



OC Ski Club Liftline

January 2026

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Another year down the drain! Seriously, I hope you had a great holiday season. This is the time of the year when many people go into hibernation mode. Cold, dark and dreary. No way! Not us! We have the perfect antidote for this. Don't sit around feeling sad, join your OC buddies on a day bus or a ski trip, and get out there and have fun! That's what we're all about.

We have started our 65th year of being Out of Control, and we have more ski trips than you can handle. And if you're new to skiing or if you're looking to brush up or improve on your technique, we offer free instruction on our day trips from PSIA instructors, included with your membership. We are trying to rebuild interest in the cross-country ski contingent of the Club. This year members of CASTA will be joining us on cross-country trips. If you are interested, stop by the Bus Committee table at any weekly meeting and speak with a committee member about it. Remember, just because there's no snow in your backyard doesn't mean there's no snow in the mountains or XC trails.

We started off the year in great style with our annual Holiday Party at the Century House. It was a great party--thank you, Kate, for all the work you put into it. And the first ski trip of the season was at Whiteface for the lessons-and-luxury trip. The season is just getting started!

Greetings and welcome to our new members who joined us this year. If you are new to the Club, please stop by the ambassador's table at the meeting and find out more about what the Club has to offer, or speak to any officer.

I missed last season due to knee surgery but I'm back on the slopes and loving it! Hope to see you there too!

*Cheers,
Mark*

What's happening for
the OC Ski Club?
[Upcoming Events](#) webpage

Out of Control Ski Club
[Facebook Group](#)
[Instagram](#)

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Hey OCers!

Winter is officially underway, and the OC calendar is packed! Our season kicked off with a successful trip to Whiteface Mountain, setting the tone for a busy and exciting winter ahead. We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and found time to get out on the snow.

January is in full swing with members traveling to Smugglers' Notch and Snowmass, while sign-ups are currently open for Jay Peak and New Hampshire.

We also have a few roommate-based openings on upcoming trips:

Palisades@ocskiclub.org – one male and one female seeking roommates

Parkcity@ocskiclub.org – one male seeking a roommate

If you haven't made your final payment yet, please check in with your trip leader as soon as possible.

Take a moment to review the schedule at the PCC, stop in – there's something different happening every week. Be sure to stop by the Bus Committee table, where Barbara, Sylvia, and Josh will be available to answer questions and take sign-ups. If you're interested in ski lessons, stop by and chat with Jeff for more information.

Winter is moving fast—lots of snow, lots of trips, and plenty of OC memories still to come!

[OC Website Ski Trip Page](#)

ALPINE TRIPS UPDATE--->

ALPINE TRIPS UPDATE – YOUR WINTER ADVENTURE AWAITS!

Our 2026 trips are shaping up to be some of the most exciting we've offered, and we want you—our members—to be part of the fun. Here's the latest on what's filling, what's opening up, and where your next run could be.

Smugglers' Notch, Jay Peak & New Hampshire – Don't Miss These

These close-to-home favorites still have space, but they're filling quickly. If you want big fun without a big flight, this is your moment. These trips are always member favorites for a reason!

Sunday River – WAITLIST

Sunday River filled faster than fresh powder on a bluebird day. If you hoped to join us, don't give up—add your name to the waitlist. Spots often open, and we'd love to get you there!

Palisades Tahoe – Space Available (Air + Land!)

Great news for our members: we can now add additional condos, and we still have air seats available. This trip has the perfect mix of legendary terrain, great company, and flexibility. A fantastic choice for anyone wanting a big-mountain experience without the stress.

Park City – Space Available (Land-Only)

Park City just expanded with new land-only condos—ideal for members who like to book their own airfare, use points, or build a custom travel plan. The OC Crew will be out in full force for this one... come join us!

