



OC Ski Club Liftline

February 2026

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Corner
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According to the calendar we are about one-third of the way through this winter, but it seems to me that it has barely started. Until now! I just finished clearing about 11 inches of snow from my driveway! So instead of just very cold temps, we now have some nice new snow to play on. Get out there and take advantage of it.

Buses are rolling Fridays and Sundays. Free ski instruction is available on all buses - another benefit of the OC Ski Club. This year we are being joined by members of CASTA (Capital Area Ski Touring Association), a cross-country ski club. So if you are interested in cross-country skiing, make sure to sign up for the Saturday XC buses so we can get them rolling again.

Trips are going almost every week now. If you missed getting on one, there are still trips to Jay Peak and New Hampshire open. Stay tuned for other events such as Winter Carnival coming up. It's our 65th year and we are interested in having events to celebrate this, so if you have any ideas, let us know. We'd love to hear from you. Coming up in April will be the annual Club elections for officers and board. Four of the current officers are term-limited from running again so we are in need of volunteers to step up. Do you have what it takes? Yes, you do!

Cheers,
Mark

[Upcoming Events](#) webpage



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February Flow

February always has a rhythm of its own—and this year, it’s flowing just right. As I’m writing this, OC skiers are scattered across the mountains, following the snow wherever it falls. Our Snowmass crew arrived to flakes coming down, clipped in, and headed straight out—no waiting, no hesitation. Just that familiar feeling when skis hit snow and everything clicks into place.

That’s the energy of February.

This is peak season for the Club. Members are traveling near and far, carving turns, sharing chairlift conversations, and ending ski days the only way that makes sense—tired legs, good laughs, and stories that start with “you should’ve seen it today.” Long trips, short trips, first trips, repeat favorites—it’s all happening at once.

Behind the scenes, things are lining up smoothly. Trips are running well, plans are solid, and there’s an easy confidence in the flow right now. That kind of momentum doesn’t happen by accident. It comes from people showing up, helping out, and keeping the focus on why we do this in the first place.

There’s something grounding about skiing with people who get it—people who’ve been chasing winter together for a long time. The mountains change, the gear evolves, but the reason we keep showing up stays the same.

For me, it’s simple. I’m a laid-back soul with a skiing addiction. Give me snow, mountains, good people, and a little freedom—and I’m exactly where I’m supposed to be.

Same season, same pull, new tracks every time. February does what it always does—pulls us back to the mountains. Follow the snow, trust the flow, and fully lean into your skiing addiction. No judgment here.

Follow the Snow!

Lynda Heaney

Alpine Trips Committee: ocskiclubtrips@gmail.com

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Ski Trips you can still get on!

Park City & Deer Valley, UT - Opening for one male to replace an injured skier

New Hampshire - Rooms are still available but don't wait as this will be closing out this month. Four ski resorts within 30 minute drive, Loon is only 10 minutes away!

Palisades Tahoe, CA - Looking for one male to replace someone who had to cancel. Also time is of the essence looking for one female to finalize a condo of three women.

Jay Peak, VT - Over 300 inches of snow so far. Glade capital of the Northeast. Waterpark and so much more!

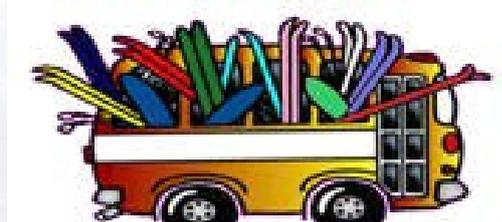
Complete Ski Trip Details
at [OC Ski Trip Link](#)

Keep an eye on the weekly
email news update



This could be you this year!

Bus Committee



It's Snowing and the Skiing is FABULOUS

The buses are rolling and conditions are getting better and better. Come join us for a super day of riding and skiing.

February 1 – Whiteface & Mt. Van Hoevenberg

February 6 – Sugarbush (6:30 a.m. depart from Albany)

February 7 – Destination Snow XC

February 27 – Whiteface only; February 28 will be Destination Snow XC.

Members and their families (age 5-17) are \$12, guests \$22.

The biggest question we get this month is “Why no buses during the month?” Answer: February 8 the Sunday River trip leaves with 140 members, returning February 13. Then the next week is the Presidential school break; ski areas have blackout dates for bus groups. We really tried but couldn't get a date.

