stefan was in college, his geology professor/advisor introduced him to telemark skiing. While discussing his senior thesis and preparing a paper for publication (yeah, on the slopes and lifts), his professor gave Stefan his first introduction to tele skiing. That was 25 years ago. Throughout the years that followed, Stefan continued to learn tele technique from his professor, maintaining that friendship and skiing together to this day.

After a few professional private lessons at Gore Mountain to fine tune his technique, and sporadic NASTAR and ski club/council races, Stefan was hungry for more and attended the US Telemark Ski Team Training Camp at Mt. Snow in 2016. While at the camp, Stefan proved himself to be on par with the racers -- so competent that he was invited to participate in his first tele race that season at West Mountain. He finished 3rd place in the Citizen's Division, which would have been 6th place in the Elite Division. He was hooked! The following season he was invited to join the US Telemark Ski Team as a member of the Development Team.



Stefan spent many days at West Mountain, Hunter Mountain, and Mt. Snow learning the fundamentals of tele racing. It is more than just time and gates. A race consists of a timed run including Giant Slalom gates; about halfway down there is a jump where distance on landing is judged, then more gates, and ending with a banked turn and a required Nordic skate across a prescribed distance before crossing the finish line.

In a race much like a triathlon, speed is important but so is endurance and technique. A person is measured on time, but also judged on jump distance, and proper telemark technique. At each gate, a judge signals with a flag if the skier took the gate in the correct tele stance. A 1-second penalty is added to the overall time for each incorrect turn. The jump distance is determined by the average distance racers make in practice runs, taking the distance achieved by the top approximately 10% of the field as the mandatory distance. Again, you are assessed time penalties for failure to make the distance. More gates and then into the banked turn. Tele racers carry Nordic poles to assist in the final leg of the race, an all-out sprint to the finish line testing your strength, stamina, and resolve.

After several years on the US Telemark Ski Team learning and improving, Stefan worked his way up the ranks, eventually making the B Team, and following a very successful 2022 season capped by his best finish of 4th place at the US National Championships, he earned a spot on the A Team, making him eligible for World Cup competition. A shoulder injury cost him his 2023 season, but he made his World Cup debut in 2024 in Switzerland, where he placed in the lower end of the pack in a very humbling but exciting competition. A week of training with members of the British and several other national teams in France provided a lot of great feedback and forged valued new friendships. He returned to the US for an overall 2nd place finish at the US National Championships that year.

Stefan, at 46 years old, is a "weekend warrior" and a full-time environmental consultant working mostly from his home, competing with skiers 15-20 years younger and able to devote full time to the sport. He feels honored just to be on the US Tele team and to have the opportunity to race at the highest level of the sport that he loves.



During the 2025 season he raced at the FIS Telemark World Championships in France and the FIS Telemark World Cup Finals in Switzerland. These were two amazing events to be part of – the World Championships are held only every two years and represent the pinnacle of the sport, as it is not yet an Olympic sport. He was able to improve on the previous year's performances and even beat a couple of the young guys! World Cup Finals is an exciting culminating event for the season; this year Britain's Jasmin Taylor won two discipline crystal globes and the overall crystal globe, and has been an amazing skier to train with, watch, and emulate over the last two years. The 2030 Olympics will be in the French Alps and represent Telemark's next best chance for inclusion in the Olympic Games, a goal many in the sport dream of.

Stefan and Amy spend their winter weekends skiing (Amy is a downhiller) as much as possible. Though previously a mostly mogul and tree skier, Stefan is happy on any terrain. These days, race technique is a priority and he is usually working on improving his carving skills on the groomers, jumping skills in the terrain parks, and of course his Nordic skating skills on the flats.

As ski shops that are knowledgeable about telemark equipment in the Capital Region are virtually nonexistent, Stefan has learned to mount his own bindings and maintain his skis. He often works with Garrick at Steiner's for custom boot fitting, professional tuning, and if he has general questions. As telemark is a very small niche sport, there are not many tele skiers locally. With his US Telemark Ski Team teammates scattered around the country, Stefan currently trains at Hunter Mountain with a Masters racing group where he is the only telemark skier.

**If you want to learn more about telemark skiing and racing**, come to an OC event and meet Stefan. Stefan has helped a couple of OC members with telemark over the years and would love to see more telemark skiers in the Club and share his expertise with them (when he's not racing!). 😊

### **In other Member News**

Fletcher Brightman passed his level one skiing AND level one snowboard instructor certification thru PSIA this season  
NOT an easy task!