Tremblant, Snowmass & Kitzbuhel – SOLD OUT

You all showed up early for these trips, and it is officially full. Thank you! If you missed it, we have plenty of other great options waiting

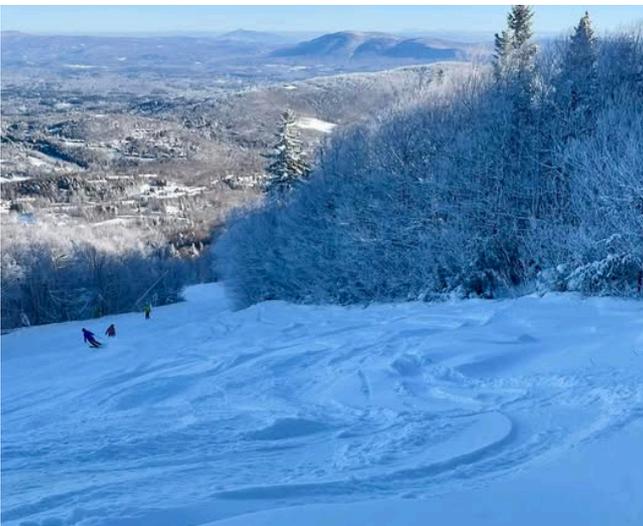
No matter where you choose to ski this year, there's an OC adventure calling your name. Grab your spot before these trips disappear—and let's make this winter unforgettable together. See you on the slopes!

Lynda Heaney, VP of Skiing

Alpine Trips Committee: ocskiclubtrips@gmail.com

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December Northeast Ski Day Photos - Oh so much FUN!



***These are your visions of what is possible on an OC Ski Trip (Vacation).
Don't hesitate because spots fill up or turnback dates happen.***

We really would appreciate if you could supply some of your ski day highlight photos with our Ski Club.

They can be uploaded at this webpage [Photo Uploads](#)
or post them to our [Facebook group page](#).

We will only use your photos in official OC Business.

Bus Committee



Important Information About Buses This Season ...

When you sign up using PayPal, your phone number is listed on the page. We use that number to call you in an emergency such as what happened with the 12/19 Killington bus. Weather issues led to fewer people showing up in the early a.m., so a decision was made to cancel the bus. We met the riders at the Walmart lot and called everyone else planning on getting on the bus at Stop 2 & 3. Several phone numbers were not useable since they went directly to closed businesses or no longer in use. **Please make sure the phone number on PayPal is the one we can use to contact you that day.**

LIFT TICKETS: We are lucky to get discounted lift tickets for the few who don't have passes. Unfortunately we have no control over the mountain's selling policies. Stratton requires a ticket be purchased at least 48 hours before the trip date in order to get the discount price; whereas for some discounted tickets you can buy on the bus as we travel to the mountain. Otherwise, I suggest you claim health issues to get a refund or rollover of the ticket to another day.

Speaking of lift tickets, the Bus Committee has been calling the mountains and XC resorts local to us. Many now offer discounts on lift tickets to OC members. We will have a separate article listing the mountain discounts on the website and included in the LiftLine. We also have a poster board next to the Bus table with the discount information. If you need a Council sticker to get a discount, please stop by at any meeting, at Happy Hour or on the bus, or email us to get one. They should be attached to the back of your membership card.

January Day Buses! [OC Webpage](#)

Stratton: Sunday Jan 4 - XC also plus PLD

Gore: Friday Jan 9 - XC Garnet Hill plus PLD

Destination Snow: Saturday Jan 10 XC Only

Pico: Sunday Jan 11 - XC Mountain Top

Sugarbush - Friday Jan 23 - No XC (leaves at 6:30)

Camp Sagamore - Saturday Jan 31 - XC, snowshoe, sleigh rides & more



Bus Committee (continued)

Juniors who want to take advantage of discounts offered through the Club or Council will often need their own identity card. Discounts are sometimes limited to one per membership card. You can get a Jr OC ID card from Membership. Cost is \$6 and be sure to ask them to send a Council sticker with the card per the directions on the website.

Cross-Country

It is time to start thinking about getting on a cross-country ski bus to play and dance in the snow. Snowshoers are always welcome. Come join us this winter. Our first Destination Snow bus date is **Saturday, January 10**.

