



# OC Ski Club Liftline

October 2025

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Wait, it's October already? Whoa! But I'm still biking so at least there's that. But ski season will be coming sooner than you think. So get those boards ready!

We just had our 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Volleyball Tournament. It was at a new location this year, a great success. Many thanks to Lynda Heaney, Gail Marotti-Hossan and Bob Hossan for all the hard work that went into planning and running this event. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped out with setup and working the event. It wouldn't happen without you! As you all must know by now, this event is the major fundraiser for the Club and the reason we can keep the cost of the buses low.

Many of the ski trips have already opened and some are getting to the point where we have to turn back unsold spots, so don't wait too long or you'll be out of luck. The Whiteface trip is the first one of the season and includes free instruction.

Coming up is the **budget vote on October 9<sup>th</sup>**. Come by to vote and we may have a surprise for you. We are also planning on more events for each meeting night. Jeff will have his instructor events and we are planning a gear swap for members to exchange equipment they no longer use. Stay tuned.

Since this December marks our 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, we are always looking for events to celebrate. If you have any ideas for what you think might be a fun event, let any officer or Board member or committee member know and we will see if we can make it happen.

**Cheers,**  
**Mark**

## *A Quick Note About Raffles at Club Meetings and Events. . .*

If you're thinking about promoting a raffle, please check in first to ensure it's okay for that specific event. It's not advisable to have other raffles when we're hosting one ourselves, as it can impact our sales. Let's keep our events fun and successful for everyone. Thanks for your understanding!

# **OCTOBER OC EVENTS AT THE PCC**

**Go to the OC Website for  
Complete Details!**



October 2, 2025

## **Monthly Game Night at the PCC**

[Game Night Link](#)

October 9, 2025

## **Budget Vote**

Members vote on the proposed Club budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

[Budget Vote Night Link](#)

October 16, 2025

## **Gear Swap Event**

Bring your good ski stuff that you don't need! For current OC members only.

[Gear Swap Link](#)

October 23, 2025

## **Functional Movement Screen Clinic**

This clinic will identify imbalances in mobility and stability, so that corrective exercises can help prevent injuries.

[Monthly OC Clinic Link](#)

October 30, 2025

## **Halloween!**

Yes, you got that date right... This event is for everyone, including families!

A chance to test your best costumes.

[Halloween Celebration Link](#)



OCers, listen up! The clock is ticking, and we are fast approaching those crucial turn-back dates for our unforgettable Club trips. If you've been contemplating joining us on the slopes, now is the time to act!

Imagine this: the thrill of carving down fresh powder, the laughter shared over a warm drink at the bar, and the camaraderie of fellow Club members who become friends for life. These getaways are more than just a chance to hit the slopes; they're a celebration of adventure, stories, and shared experiences.

But here's the catch—if you snooze, you may miss out! Spots are filling up faster than a skier racing down the mountain, and a small deposit secures your place in this thrilling adventure. Don't let hesitation hold you back! Join us as we bond over shared passions, relish in the beauty of snowy landscapes, and create memories that will last a lifetime. Grab your gear, put your money down, and get ready for an exhilarating skiing experience with the Club. Let's conquer those slopes together—because the only thing worse than a missed opportunity is wishing you had joined in on the fun!

So, don't wait—check things out and secure your spot today. Adventure is calling, and you don't want to miss it.

### **Complete Your Reservation!**

We've had an ongoing issue with people submitting only an application or only a payment when signing up online. Please remember:

**Your reservation is not complete until we receive both:**

*A completed application, AND*

*Your deposit/payment*



If either piece is missing, your name will be placed in the pending file. **No room will be held for you until your reservation is complete.**

Help us keep the process smooth — finish your reservation today! Thanks!

### **OC Ski Club 2025-2026 Trip Lineup**

**Whiteface - 'Sharpen Your Skills' Weekend  
Lake Placid, NY • December 12-14, 2025**

**Open for sign-ups**

Start your season strong with a weekend designed to refresh your ski skills. Enjoy free lessons, scenic lakefront lodging, and explore the Olympic legacy of Lake Placid. It's a great social kickoff with cozy Adirondack vibes.