He joins an elite OC instructor group who  
have dual skiing & snowboard certifications  
joining Steve Davies and Jeff Kenton

**Reminder - FREE ski lessons for OC Members!**

## **BOWLING RESULTS!**



We had 15 bowlers on Tuesday, June 17 at Uncle Sam Lanes in Troy.

We won't mention LOW scores because we had a lot. Join us next month. Don't worry about not knowing how to bowl - we had 11 games under 100.

**High score - men:** Wade Hall with a 179

**High score- women:** Cathy Marvin with a 168

No winning team because we had mixed numbers on teams and some chose to stop after 2 games.

Tuesday, July 15 is our next date. We did find out they have Taco Tuesday from 4 to 7 - free tacos for bar patrons! We need to get there earlier to partake.

Uncle Sam Lanes was very accommodating. Hope to see you next month!



Save the following Tuesday nights for BOWLING:

**July 15 and August 12**

Come out for a fun night - no matter what your skill level!

Meet at 7:00 p.m. at [Uncle Sam Lanes](#), 600 Fulton St., Troy, NY 12180.

We get 2 hours of bowling for \$10 and shoe rental for \$2. Please bring cash.

Teams of 4 would be wonderful if you want to bowl with someone specific; otherwise I will assemble teams of 4.

I prefer that you commit the day before (but can wait until noon on the day) so I can let them know how many lanes we need. They will also put our names in the system so we don't waste time doing that.

**Cathy Marvin**

email:

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

## July

Wednesday, July 9 4-7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 23 4-7 p.m.



Judy Franze Tewey

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

Patio

Food & drink specials and gift card giveaway!

## August

Wednesday, August 6 4-7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 20 4-7 p.m.

**Smokey Bones**  
**1557 Central Ave., Colonie**  
**smokeybones.com**

Drink specials until 6 and food specials all evening.  
Gift card giveaways!

Under new management that seems even better than before!



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](mailto:activities@ocskiclub.org)





## **OC PICNIC AT BOLTON LANDING**

**Rogers Memorial Park - Saturday, September 6, 2025**  
*Part of our 65th Anniversary celebration!*

Hello all of you Out of Control friends and family. Get ready for our OC picnic set for September 6th at Rogers Memorial Park in Bolton Landing from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Details are being ironed out but I wanted to give all of you the chance to add it to your calendar now.

There is free parking for 45 spots in the park so you may want to car pool or you can park in town which is a close walk to the pavilion. There are tennis courts, pickle ball courts, a beautiful beach, kayak launch, public restrooms, public boat docks, a gazebo, and a pavilion that we will have for our picnic. There are picnic tables but we are asking that you **bring a chair and a side dish to share**. We are planning on the usual hamburgers and hot dogs and adding some marinated grilled chicken.

Bring your dancing shoes because Kate can't have a party without music and dancing. There are always ants in the pants to shake out.

There will be a fee of **\$15 per member and \$20 per guest**.

Let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. Email [activities@ocskiclub.org](mailto:activities@ocskiclub.org)

Be there or be square because THE FUN IS NEVER OVER when the OC Ski Club gets together.

### Notes:

- If you plan on launching a boat in Lake George and docking it at the public dock at Rogers Memorial Park, please note that Norowal Marina is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There is a charge to launch.
- The park is walking distance to a museum, many shops and fun places to explore.
- Also, there are no lifeguards on duty September 6th so swimming is available at your own risk.
- Alcohol is allowed but not on the beach, and the Town of Bolton asks that there be no glass.

Hope to see you all there, rain or shine!

The logo for Zoom Flume Water Park features the word "Zoom" in a large, blue, bubbly font with a white outline. Below it, "Flume" is written in a similar blue, bubbly font with a white outline. At the bottom, "Water Park" is written in a smaller, blue, bubbly font with a white outline. The entire logo is set against a light blue background.

Summer Heat  
Save the Date  
for some COOL Times

Details are getting close but  
save the dates  
July 27 or August 3rd  
is what we are hoping for

Keep an eye on the weekly email  
for updates



## MAY 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

The OC Ski Club 2024-2025 Board of Directors met on May 1st, starting @ 6:35 p.m.