*****Special XC Only Day Bus!*****

January 10

[Webpage Details & Sign Up](#)

We also have some exciting new developments on the OC XC horizon: Our friends at CASTA (Capital Area Ski Touring Association) will be joining our XC day bus trips and helping us to rebuild our Nordic program. Russ Myers and Elyse Sara are joining our team as PSIA Nordic certified instructors. Russ is the President of the Capital Region Nordic Alliance (CRNA), a non-profit organization founded to bring cross-country skiing and year-round sport options to veterans, their families, and people with special needs. CRNA strives to empower everyone, regardless of ability, to fully participate in the sporting world. And, isn't that what our Club is all about – developing a strong sense of community?

Russ and Elyse will begin offering group lessons with our XC day buses, similar to the Club's downhill lesson program; always teaching to the lowest common denominator. "Never Ever" (novice/beginner) ski lessons need to be scheduled and prearranged in advance. We hope to make all Nordic skiers' experience on snow even more enjoyable.



Cross-Country Equipment Swap Sale **Thursday, January 8, at the PCC**



CRNA will be selling its inventory of Rossignol EVO touring skis (166,176, 186, 196), adjustable CRNA US Ski Poles and Rossignol combination boots and various classic boots. **Poles and skis: \$35 each. Boots: \$40. Buy a package: \$100.** [Event Webpage](#)

ALL proceeds will go directly to CRNA's programming for veterans, adults and youth with visual and mobility disabilities in the Capital Region and beyond.

We are considering a Nordic waxing clinic using ToKo and fast wax supplies. We are also exploring the possibility of reserving a pop-up date on the snow at the Saratoga Biathlon Club's private trail system (15 to 25K), Hadley, NY, owned and maintained by three-time Olympian Curt Schreiner.

Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing gives participants a unique means to appreciate the natural beauty around them. There is something truly magical about gliding effortlessly along a forest trail, among trees laden with snow, reveling in the peace and solitude of a winter landscape. When it snows, the world grows quiet.

"You go to bed in one kind of a world and wake up in another, quite different, and if this is not enchantment, then where is it to be found?"



HAPPY TRAILS!

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

Questions: email ocbus@ocskiclub.org



**AS THE SKI TURNS
OC SNOWSPORTS SCHOOL**



Save the Date!

SKI & SNOWBOARD CARE AND TUNING CLINIC. *Thursday January 15, 6:00 p.m. at the PCC.* Make the best of your time on the snow with equipment in the proper condition. Learn how to take care of your skis, determine when they need tuning, how to do minor repairs or complete sharpen-and-wax yourself. We'll cover everything from keeping your edges sharp to beveling, base repair, when you should get a machine-ground tune-up, storing your equipment in the off season, hot waxing, the latest in ski technology, etc. Open to all who wish to learn; bring your skis if you wish.

PRIVATE-LESSON DAYS! AKA PLD

Back by popular demand, this is another free benefit of joining our Club. Signups will be at a meeting at the Snowsports School table weeks in advance or at a Happy Hour or bus trip. This season there will be four private-lesson days where you can choose your favorite instructor for one-on-one feedback:

SUNDAY January 4 - Stratton
FRIDAY January 9 - Gore
FRIDAY March 6 - Gore
FRIDAY March 20 - Pico Winter Carnival

CALLING ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS! As in the past our instructors are available as a no-cost member benefit whenever we run a single-day bus. Prior arrangements must be made for snowboard, telemark, and children's lessons.

LESSONS ON SUNDAY & FRIDAY BUS TRIPS — The snow is falling, we are skiing. A benefit of skiing with the Club is the professional level of instruction on all Sunday and most weekday trips for all levels of skiing, snowboarding and telemark, all at no charge. Join us to get a tour of the mountain and meet skiers with similar interests. Signups for sessions on the alpine bus trips are usually taken on the bus. Prior arrangements for first-timers, snowboard and telemark lessons are advised. On days when the bus trip is canceled, we can possibly make other arrangements to meet you at the resort.

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

Jeff Kenton

OC Snowsports School Director



MEET THE OC SKI CLUB INSTRUCTORS: JANUARY SPOTLIGHT

Being a member of the OC Ski Club comes with many perks, and one of the biggest is access to our exceptional Snowsports Ski School. This month, we're excited to introduce you to some of our dedicated instructors and share a bit about the history and achievements of our ski school.