✉ [Whiteface@ocskiclub.org](mailto:Whiteface@ocskiclub.org)

**Smugglers' Notch, Vermont  
January 16-19, 2026**

**Open for sign-ups very soon**

Smuggs is a beloved New England gem with uncrowded trails, glades, and slopeside accommodations. Ideal for a long weekend escape, it offers charm and fun for all ages. You'll love the laid-back atmosphere and powder stashes.

✉ [Smuggs@ocskiclub.org](mailto:Smuggs@ocskiclub.org)

**Snowmass, Colorado** Open for sign-ups

**January 24-31, 2026**

One ticket gets you access to Snowmass, Aspen, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk—over 5,500 acres of skiing! This trip delivers legendary terrain, high-end amenities, and epic après-ski scenes. Perfect for those wanting it all in one unforgettable week.

✉ [Snowmass@ocskiclub.org](mailto:Snowmass@ocskiclub.org)

**Sunday River, Maine** Open for sign-ups

**February 8-13, 2026**

With seven peaks and dependable snow, Sunday River delivers big mountain adventure in the East. Enjoy a group dinner, custom trip T-shirt, and themed ski days like Hawaiian Shirt Day and Onesie Day. It's a fun, community-focused trip!

✉ [SundayRiver@ocskiclub.org](mailto:SundayRiver@ocskiclub.org)

**Park City & Deer Valley, Utah** Open for sign-ups

**February 21-28, 2026**

Experience the best of both worlds: Park City's expansive terrain and Deer Valley's lux pampering. Known for top-tier grooming, dining, and access to a lively mountain town. A perfect blend of adventure and elegance.

✉ [ParkCity@ocskiclub.org](mailto:ParkCity@ocskiclub.org)

**Kitzbühel, Austria with Salzburg Side Trip** Open for sign-ups

**February 20-27, 2026**

Ski the world-famous Hahnenkamm and wander cobblestone streets in this medieval Austrian village. Includes a cultural side trip to Salzburg—think castles, strudel, and Mozart. A dream European getaway with world-class skiing.

✉ [Europe@ocskiclub.org](mailto:Europe@ocskiclub.org)

**Tremblant, Québec** Open for sign-ups

**March 8-13, 2026**

Tremblant offers European-style charm just north of the border. Walkable village, cozy après-ski, and diverse terrain make it a favorite for all skill levels. It's a convenient international escape with plenty of character.

✉ [Tremblant@ocskiclub.org](mailto:Tremblant@ocskiclub.org)

**New Hampshire Adventure** Open for sign-ups  
**March 3-6, 2026**

Discover the classic character of the White Mountains with this short but sweet Northeast trip. Great terrain, friendly locals, and quaint towns await. It's a refreshing, affordable escape with a back-to-basics vibe.

✉ [NH@ocskiclub.org](mailto:NH@ocskiclub.org)

**Palisades Tahoe, California** Open for sign-ups  
**March 24-31, 2026**

This Olympic resort boasts massive terrain, lakeside views, and true ski-in/ski-out condos. Expect sunshine, big bowls, and California energy. It's ideal for those chasing both serious snow and après fun. *See article on next page.*

✉ [Palisades@ocskiclub.org](mailto:Palisades@ocskiclub.org)

**Jay Peak, Vermont** Details coming soon  
**April 10-12, 2026**

Finish your season strong at the snowiest resort in the East. Jay Peak is a late-season gem with deep powder and a laid-back vibe. A perfect weekend for die-hards and spring skiing fans.