The following week is the Park City/Deer Valley trip, and Kitzbühel. Together these trips are taking a sizeable group from our weekly bus group. Thus, we scheduled the buses for the end of the month. March has a full schedule of buses.

I remind you that we keep a rollover list and you just need to email the Bus Committee to use that seat.

IMPORTANT NOTE: NO LATE CANCELLATIONS. Paid bus seats can be canceled only by emailing the Bus Committee by 9:00 a.m., 48 hours before the bus date. Cancellations after this deadline are not eligible for a refund or rollover credit. PayPal fees are non-refundable.

The Snow Dances are working, so get out there and dance on the snow!

Your Bus Committee: Sylvia Haefeli, Josh Nixon and Barbara Sorrell

Questions: email ocbus@ocskiclub.org



**AS THE SKI TURNS
OC SNOWSPORTS SCHOOL**



SOME INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OC SNOWSPORTS SCHOOL

Lessons are a no-charge benefit available to OC Ski Club members. We are a PSIA (Professional Ski Instructors of America) certified snowsports school. Most instructors are certified; all are trained by PSIA professionals.

Morning sessions on most single-day bus trips are based on availability of instructors. We always give priority to the beginner levels. Group lesson signups are taken on the bus trip to the ski resort. If you are driving, make prior arrangements or meet us in the lodge.

Private-lesson day signups are taken in advance on a first-come basis. Prior arrangements are advised for snowboard, telemark, family and first-timer lessons.

PRIVATE-LESSON DAYS

Another benefit of being an OC Ski Club member! Choose your favorite instructor for one-on-one feedback:

FRIDAY March 6 - Gore
FRIDAY March 20 - Pico (Winter Carnival)

For private-lesson signups or any additional information, you can contact me at skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org or see me at any meeting, event, Happy Hour or bus trip.

Jeff Kenton

OC Snowsports School Director



VP for Administration
Steven Ford
admin@ocskiclub.org



Greetings OCers,

The ski season is in full swing and oh what a season it has been! As I write in late January, we're off to the best Northeast ski season in recent memory. The snowiest resort in the U.S. is our very own Jay Peak leading the pack with 278 inches this season. A rather distant second is Jackson Hole with 217 inches. Make sure to sign up for a Friday or Sunday bus and get out there and ski!

We have a lot of great events scheduled for February. The first Thursday event of the month will be our **monthly game night** at the PCC; come check it out on **Thursday, February 5th**.

On **February 12th** bring your lightly used T-shirt with you to the PCC for an OC Ski Club fundraiser. Donate your T-shirt for someone to buy for \$5. . . And find one you like.

Our February **Happy Hour** will be held on Wednesday, February 18th at BJ's Brewery, 3 Wolf Road, Colonie, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Lastly, we will be having a **Family Night** at the PCC on **February 19th**. Bring the kids and come find out more about the OC Family group.

See you on the slopes!

Steve



JANUARY 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

The OC Ski Club 2025-2026 Board of Directors met January 8, 2026 @ 6:35 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Agenda:	Motion: Gail Marotti-Hossan	2nd	Matt Fabrizio	Passed
Minutes:	Motion: Gail Marotti-Hossan	2nd	Sylvia Haefeli	Passed
Treasurer's Report:	Motion: Sylvia Haefeli	2nd	Kate Karlok	Passed

Reports

VP Admin

- o Membership Stats – steady increase
- o Happy Hours: January 14 @ Philly Bar & Lounge in Latham 4-7 p.m. and February 18 @ BJ's Brewery in Colonie
- o Tremendously successful Holiday Party: December 6 @ Century House.
- o January 22 will be a Family Night
- o Ski Tuning Clinic January 15
- o Meet the Instructors January 29
- o Great Camp Sagamore Day Trip January 31. A small bus has been ordered and drive-ups will join the group

VP Skiing

- o Ski Instruction: Tuning Clinic & Meet the Instructors as reported above
- o Bus Committee: A schedule has been assembled and distributed; first buses were confirmed and run!! Additional days being scheduled to fill in some holes
- o Trips are open and the clock is ticking on the turnback dates
 - Date Change: NH changed from January to March 24 – 27
 - Sold Out - Waitlist: Sunday River, Whiteface
 - Sold Out: Snowmass, Tremblant. Palisades & Park City selling only full condos
 - Space available: Smuggs, Jay Peak, & New Hampshire