A Tradition of Sharing and Teaching

From the very beginning, OC members have helped each other enjoy skiing more—offering tips, guidance, and instruction. In the early days, our instructors volunteered at local ski areas and generously shared their expertise during OC Ski Club trips.



Upcoming Event!

[Event Webpage](#)

Don't miss our "Meet and Greet" night with OC instructors on Thursday, January 29th at the PCC. Stop by to chat with our friendly team and discover how we can help you make the most of your skiing experience!

Professional Certification and Growth

The Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) was established in 1961, marking a new era for ski instruction. Many OC instructors earned their certifications locally and brought their advanced skills back to the Club. For years, our lessons were delivered by passionate volunteers certified by local ski areas. A major milestone came in October 2003, when the OC Ski Club became an officially sanctioned PSIA ski school, the only social ski club in the Northeast with this distinction. While adaptive programs and race teams exist at resorts, our Club stands out as a unique ski school.

Top-Quality Instruction

Our Snowsports committee boasts 45 qualified instructors, offering lessons on par with any ski resort. Our technical director, Brian Mieczkowski, holds a Level 3 certification. Jeff Kenton, our Snowsports director, is certified at Level 2 and also holds an AASI 1 (American Association of Snowboard Instructors) certification.



Our team includes master teachers, child specialists, and telemark experts. Each year, new members begin their certification journey, ensuring our program continues to grow and evolve.

Each season the Snowsports Committee conducts continuing training for our instructors. Starting in October there is **indoor training** which is similar to classroom education. That is then followed by **on-snow training** starting in January, which is typically a twice-a-week event. There are always new trends to find out about plus work on the skiing fundamentals.

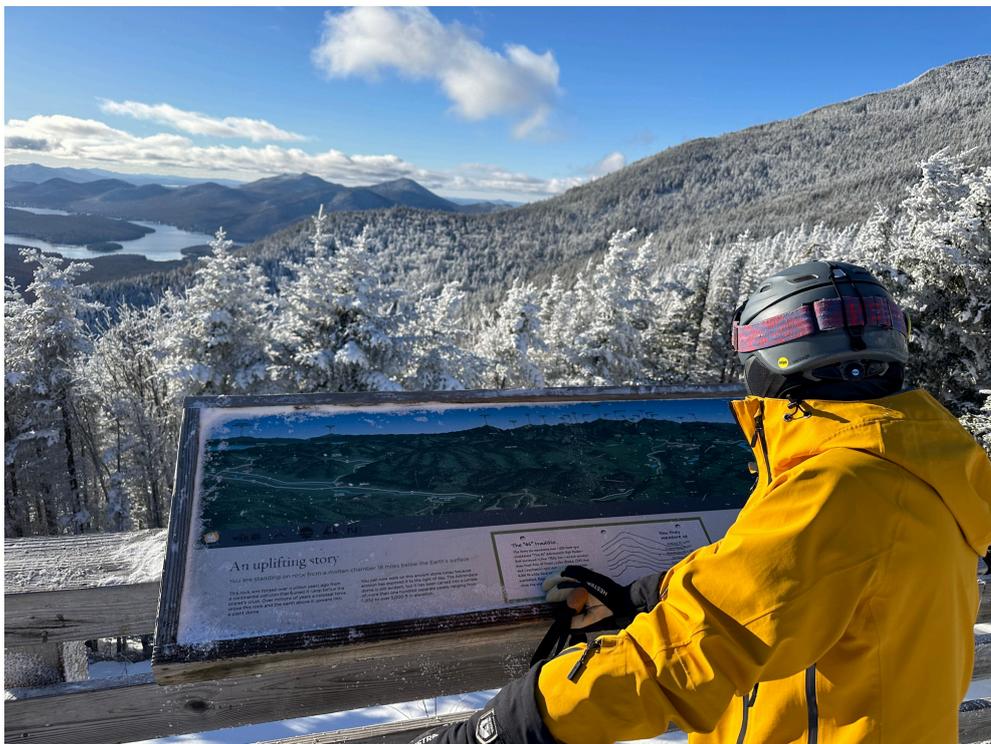
How to Connect

Our instructors offer coaching and mountain tours for members on any day bus trip. To learn more, visit the instructor table at any OC meeting at the PCC, or email us at skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org.