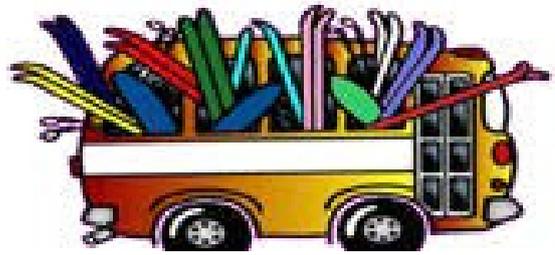
✉ [JayPeak@ocskiclub.org](mailto:JayPeak@ocskiclub.org)

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

**[This could be you this year!](#)**



## **Bus Committee**



We're Back! The [bus schedule for 2025-26 season](#) is ready and posted. Barbara Sorrell, Josh Nixon and I (Sylvia Haefeli) have worked over the summer to give you the best of ski/ride season EVER! Again we are combining Downhill and X-Country.

### **DOWNHILL**

We took into consideration the number of cancellations last year and made sure we accounted for OC trips. So many members participate in trips, that this directly impacts the attendance for Day Bus trips. The blackout dates for passes were considered. Most members have IKON and/or Ski3. We scheduled only 5 Killington/Pico dates. Stratton and Sugarbush are unlimited on IKON. Gore and Whiteface are Club favorites. We hear you!

Unfortunately, Okemo and Mt. Snow are Epic and we could not run a bus to either resort last year. We did put the Reggae Fest Mt. Snow bus on the schedule and hope it runs this year. Several Fridays and Sundays have no buses scheduled due to conflicts with trips. HOWEVER, we will add any bus date that appears to have support. We need 21 riders (includes the bus leader) in order run a bus.

### **X-COUNTRY**

We start the season Jan. 4, 2026, at the Stratton Nordic Center that features 10km of cross-country ski trails groomed for both classic and skate skiing and 3km of single-track snowshoe trails. The Nordic Center at the Sun Bowl Lodge (where the bus parks) is open for snowshoe and skiing. Like last year, we are combining buses, keeping that 3rd stop at Exit 20, and have included several Saturdays just for our Nordic and snowshoe members. And yes, we have kept the Great Camp Sagamore trips. We added three "Where the Snow Is" destinations. Both Barbara and Josh are excited to offer opportunities to schedule according to snow conditions. Be sure to check the website for additions, changes, and cancellations.

## **GENERAL**

The bus price remains the same: \$12 members and their children/grandchildren, \$22 guests. This year we are lowering the child age of 7 down to 5 years for riding the bus. Families are welcome on all buses just as they are welcome on all OC trips. Kids are future OC members and we love riding and skiing with them. Free ski lessons are available on all buses. Children, snowboard and Never Ever lessons need to be pre-scheduled with Instruction. Just contact Jeff Kenton at any meeting or via email: [skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org](mailto:skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org).

FREE water is still available on the ride home. All buses leave Crossgates Commons (behind the huge Walmart) at 7:00 a.m. except for the three Sugarbush trips, which start at 6:30 a.m. Going north to Gore, Whiteface, Sugarbush, Killington and Pico, the second stop is Exit 12 in front of the Panera's, and the third stop is Exit 20 Park & Ride lot at the Warren County Building Complex. Going East to Stratton and Mt. Snow, the second stop is the Park & Ride lot on Rte. 7 at the Walmart. Any XCtry bus that goes north or east has the same stops. If we set up a bus to go either south or west, there is only the first stop at Crossgates Commons.

Weekday buses will leave the resort at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday buses will leave at 5:00 p.m. XCtry-only buses will leave per the bus leader's instructions. Starting this season, bus cancellations will be posted on our website, the Out of Control Ski Club private member Facebook page, and the OC Instagram page. We are phasing out the FB Alpine Bus Committee page. Anyone who is getting that page should move over to the FB Out of Control Ski Club page.

Last year we sold very few individual lift tickets for any particular mountain. We will have discount offers from the mountains for our Day Bus trips. Like last year, most must be purchased directly from the mountain using a discount code we provide you when you sign up for a bus seat. The Gore/Whiteface tickets will be purchased from the Club but we do have a minimum number which in the past we were unable to meet. I urge all members who don't have the SKI3 pass to buy the \$59 Frequent Skier Card from ORDA (NY State owned mountains) before Dec. 15. They limit sales of the card. That would be the cheapest way to buy individual lift tickets for Gore and Whiteface. Of course it can be used any time, not just on Day Bus days, and is also good for Belleayre. We do get discounts for group purchases off XCtry trail passes, usually \$5 off the regular pass.