January 2026 Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

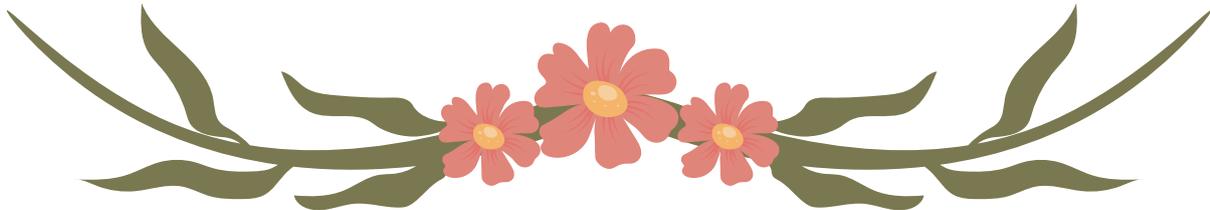
- Marketing: See Report, discussion regarding FB ads
 - o The domain name ocskiclub.com was recently posted to protect it from other use (formerly The Orange County (California) Ski Club)

Next Board Meeting: February 5, 2026 at the PCC: 6:30 p.m.

MOTIONS:

MOTION TO ADJOURN TIME: 7:22 p.m.

Motion: Fred Haefeli 2nd: Cynthia Ward Passed: Unanimous



Out of Control Ski Club

Social Media

[Facebook Group](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Facebook Page](#)

Sign up for news & updates with the [Weekly Email blast](#)

Email Committe Chairs - email address links are on the OC website on each webpage by clicking on "Questions"

Be patient as we are volunteers, your email inquiries will be returned within 24 hours



CAN YOU BELIEVE IT??? ELECTION DAY IS NOT FAR AWAY.....

OC SKI CLUB ELECTIONS THAT IS!!!!

NOMINATIONS TO BE HELD MARCH 12 & 19

ELECTION NIGHT IS APRIL 2ND

Our Club is led by a group of volunteers who work very hard for you. Some of the leaders are voted in by the members while others (Committee Chairs) are appointed by those elected officials (Officers and Board Members). Our process is quite simple but it all begins with YOU!!!!!! Nominations are open at two (2) consecutive business Meetings (Thursday nights) from 7pm - 8pm on both March 12th and March 19th. The nominations are done by the members in an open meeting forum. This is your opportunity to promote a person you think would be an excellent leader for the Club. Once you nominate the individual that person has the option to accept the nomination or decline it. Election night is another Thursday night meeting after the second (2nd) night of nominations – April 2nd.

Each year the club offices open up for election; these offices are President, VP Administration, VP Organized Skiing, Treasurer, Secretary and the Board of Directors (9 or 10 seats will be elected).

We are in a predicament that we've not seen in quite a while... 4 of the 5 officers have hit their term limits (3 consecutive years) mandated by our current Constitution and we must do 1 of 2 things: vote to elect 4 new people to keep Steve Ford (VP for Admin) company OR override the term limits clause.

Why would you want to be an Officer or Board Member of the Club? 1st let me assure you that most of our roles in the Club are not difficult work for the most part. Of course, there are days when any one of our current officers and committee chairs could tell you a different story but thankfully those times are not frequent. SO

- Have you enjoyed the activities that the Club provides? Would you like to see them continue? Would you like to see some new ones or the return of some old favorites?
- Do you have an hour, or two, a month that you can give to the club (Board members)?
- Do you have a few hours a week that you can give to the club (Officers)?
- Do you have some ideas for keeping the Club strong, yet fresh?

This is your opportunity to jump on board and get involved. The Club has survived these many years by combining the skills and knowledge of both people who have been dedicated for years & "new" people with the energy, enthusiasm, and ideas to keep the Club moving forward in the pursuit of skiing and fun. The Club thrives on the energy and skills that our diversity of membership provides. Don't just think about running for an office but explore it more by coming forward and finding out more about each position.



Is your interest at least a little piqued? I am including the "official" descriptions of the positions below but feel free to contact me if you would like more information!