A small sample of our Instructor Committee

Whiteface - Lake Placid Ski Weekend





VP for Administration
Steven Ford
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I hope everyone had a nice holiday. This is the time of year to give thanks for what we have and reflect on the joys and challenges of the past year. As we enter 2026, the snow is flying and winter is in full effect. The ski season is off to a great start.

Be sure to mark your calendars! We have a lot of great events scheduled in January.

Starting off, we have **two private-lesson days** coming up. The first is at Stratton on Sunday, January 4th, and the second at Gore on Friday, January 9th.

The first Thursday meeting of the month will be our monthly game night at the PCC. Come check it out on Thursday, January 8th.

January's Happy Hour will be held on Wednesday, January 14th at Philly Bar & Lounge located at 622 Watervliet-Shaker Road in Latham from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

There will be a Ski Tune Clinic on Thursday, January 15th. Learn how to take care of your skis, do minor maintenance and repairs yourself, and learn what to look for when buying used skis. The clinic starts at 6:00 p.m. at the PCC.

Meet the OC instructors on Thursday, January 29th. Come talk with our friendly and knowledgeable PSIA-certified OC ski instructors. Get some tips and learn about the free private lessons they provide. It is a great benefit of the Club.

There will be a Great Camp Sagamore day trip on January 31st. Be sure to sign up for the bus and enjoy sleigh rides, guided cross-country skiing, guided winter hikes, sledding, campfires, snow croquet, board games & puzzles in the Playhouse. Perfect family event.

See you on the slopes,

STEVE

**December Event FUN Stuff
at the PCC - Thursday Nights**

Santa Night



PT Clinic



**Holiday Hat Contest
Winner
Dan Petit**



Secretary

Gail Marotti-Hossan

secretary@ocskiclub.org



DECEMBER 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

The OC Ski Club 2025-2026 Board of Directors met December 4, 2025 @ 6:38 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Agenda:	Motion: Gail Marotti-Hossan	2 nd	Sylvia Haefeli	Passed
Minutes:	Motion: Sylvia Haefeli	2 nd	Lauren Harrington	Passed
Treasurer's Report:	Motion: Sylvia Haefeli	2 nd	Lauren Harrington	Passed

REPORTS

VP Admin

- o Membership Stats – steady increase
- o Happy Hours: Dec 23 & Dec 30 @ Smokey Bones (Tuesday evenings)
- o Holiday Party: December 6 @ Century House, Latham. A big thanks to Kate Karlok for organizing & running
- o December 18th will be Santa night at the PCC

VP Skiing

- o Ski Instruction: 3rd Clinic is the annual Conditioning & Preventing Ski injuries Dec. 11 @ 6:00 p.m.
- o Bus Committee: A Schedule has been assembled and distributed; first buses are confirmed and running!!!
- o Ski Council:
 - § Mount Snow ski days 1/20 \$93/\$89.
 - § Check out the NYCDSC online auction for unsold items
- o Trips are open and the clock is ticking on the turnback dates
 - § Sold Out - Waitlist: Sunday River, Whiteface
 - § Sold Out: Snowmass, Tremblant. Palisades & Park City selling only full condos
 - § Space available: Smuggs, Jay Peak, & New Hampshire

Old Business

DECEMBER 2025 Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

New Business

- Marketing: See Report, discussion regarding FB ads
- Guests: Per policy in place a guest has to be accompanied by a member. In the case of the bus, if one should show up w/o a member the Bus Leader becomes the host.
- CASTA joining us on our buses: Much discussion on how to accommodate their requests. More info is needed before discussion can continue.
- OC Bucks as a giveaway: In the event that a Happy Hour Host does not offer a gift card the Club will provide one (\$15) gift card as a door prize.

Next Board Meeting: January 8 at the PCC: 6:30pm

MOTIONS:

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

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



Judy Franze Tewey



WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14TH 4-7 P.M.