## **GENERAL (CONTINUED)**

Winter Carnival is scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2026 at Pico, and we expect to have a nice discount lift ticket price. Last year we had a great time and a tailgate party too. Be sure to start planning for the party. We are hoping to have more parties/tailgate buses, Heaney-Wienie Roasts at Gore, and other fun activities on the bus. Watch for the announcements. For the Dec. 7 Killington bus, we will have a Jello Posse competition. The ride home will shiver and shake like Jello does!

See you on the bus.

**Sylvia Haefeli, Josh Nixon, and Barbara Sorrell**  
**OC Bus Committee chairs**

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



And the winner is . . .

**Congratulations to Chelsea Bradley,  
Our IKON Pass Winner!**

We're thrilled to announce the winner of our recent drawing for the IKON full pass! A big round of applause goes to Chelsea Bradley, who will be hitting the slopes with her brand-new full IKON pass this season.

Chelsea, we hope you have an incredible time exploring all the amazing mountains and trails that come with this pass. Whether you're carving through fresh powder or enjoying the breathtaking views, we know you're going to make the most of every moment.

Here's to a fantastic season ahead filled with adventure, fun, and plenty of skiing! Enjoy every run, Chelsea!



**AS THE SKI TURNS  
OC SNOWSPORTS SCHOOL**



**Thursday, October 23. PCC 5:30 PM - FUNCTIONAL MOVEMENT SCREEN** aims to identify imbalances in mobility and stability during fundamental movement patterns, where the patterns are given a numerical score. Once deficiencies have been identified, a program of corrective exercises can be developed with the goal of improving performance and preventing injuries. For those wishing to participate in the test, wear Gym clothes. Conducted by Brian Mieczkowski, OC Snowsports School Technical Director. **TESTING WILL BE LIMITED**—sign up at a meeting or contact Jeff Kenton at [skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org](mailto:skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org) for more information.

**Thursday, November 20. PCC 6:00 PM - STANCE & BALANCE BOOT CLINIC.** An annual clinic on what you need to know about ski boots and how they affect your skiing comfort and performance. Also an opportunity for an update on the latest with all ski equipment. Garrick Dardani, Steiner's Sports master boot fitter, will present.

**Thursday, December 11. PCC 6:00 PM - CONDITIONING & PREVENTING SKI INJURIES.** Injuries and wear and tear on the knees and other weight bearing joints are unfortunately common among skiers. Learn about types of ski injuries and how to prevent them with Kelly Chang, a physical therapist and avid skier. The clinic will include 15-20 minutes of education followed by a strength and conditioning circuit designed specifically for skiers to build strength and prevent injuries. Wear gym clothes if you wish to participate.

**Thursday, January 15, 2026. PCC 6:00 PM - SKI CARE & TUNING CLINIC.** Another annual clinic where you can learn how to take care of your skis, minor maintenance and repairs for the do-it-yourselfer, and what to look for when buying used skis, etc. A complete sharpen and wax tune-up will be done at this clinic. This clinic will be led by OC Snowsports School Director, Jeff Kenton.

**OC SNOWSPORTS SCHOOL: A reminder, We will have our annual pre-season meeting for instructors at the PCC on Thursday, October 9 at 6:00 PM sharp in the upstairs room.**



*OC Snowsports School is a PSIA-certified school providing coaching as a free benefit for all members. Our instructors will be available whenever we run a single-day bus. As in the past, there will be at least three private lesson days where you can request your instructor for individual feedback. This season we are planning on making instructors available on some of the drive-up days. To do so I need some information: Where and when you ski on drive-up days, do you have a pass (IKON, EPIC, SKI3, etc.), is there an instructor you would like to request? You can send this information to [skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org](mailto:skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org) or see me at a meeting or Happy Hour.*

**Let it Snow!!!**

Jeff Kenton

OC Snowsports School Director

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



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



Hey OCers,

Fall is such a magical time of year. The cool nights and warm sunny days are spectacular and it means ski season is right around the corner. We closed out the summer with an extremely successful volleyball tournament and picnic.