The President of the CLUB is also the Chair of the Board of Directors and shall preside at all meetings. The President shall call all meetings of the CLUB and of the Board of Directors as provided in this Constitution and By-Laws. The President shall be a member ex officio of all committees. The President shall represent the CLUB to all other ski organizations. The President shall have the authority to sign legal documents and make disbursements on behalf of the CLUB as provided in this Constitution and By-Laws. The President shall submit a written report assessing the year's activities. This report shall be made part of the permanent records of the CLUB.

The Vice President for Administration shall assume all duties of the President of the CLUB in the event of the President's absence. The Vice President for Administration shall be a member of the Board of Directors and shall act as an ex officio member of all committees in administration's functional area.

The Vice President for Organized Skiing shall assume all duties of the President and the Vice President for Administration in the event of their absence. The Vice President for Organized Skiing shall be a member of the Board of Directors and shall act as an ex officio member of all committees in organized skiing's functional area.

The Treasurer shall be the Financial Officer of the CLUB, a member of the Board of Directors, and a member of the Finance Committee. The Treasurer shall make all disbursements as provided by this Constitution and By-Laws. The Treasurer shall receive all monies due to the CLUB, and shall receipt same. The Treasurer shall make an accounting of the receipts, expenditures, and financial condition of the CLUB at each regular meeting, and also at other times as may be required by the President or Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain, as a permanent record, all tax records of the CLUB. The Treasurer shall make a financial report and provide the new treasurer with said report within six (6) weeks after the end of the CLUB year.

The Secretary shall be a member of the Board of Directors and shall keep and maintain, as a permanent record, minutes of all meetings of the CLUB and of the Board of Directors. The Secretary shall maintain a permanent file of all correspondence with ski areas and other clubs within the New York Capital District Ski Council. The Secretary shall keep all corporate records, except those pertaining to the office of the Treasurer, which shall be open to the inspection of members at all reasonable times. Copies of the Constitution and By-Laws shall be kept by the Secretary to be distributed to any member upon request.

A Board of Director shall serve to assure that the activities of the CLUB are within the scope of this Constitution and By-Laws and are consistent with the NOT-FOR-PROFIT Corporation Law of the State of New York. The Board of Directors shall act as an Advisory Committee to the CLUB.

Call or email me if you would like to discuss the concept of running
for an Officer or a Board Member position ...

Gail Marotti-Hossan, Elections Chair 518.956.4363 or elections@ocskiclub.org



Wednesday, February 18th 4-7 p.m.

BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse
3 Wolf Rd., Suite 101
518-375-3570

[BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse website](#)



Judy Franze Tewey

Wednesday March 18th

Don Tequila's
Wolf Road - Colonie

A&E Committee

Activities & Entertainment



Kate Karlok

Hello my friends and family OCers. Hope you are staying warm on the slopes. It's very important to dress accordingly and layer up.

Our Installation Banquet is coming up in May! Just wanted to give you a heads up. Date, place and details to follow.

Ski safe! And let it keep snowing!!

Kate

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





DID YOU KNOW?

As a member of the OC Ski Club, you are also a member of the New York Capital District Ski Council (NYCDSC). The New York Capital District Ski Council is an association of ski clubs in the general Capital Region.

The purpose of the Council is to promote interest and participation in skiing. The Council provides opportunities to the members its different clubs to mingle and get to know each other.

Presently the Council consists of a number of ski clubs totaling 4,000+ members. Our member clubs ski here in the Northeast, all over North America and Europe. The Council has special promotional days set up with a large group of ski areas to help promote skiing.

BENEFITS of your NYCDSC membership:

- The NYCDSC sponsors family fun days and many other activities such as biking, hiking, camping, golfing, etc. offered by individual clubs are often open to all NYCDSC members.
- Since the NYCDSC is also a member of the National Ski Council Federation (NSCF), our Club members are entitled to take advantage of all the benefits offered by the NSCF. These include all kinds of discounts on products and services such as equipment, ski travel and resorts, car rentals and many others.

Check out these benefits at
<https://skifederation.org>

See you on the slopes!
Your NYCDSC representatives,
Cynthia Ward and Sylvia Haefeli

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.



OC Snowmass Trip
The crew brought the snow to the Coloado Mountains
They are eating it up!



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 Page - [OC Ski Club, Inc](#)

Contact a Club Officer or Board Member - [Click Here](#)

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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