Philly Bar & Lounge

622 Watervliet-Shaker Rd.

[Philly Bar & Grill](#)

*Happy
New Year*



Hello fellow OC Ski Club friends and family,

Hope you all enjoyed your holidays and New Year's with family and friends! I pray that you all have a safe, healthy and prosperous 2026. Of course, I send you wonderful wishes of many great ski days and without injuries, so please be careful out there. Remember to absorb over those moguls, LOL! And if you are a tree skier, make sure you look ahead to where you are going and don't hug a tree. Hug me instead! :)

The Holiday Party was a great success because of all of you who could make it. To those who were unable to make it this year, we hope you will attend the next great holiday extravaganza. I am learning as I go, since I have never been an Entertainment Chair for anything except putting on parties for my children as they were growing up. They are now 30 and 25, so please be patient with me as I navigate this new position I was given a year ago. You are all amazing and I thank you so very much for your love and support and helping me build my confidence in making a great time for all of you.

In November 2023 I joined this Club and was glad to take on the Entertainment Chair position, but need to say that it would be great if we could get more volunteers to help with activities. I believe you know those who put their heart and soul into the Club to make it what it is today and we are hopeful for future OC members to carry the legacy on. As you know it was our 65th anniversary in December. That is quite a remarkable achievement, but it doesn't happen without dedicated OC members and volunteers.

We are so grateful for the new OC members who have joined in on the fun and festivities and for our long-time members who are so fantastic in making new members feel right at home. So, get on the bus and sing along or chat with everyone, but more importantly join us to ski the mountains in the great Northeast. You should not be disappointed! You are NEVER alone. You will always find someone to ski with, so don't let anything stop you from getting those skis, boots, and gear ready to go! We have LOTS of amazing trips that are still open, and we hope you will take the opportunity to join us on one or more. Don't wait!

Thank you again, and always, for your kind words and encouragement.

Sincerely,

Kate Karlok
Entertainment Chair

A&E Committee
Activities & Entertainment
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65th

Member Profile

Richard Hoffman

When I interviewed Donna McGraw last month, she often mentioned Dick Hoffman, so I followed up with a phone call to Dick. He is the oldest, continuous member of the OCs, having joined in 1963. Dick was president for two terms, 1971 and 1972, the first president elected for multiple years.

1963, Dick was home from college, and wanted to learn how to ski. He had tried it a couple of times. There were about six active clubs in the area and joining a club seemed like the best way to learn. The Sitzmarkers interested him, but they met on Tuesday nights – a schedule conflict there. The OCs met on Thursdays, so with no expectations, Dick made his way to his first meeting. Meetings were held at the Italian Brotherhood Society Hall (the Italian American club Donna mentioned) on Watervliet Avenue near the Tobin factory. In the parking lot he met two or three girls who welcomed him and encouraged him to join. They dragged him into the meeting hall and the rest is history.

Dick admits to being a little reserved, so the first meeting was memorable. The OC Ski Club was small and VERY SOCIAL – even in those days. At each meeting, any new guest was required to stand up and introduce themselves to the raucous group. Most members were single and between 18-30; no gray hairs then.

With a desire to learn how to ski, he rode on most Sunday bus trips as the group reached out and informally taught him to ski. Mt. Snow, Bromley, Haystack, and Corinthia (now part of Mt. Snow) were popular places then. The bus rides were \$5 and most lift tickets were under \$10. with Corinthia being only \$3. Dick remembers week-long OC trips to Aspen & Aspen Highlands, which was the first time the Club went West. Also memorable were annual week trips to Mt. Tremblant on Washington's Birthday week. Those Tremblant trips grew to over 100 OC attendees staying at the Bellevue Hotel.





65th

Member Profile

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Czechoslovakia was the Club's first European trip. Czechoslovakia was a Communist country behind the Iron Curtain at that time and it was the first year Americans were allowed for skiing vacations. The OCs were one of those first groups. Many stories can be told about this experience. Dick remembers the OCs planned to leave Albany around 10:00 a.m. to fly out of Montreal at around 8:00 p.m. Because of a major snowstorm and an air traffic controllers' slowdown, the flight was delayed. It became apparent that it would be many more hours, so our group was bused to a location with an open bar to wait. At about 3 or 4:00 a.m. we were told that the plane was due in and we were bused back to the airport. When we arrived at the gate, we were told it still would be several more hours. We finally did take off around 8:00 a.m. Many OCers were "toast" by then.