Beginning in October we are back to our regular weekly Thursday meetings at the Polish Community Center (PCC) located at 225 Washington Ave Ext., Albany. Mark your calendars - we have a lot on tap for October.

- Our first Game Night will be Thursday, October 2nd beginning at 6:30 at the PCC.
- Be sure to come out and vote on the Annual Budget at our October 9th meeting.
- Our next Happy Hour will be Wednesday October 15th from 4 to 7 p.m. at Don Tequila Mexican Cantina located at 219 Wolf Road, Colonie. Hope to see you there!
- Sell the ski stuff you no longer need! There will be a gear swap held October 16th at our weekly meeting.
- Come out for bowling Monday, October 20th to Uncle Sam Lanes located at 600 Fulton Street in Troy. Bowling starts at 7:00. Two hours of bowling for \$10 and shoe rental for \$2.
- The perennially popular Functional Movement Screening will be October 23rd at 6:30. Participation is limited so make sure to sign up at a meeting or contact Jeff Kenton.

Put on your best halloween costume and come to our October 30th meeting. Bring the Fun.

Best,

Steve



## SEPTEMBER 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

The OC Ski Club 2025-2026 Board of Directors met September 4, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

**In Attendance:** Mark Wilder (phone), Steve Ford, John Wimmer, Gail Marotti-Hossan (phone), Greg Bockis, Matt Fabrizio, Fred Haefeli, Sylvia Haefeli, Doug Harrington, Lauren Harrington (phone), Kate Karlok (late), Jeff Kenton, Cynthia Ward

**Absent:** Judy Franze Tewey, Lynda Heaney

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT**

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|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Agenda:             | Motion: Sylvia Haefeli | 2nd Doug Harrington     | Passed |
| Minutes:            | Motion: Sylvia Haefeli | 2nd Gail Marotti-Hossan | Passed |
| Treasurer's Report: | Motion: Sylvia Haefeli | 2nd John Wimmer         | Passed |

### **REPORTS**

#### **Officers' Reports**

##### **VP Admin**

- o Membership Stats – Looking good
- o Happy Hours: Twice Monthly for Summer: September: PJ's – 2 Wednesdays before going to Winter Schedule
- o Happy Hour: October @ Tequila Don's
- o Summer Picnic will be Sept 6th at Rogers Park on Lake George. 42 signed up to date
- o Golf Scramble: Sept 21st. 6 teams to date with more anticipated
- o Ski Show is scheduled for Nov 1st & 2nd; OCs will have a booth
- o New Member Party: November 6th
- o Holiday Party: December 6 @ Century House, Latham

##### **VP Skiing**

- o The bus schedule will be available at the next board meeting
- o Winter Carnival will take place at Pico on March 20th. That will also be a private lesson day depending upon instructor availability.
- o The first bus is to Killington on December 7th.
- o 26 have already signed up for the Whiteface trip.
- o There seems to be a discrepancy concerning the number of sign-ups posted for trips on Fb. The numbers are wrong and don't look good as the trips appear to be unpopular. There is no need to post any numbers at all.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**VB Tourney Update:** 56 teams have already signed up, which is low, but the tournament is still a week away and more teams will likely join.