### In Attendance:

Mark Wilder, Steve Ford, 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

### Absent:

Lynda Heaney

### Approval of Agenda, Minutes & Treasurer's Report

Agenda: Motion: Gail Marotti-Hossan 2nd Cynthia Ward Passed

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

Treasurer's Report: Motion: Sylvia Haefeli 2nd John Wimmer Passed

### Officers' Reports

#### • VP Admin

- Membership Stats
- Happy Hours: May 21 @ Smokey Bones
- Installation party has 75 signed up

#### • VP Skiing

- Dates on Trips Report are incorrect (year) but the list of trips so far is:  
Snowmass, Park City & Deer Valley, Palisades (Tahoe), Whiteface, Sunday River, St. Moritz, Smuggs, Jay Peak
- An unusual number of cancellations. 15 buses were run
- 2 Independent XC buses ran

### Old Business

- VBT Update: Application accepted and approved for Scotia Collins Park/Lions Pavilion

### New Business

- Marketing Plan from Fred Haefeli
- Meeting date changes: July 3rd to July 10th

### Next meeting

Next meeting will be June 5, 2025; PCC: 6:30pm

### MOTIONS:

MOTION TO ADJOURN TIME: 7:38 p.m.

Motion: Gail Marotti-Hossan 2nd: Doug Harrington Passed: Unanimously

## **JUNE 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

The OC Ski Club 2024 2025 Board of Directors met on June 5, starting @ 6:38 p.m..

### **In Attendance:**

Mark Wilder, Steve Ford, 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

### **Absent:**

Lynda Heaney

### **Approval of Agenda, Minutes & Treasurer's Report**

Agenda:	Motion: Cynthia Ward	2nd	Gail Marotti-Hossan	Passed
Minutes:	Motion: Gail Marotti-Hossan	2nd	Sylvia Haefeli	Passed
Treasurers Report:	Motion: Cynthia Ward	2nd	Sylvia Haefeli	Passed

### **Officers' Reports**

#### **• VP Admin**

- Membership Stats
- Happy Hours: Twice Monthly for Summer: June Philly Bar & Grill
- Summer Picnic scheduled for Sept 6th at Rogers Park on Lake George

#### **• VP Skiing**

- Dates on Trips Report are incorrect (year) but the list of trips so far is:
- Snowmass, Park City & Deer Valley, Palisades (Tahoe), Whiteface, Sunday River, Kitzbuhel/Salzberg, Smuggs, Indian Head (NH), Jay Peak & Tremblant

### **Old Business**

- VBT Update: Dates are Sept. 13 (setup), Sept. 14th (Tournament), Sept. 15th (cleanup)

### **New Business**

- o Marketing Plan from Fred Haefeli
- o Meeting date changes: July 3rd to July 10th
- o Committee Nominations (complete list to be published in July minutes)
- o Incident Report (executive session invoked to discuss)

### **Next meeting**

Next meeting will be July 10, 2025; PCC: 6:30pm

### **MOTIONS:**

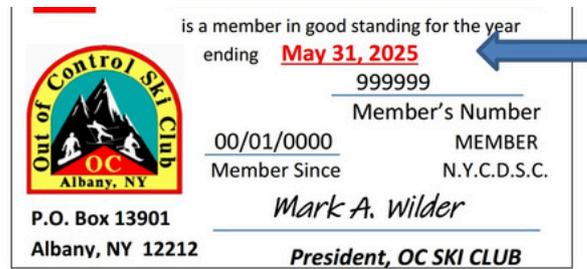
MOTION TO ADJOURN TIME: 7:38 p.m.

Motion: Gail Marotti-Hossan 2nd: Doug Harrington Passed: Unanimously

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# DUES ARE DUE June 1<sup>st</sup>

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**No April Fool's Day joke – renewals or signups for 2025/2026 will open on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025...** The OC SKI CLUB's membership year begins on June 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:membership@ocskiclub.org)

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



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

**Collins Park in Scotia**



**OC SKI CLUB 53<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.ocskiclub.org) or see your League Coordinator for a copy starting 6/30/25



**SAVE THE DATE**



**OC Annual Golf Tournament**

**Sunday, September 21**

**Brookhaven Golf Club**

**Sign up starts in August**

# Summer Activities



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](#)

## Officers

Mark Wilder - President

Steven Ford - VP for Admin

Lynda Heaney - VP for Skiing

Gail Marotti-Hossan - Secretary

John Wimmer - Treasurer

## Board of Directors

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