When we arrived in Prague, we were told that our connecting flight couldn't take off because the airport at our destination had been fogged in for three days. They suggested that we take an all-night express train to the eastern part of this communist country. Out of nowhere, buses arrived at the airport and our tour guide ("Communist babysitter") instructed us to gather our luggage and skis to board the bus to the train station. The tour guide left us at that point. No one spoke Czech or Russian, but one member spoke a bit of Polish. Somehow, we were able to guess what train to take. The train was like one you see in the old-time movies from the early 1900s. Luggage did not go on the train but was loaded onto a truck that was promised to meet us at the mountain. We took bets on whether or not our luggage and gear would ever catch up with us. Once on our way, the conductor asked for tickets, but we didn't have any. We pretended that we did not know what they were asking and they eventually gave up asking.

Unfortunately, in the morning our express train turned into a local one, stopping at each town picking up and dropping off daily workers. Eventually we arrived at the mountain, and to our surprise, the luggage was there too!

The tour flyers showed pictures of new lifts and great trails. Flyers lie. There was a single-chair lift that went up partway and a T-bar for the rest of the way. Conditions weren't great and the lifts kept breaking down, but OCers knew how to have a great time despite the conditions. Mash (Jim Waugaman) was on that trip and he can tell you more about the adventure at any Thursday meeting. Just buy a beer and sit down to learn more.



65th

Member Profile

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Dick's next trip was to Aspen, and in another year a trip to Banff where he went heli-skiing with a group from the Club. He can't forget getting up in the wee dark hours to meet the helicopter to ski fresh powder with each run.

The Sunday bus trips were a major part of the Club. Dick remembers the day buses left from the Plaza in downtown Albany by the old D&H building. The OCs, Singles Club and Uncle Sam Club ran buses from the same spot. You never knew what mountain we were going to until you got on the bus. This was to ensure that we would have enough people for the bus. The OC bus always had four gallons of white wine, but later switched to beer, and shared snacks. There were no bathrooms on the early buses that meant a pit stop on the way home. Dick recalled that on Rt. 2, outside of Troy, a little bar called the Beauty Spot was a frequent stop. Of course, they stayed for a couple of drinks before reboarding and continuing their way home. One member, Harry Ruecker, often led the OC party group and helped behind the bar. (Funny - I knew Harry when my kids played soccer with his and attended Indian Guides by the YMCA.) It is a small world.

In 1965 the Club moved its meetings to Panetta's Restaurant in Menands (now where I-90 crosses Route 32). Later, when forced to move again, they moved to Mario's in Latham. The Club grew quickly. Usually there were 300+ at the meetings. Beer was free, but a hat was passed around to pay for it. We asked \$1 dollar from guys and \$.50 from the girls. Also, at each meeting 50-50 tickets were sold to help pay for the buses. When Mario's closed, we were forced to find temporary meeting places. One was Dave's Denney Barn and the other was the Holiday Inn in Latham. They agreed not to charge us rent if our bar bill was over \$300. (Not a problem.)

During the early years, so that members could recognize other members while skiing, the Club sold the triangular OC pin and a knitted hat with OC on the front. To encourage members to wear them, you periodically would get a free bus ride if you had either.

When the PCC opened, Dick and another member, Bob Drose, negotiated an agreement for the OCs to have the meetings held there. In those days, the meetings started at 9:00 p.m. (usually by 9:30) and over by 10:00-ish, but often the last member didn't leave until 3:00 a.m. The meetings were crowded, cars parked along the edges of the road because the parking lot was full. If you were planning to go on the Sunday buses, you had to be there to be counted..



65th

Member Profile

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Dick recalled the huge Winter Carnivals including the one held at Mt. Snow in the old Sundance lodge. 14 buses carrying not just members, but plenty of guests too. He remembers an earlier Carnival at the North Creek Ski Bowl, now part of Gore. There were two T-bars serving the trails. The Club had open kegs at the bottom next to the lifts. You filled your glass, rode the lift, and skied down to do it all over again.