## SEPTEMBER 2025 Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

- Volunteers are needed, especially at 7 a.m. on Saturday since nets, paper products, etc. cannot be set up ahead of time as we are using a public park. Volunteers are encouraged to come early, eat, drink and party all day, or come early, go home and come back to party all day.
- Proposed Budget: The motion to recommend the approval of the proposed budget to the membership was made with an amendment to increase the marketing budget from \$400 to \$6000. Google Analytics will track to see if this large expenditure will indeed generate a significant number of new members.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Marketing: See Report
- Expenditures for social media have generated some interest in the VB tournament and member recruitment. While there have been thousands of clicks, 6 transactions have been documented so far, but it is unclear if this actually generated team sign-ups for the tournament.
- A trip review page is in the works. So far reviews for some of last year's trips with photos are already available. Fred is waiting for more input and photos.
- An **Expo membership incentive** of a 2 for 1 special at \$40 was proposed. While a good idea, this may be discouraging to individuals wishing to join. Traditionally, the incentive has been \$35 plus a free bus ride. It was suggested that new members have the choice of options.
- The OC Ski Club will be donating a membership package to the Expo for each of 2 days.
- The Membership Committee is working on a procedure to allow prospective new members without cash to sign up at the Expo.
- People seem to have problems using Venmo, so it is suggested that instructions be available.
- With no current chair for Fundraising, a proposed short-term plan is to set up a display with a QR code and several samples of various sizes of the items available through online sales. Mike Koutelis is willing to set this up at meetings and direct potential buyers to the website.
- Budget vote is scheduled for October 9th

### Holiday Meeting Schedule:

o No meeting w/o November 23, no Happy Hour. For weeks of Dec 21st & 28th: only a Happy Hour on the 23rd.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be October 2, 2025 at PCC: 6:30 p.m.

### MOTIONS

AMEND AGENDA TO ADD THE BUDGET DISCUSSION TO OLD BUSINESS:

Motion: Steve Ford 2nd: Fred Haefeli Passed: Unanimously

UPDATE PROPOSED BUDGET TO INCREASE THE MARKETING EXPENSE:

Motion: Fred Haefeli 2nd: Sylvia Haefeli Passed: Unanimously

DONATE 2 MEMBERSHIP PACKAGES TO THE EXPO:

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN TIME: 7:35 p.m.

Motion: Fred Haefeli 2nd: Matt Fabrizio Passed: Unanimously

**THE WINNERS OF THE 53RD ANNUAL OC SKI CLUB VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**

4s Men Advanced  
4s Men Intermediate  
4s Women Advanced  
4s Women Intermediate  
6s Competitive  
6s Recreation

Elevate  
Zero Ball Control  
No Good Names  
Hot Ice  
Cool Hitters  
Swift Kill



**OC ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**



What a wonderful way to enjoy the last day of summer. Forty OCers and friends descended upon Brookhaven Golf Club in northern Saratoga County. With deer and geese wandering around and the trees turning color, there was plenty of nature to enjoy.

The golf wasn't too bad either! Rob Burns and Jan Verba know how to hit their tee shots as they were the "closest to the line" winners. Jack Susenbuger, Robin Raco and Fred Haefeli got the "closest to the pin" awards. Somehow team Mazzoccone/MacAloney/Haefelis were able to squeak out the team victory by one stroke! Everyone sat down to a nice after-golf dinner buffet at the course restaurant, plus cookies. The award ceremony followed dinner along with the golf giveaways raffle (thanks to Gary Phillips). Just about everyone got something.

**Sylvia & Fred Haefeli  
OC Golf**



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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 than our current members?!

Questions, email [membership@ocskiclub.org](mailto:membership@ocskiclub.org)



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## Member Profile

### OC Member Spotlight: *Donna Futia*



Donna Futia might be tiny but she is big on helping others. Donna is a long-time ski instructor with the OCs and a long-time coach/judge in the gymnastic world. Let's start at the beginning.

In the early 2000s, Donna learned to ski in college (SUNY Cortland) when a blind professor put out word looking for guides for blind skiers. Donna volunteered. In exchange for ski lessons, she guided blind skiers at Greek Peak. Donna was studying physical education, biology and adaptive PE. She was very active in college clubs and enjoyed a varied experience. Upon graduation she substituted in the public schools near Cortland and volunteered to coach gymnastics for Vestal public schools.

