



OC Ski Club Liftline

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President's
Corner
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Don't put those boards away just yet. Some of the best skiing is upon us now. Soft snow, warm sunny days, and cold beers on the deck – it doesn't get better than that! We can still get late-season snows and we could be skiing through the end of April. The buses will run as long you as you want to ski.

Springtime, and our thoughts turn to...Club elections! We have some new candidates running this year so come out and get a free drink with your vote. This year, the PCC will be hosting a Happy Hour that night with food specials.

If you enjoy the benefits of your Club – day buses, XC buses, weekend and weeklong trips, free instruction, parties, Happy Hours, volleyball, etc. – please consider helping to keep these great activities going strong. Feel free to contact me or any other officer or Board member to see what you can do to help.

Or, maybe you have ideas on how things could be better. Don't keep those ideas and energy to yourself; the Club needs you. And, we are still celebrating our 65th year, so if you have any ideas you'd like the Club to pursue, let us know!

Soon we will be getting the bikes, golf clubs, kayaks and other toys of summer out. But for a little while longer, we can still get some fun out of winter.

See you on the slopes!

**Cheers,
Mark**

[Upcoming Events](#) webpage



Be there and participate in selecting your Club leaders!

Our Club is led by a group of volunteers who work very hard for you. Some of the leaders (officers and Board members) are voted in by the members, while others (committee chairs) are appointed by those elected officials. Our process is quite simple but it all begins with YOU!

Election night is Thursday, April 2nd, Elections will start at 7:30.

Each year these Club offices open up for election (see the next pages for detailed descriptions):

- President**
- VP Administration**
- VP Organized Skiing**
- Treasurer**
- Secretary**
- Board of Directors (10 seats will be elected).**

All the election details can be [Found Here](#)

Happy Hour Menu



Pierogi (3)	6	Surfside, High Noon	6
Kielbasa on Roll	7	White Claw	6
With Kraut	9	Beer 16 oz Can	6
Burger/Lettuce/Tom	5	Single Pour	\$4
With Cheese	6	BUCKET SPECIALS	
French Fries	5	Domestic Beer	5/\$20
Onion Rings	6	Imported Beer	5/\$25
Tenders, French Fries	9	Seltzers	5/\$30
Pulled Pork Sandwich	7		
With Cole Slaw			

Come early for the awesome food specials being offered by the PCC. The kitchen is open at 4:30 and serving till 7:00

Details are also on the election webpage



Polish Community Center Bar

Mondays to Thursdays | 4:30 PM to 7:30PM

We hope you will come out and vote. But more importantly, we need you to volunteer to help run this wonderful Club. We are dependent on volunteers and we need you!

The Constitution for the OC Ski Club places term limits on the following positions. One can only serve for three consecutive years. A person must take at least one year off before running for the office again. That means we will have vacancies for most of these positions this year.

The Constitution is available on our website under "About Us, Forms & Documents." There are small perks awarded to the people in these offices – OC bucks to go toward membership dues, events or payment on a trip you might want to go on, and unlimited rides on our weekly buses.

The **President** is responsible for supervising the running of the whole Club. However, (s)he is advised by our Board of Directors and our other officers. The President needs to attend most meetings (we understand if you are away or ill). From October to April we meet weekly, and May to September we meet twice monthly. The President gathers an agenda for Board meetings held monthly (we try to keep these to one hour) and a brief agenda of announcements made at the weekly meeting.

The **VP for Administration** is responsible for organizing and overseeing the many committees that actually run the Club. Examples are Membership who handles all things related to membership management, Fundraising who sells OC branded items, and Activities and Entertainment who organize our big parties. In addition, this VP will step in to cover meetings/events whenever the President is unavailable.

The **VP for Organized Skiing** is responsible for organizing and overseeing the Bus Committee, Trips Committee, and Ski Instruction (the big three skiing committees). This VP will step in to run meetings if both the President and VP for Admin are not available. We do have a hierarchy of officers.

The **Treasurer** collects all deposits from the various committees, writes the checks, maintains our bank accounts, and coordinates our finances with the Finance Chairperson. Treasurer also attends all meetings but other officers can step up if you are on a trip or ill. Working together as a team is an OC theme.