One of Dick's accomplishments is starting the LiftLine while president, and he even has a copy of most of them up until it stopped being issued in print. In those days, the newsletter was typed, cut and pasted, copied, sorted and mailed by zip code. A hard job. Also, about this time the membership cards were numbered, starting with the oldest current members, which continues today.

The round "I'm Out of Control" button was for publicity and given out at a Snow Show. It has changed colors and size but is still very popular. Today that OC pin is found all over the world wherever the OC Ski Club has skied. We have never scheduled trips to Africa or Antarctica; but we have and still do have trips to South America, New Zealand, North America and Europe.

Dick is still active as a ski patroller at Royal Mountain. He loves the sport and the people in it. Look him up; he is on some of the Friday buses, and if you go to Royal, you will find him skiing with his best friend Jerry McGraw, Donna's husband.

Interview submitted by Sylvia Haefeli



MEMBER FACTOID

Jim "Mash" Waugaman has been an OC Ski Club member since 1969. His membership number is 14. So where did the "Mash" nickname come from? According to Donna McGraw, during a summer hiking trip near Stowe, the group reached the summit to find that Jim Waugaman and George Grober had laid out an impressive spread of food and drinks.

Jim had helped haul everything up the mountain. Donna laughed and told him he was like a "MASH" unit from the TV show, someone who arrives fully prepared with everything needed. The name stuck and has followed him ever since. Mash is one of five Lifetime OC members for his years of volunteer service to the OC Ski Club. We are sure he'd be happy to tell you about a few Out of Control happenings from the good old days.



**Still the coolest
ski club
around!**



A Cool Tale With a Happy Ending

Last November, we received the following email. What an excellent story embodying the spirit of our Club!

Hello! My name is Mckenna. I am a lift operator at Winter Park resort in Colorado. As you may know, interacting with guests is a huge part of my job. Two years ago, my very first season as an operator, I was extremely nervous to talk to guests. Until, one of your members caught my attention, handing me a purple button pin that said "I'm Out of Control." I found it hilarious and immediately put it on my uniform vest. The man told me I was now an honorary member as long as I wear the pin.

I have worn that pin on my work vest every single day i've worked the past two seasons; and every single day at some point, a guest will comment on it which sparks a conversation. Holding strong as a reminder to be myself and that it's exciting to talk to new people. Since then, I have gotten a promotion and I am a crew lead now! That little button was very important for developing my confidence in my job.

Earlier this week, it was crazy busy at the resort. At the end of the day I realized I had lost my pin. Devastated, I had the whole crew looking for it but it could not be found. I am writing to ask if I could please get a new purple pin? I can pay for any manufacturing and/or shipping costs for it.

Thank you,
Mckenna "Jonesy" Jones :)



Update: Mckenna has been resupplied with OC buttons. We'd love to see you, Mckenna, if you visit the Northeast!



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. [NYCDSC webpage](#)

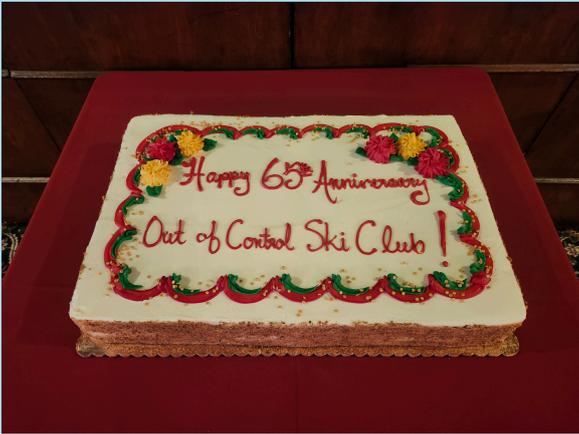
Presently the Council consists of a number of ski clubs totaling 4,000+ members. Our member clubs ski here in the Northeast, all over North America and Europe. The Council has special promotional days set up with a large group of ski areas to help promote skiing.

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



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