Soon Donna moved back to the Capital District and taught special ed at Shenendehowa while coaching/teaching gymnastics. She joined the Singles Ski Club and married Tony whom she met on a Sugarbush trip. Donna took 10 years off from school to raise a family and then returned to teaching at South Colonie schools in special education.

After Donna joined the OCs in 2011, she took lessons with our ski school to improve her skills. Jeff encouraged Donna to become an OC instructor and go for her Level 1 PSIA certification. Donna also became a Level 1 Instructor for Children.





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## Member Profile (Continued)

Gymnastics is Donna's first love and for a long time, her main sport. She went from coaching to judging competitions, locally, then statewide, and finally nationally. Donna is still supple and able to perform.

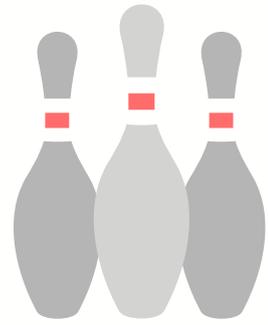
The same skills are good for biking, kayaking, waterskiing, and hiking. She has even tried skydiving and barefoot waterskiing. She found the OC program of FWF (Friends doing things With Friends) has opened up so many new sports. This year Donna decided to retire from gymnastics and follow her new driving passion: skiing. She has been a ski instructor at Hunter Mountain for the past four years as well as an instructor at the Double H Ranch for disabled children and adults. Of course she continues teaching with the OCs.

At Double H, Donna's special ed skills make her particularly suited to teach autistic and mentally challenged children. That group gives her the greatest personal rewards. She spends the whole ski day with the same small child. Getting him/her dressed and outfitted for skiing is tough but so rewarding. Most of her students are non-verbal. Hearing them respond with just one word has an amazing effect on her. It's not all about skiing. Teaching these kids that yes, they can ski, they can do it! Seeing their smiles when they learn to walk on skis, get on and off the ski lift, slide down taking their first turn. That is what keeps Donna returning to the Double H Ranch.

If you are interested in volunteering at the Double H Ranch, talk to Donna. There are so many openings. They need help directly with the kids and adults but also support services like cooking, cleaning, building, office work. Whatever your skill set, they need it.



**Know someone who we should "spotlight?"  
There are lots of OC members with interesting  
volunteering work, special skills, etc.  
email [marketing@ocskiclub.org](mailto:marketing@ocskiclub.org)**



## OC Bowling Is Extended Through November!!

Uncle Sam Lanes has extended our \$10 deal (\$2 for shoe rental) for the Mondays of **October 20 and November 24**. They're located at 600 Fulton Street in Troy.

We meet between 6:45 and 7:00 and then we bowl. We throw together teams; if people let me know ahead of time (by 2:00 that day), Uncle Sam will have the names already on the screen for us. It's a fun time for all....hope you will join us!

**Cathy Marvin**

email:

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





Judy Franze Tewey



The OCs are now back to monthly Happy Hours. In October, we are returning to a place everyone has enjoyed.

Wednesday, October 15 4-7 p.m.

Don Tequila Mexican Cantina

219 Wolf Road, Colonie

[dontequilamexicancantina.com](http://dontequilamexicancantina.com)



Kate Karlok



### A&E Committee

Activities & Entertainment

Our Club members enjoy many great "off season" activities. **Got any ideas?** Shoot me an email at [activities@ocskiclub.org](mailto:activities@ocskiclub.org)



Our Holiday Party is scheduled for December 6th, 2025 at the Century House. We will have our DJ Andy Prat again to give us great dancing music and lots of laughs and entertainment. Put it on your calendar now.

*Mark your Calendar*

See you there.  
Love, peace and care!

**Kate**

We would love to show **your awesome photos** in the Liftline and on our website. But first you need to send them to us. Go to this [WEBPAGE](#) and upload to our private cloud storage. Photos and videos will only be used for OC Ski Club business.



That's a lot of Snowboards



Cross Country Crew



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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