The **Secretary** records the minutes of Board meetings and keeps a record of correspondence and legal records of the Club. The Secretary can step up to help out with running meetings.

These positions require a person to be organized, have time to attend meetings, and be willing to be an active member of a team. This sounds like a business and it is. We have 1000 members and we run events and trips all year long. Your volunteering is what makes this Club so successful. We need you.

If none of the above appeal, then perhaps you could run for the **Board of Directors**. We have 15 Board members, comprised of the above 5 officers and 10 additional elected members, who meet once per month to discuss and vote on motions for Club policy, activities, and decisions. Usually, meetings run about 1 hour from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. **Directors are expected to participate in Club activities and take an active role in organizing and implementing these activities.** Directors are often a chairperson of a continuing Club committee like Trips, Buses, Facilities, Family, Volleyball League or other. See the Constitution for more about Club committees.

All Board meetings are open to the membership. Come and sit in on one to get a better understanding of how the Club is managed. You are always welcome to attend. We meet upstairs in the "Pink Room" above the bar at the PCC. If you ever want to bring a topic to the attention of the Board, just contact the President ahead of a meeting to have it added to the monthly agenda. Members are always welcome to participate in Club discussion. However, only Board members can vote on motions.

It's time for you to be more active in the Club: join a continuing committee or step up and run for office. Either way, you will be making a huge difference for the OC Ski Club and contributing to making this Club so much better. We Need You!



How Our Ski Trips Really Work — And Why Timing Matters

There's been a lot of conversation lately about how ski trips are planned — how far out they should be, when to sign up, and why some trips seem to fill faster than others. So let's walk through how it actually works behind the scenes. Not to overcomplicate it — just to give you a clear picture of what goes into planning these trips and why timing plays such a big role.

All of our eastern trips, along with Tremblant, run on a consistent yearly cycle. Other trips — especially those that include air — require more flexibility based on timing and market conditions.

One thing that's guaranteed every year is how we structure our trip schedule. We plan **two Ikon western trips, one Epic western trip, and either an Ikon European trip or a European destination that includes lift tickets**. That's our base formula. It gives everyone a good mix of options depending on what pass you have and the kind of trip you're looking for. There's also a rhythm to when these trips happen. Western and European trips tend to fall within the same general windows each year. That's not random; it's based on what we know works best.

In total, we're balancing roughly 10 to 12 trips each season, so having a clear structure and timing approach isn't optional — it's what makes everything work. From the outside, it might look like trips just show up when we announce them. Behind the scenes, there's a lot that happens before you ever see them. My goal here is to help you understand how it all comes together and why timing matters more than you might think.

People don't sign up in a straight line; they sign up in waves. Think of it as a strong start, a quiet middle, and then groups of people jumping in as plans come together, with a final push at the end. There's always a group that jumps in right away, then things slow down, then it builds again — usually in clusters — and finally, there's a late push.



There are exceptions, and they matter. This year's European trip was one of them. We had close to 30 people sign up opening night. That didn't happen by accident. For our European and western trips, we offered a \$50 opening night incentive. We didn't change behavior; we gave it a reason to move faster.

From your side, it can feel like there's plenty of time. From our side, it works differently. We're locking in lodging, transportation, and pricing early while signups come in waves. Every trip works financially, but there's always a window where we're committed before all the money is in. That's the timing piece we manage.

Resorts are changing how they handle inventory. They know they can sell rooms at full retail pricing, so they're releasing fewer rooms to group blocks. That means tighter timelines and less flexibility the longer we wait. The timeline isn't moving because people changed; it's moving because the inventory did.

Tour operators are also building their seasons earlier, locking in space and pricing across their full portfolio. But we're not just following their calendar. We're choosing trips and timing that we know work best for our group. That consistency is intentional.

There's also a people side to this. Running a trip takes time and energy, and that responsibility falls on the trip leader. Stretching timelines too far — especially into two years — means asking someone to carry that role much longer. Trips don't just run on contracts; they run on people. That's another reason we keep things within a manageable timeframe.

Air adds another layer. It's unpredictable. Fuel costs move, pricing shifts, and nothing is fully locked until tickets are issued. When we include air in a contract, it gives us a starting point, not a final answer. From there, we keep working it — adjusting airlines, routes, and pricing as the market changes. Most airlines don't even open their schedules until about 330 days out, and some, like Southwest, are shorter. So we build the structure first and make decisions when the market is actually open.



There's also been a shift in how people travel. More and more members are booking their own flights, which gives flexibility in airline choice, schedules, and points. That's a positive shift, and it allows us to focus on making sure the rest of the trip is solid and well-organized.

European trips add another layer: exchange rates. The cost depends on the strength of the dollar, and that can move. St. Moritz is a perfect example. If we had locked that trip in two years out, it would be significantly more expensive today. That's the risk. Earlier doesn't always mean better.

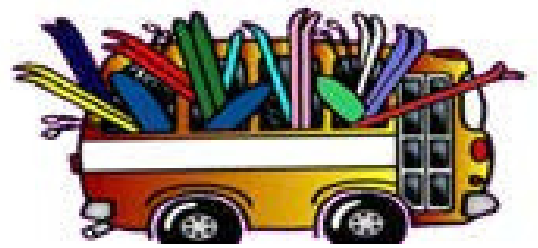
You may see other clubs planning trips further out, and that may work for their group. For us, it doesn't match how our members actually commit. Our trips still fill the same way — in waves — regardless of how early they're announced. So we plan within a window that aligns with real behavior.

The bottom line is simple. Our trips fill, and they work financially. What we manage is timing. If a trip is on your radar, getting in early is always the better move. You'll have more options and less stress, and you'll help the trip come together the way it's supposed to.

Lynda
VP for Skiing

**Keep an eye on the weekly email as
we will post next season's ski trips as soon
has they have been approved.**

Bus Committee



Hi Everyone,

Wow, what a season! The Northeast had the best snow of the nation! Quite a record. And now we are slowly winding down our bus schedule. Buses leave Albany at 7:00 a.m.

April 10 - Sugarbush (bus leaves at 6:30)
April 12 - Stratton, and finally
April 19 - Killington End-of-Season Tailgate.

PayPal is open and we are taking names. I want the final trip to have 2 buses like last year. Killington still has plenty open and from the pictures of Superstar, they mean to stay open until June 1. Don't put away your gear yet - join us as we celebrate the final OC month of snow.

We were more successful this year with our bus planning. Fewer canceled buses and more inclusion for XC. We had several successful trips: 2 Heaney Wienie Roasts at Gore, XC bus to Great Camp Sagamore, 2 buses for Winter Carnival, and hopefully 2 for 4/19 Killington Tailgate.

For next year, we want to consider XC buses on Tuesday to Mt. Van Hoevenberg, adding Great Camp Santanoni in February, and holding Winter Carnival at Gore (using the basement lunch room for the meal). We will be working on the 2026-27 schedule in April after consulting with Lynda on the trip schedule. We are looking for YOUR input as well. When you ride the buses in April, give us your wants and don't-wants. We need to hear both.

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

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

Did we mention the Tail Gate Party
for the Killington April 19th bus
Let's finish the season with
a big OC send off





Spring Has Sprung!!

Online registration for the OC Summer Volleyball leagues will open on Tuesday April 1st.

League formats include:

Monday: Competitive Co-ed 4's

Tuesday: Competitive and Recreational Co-ed 6's

Important Dates:

Online League Registration Opens Tuesday April 1st

Registration is required for all league play. [Online registration](#) will remain open until each league is full. Participants must be members of the OC Ski Club and over the age of 18. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. Detailed registration information will be posted on the OC website in April.

- In-Person League Registration: Thursday April 31st (if necessary) @ 7:30pm
- Cleanup Date: Saturday May 9th @ 10 AM (One team member must attend)
- League Play Begins: Week of May 11th @ 6 PM
- Fall Volleyball Tournament: Saturday, September 12, 2026 (save the date!)

For more information on volleyball and to contact the volleyball committee, visit <https://ocskiclub.org/volleyball/summer-league/>. We look forward to seeing you on the courts!!

See the following 2 pages for more instructions.



Team Information for OC Volleyball Leagues

Registration:

- Online registration for teams will be available starting April 1st at www.ocskiclub.org/volleyball/summer-league

additional online processing fees apply. Membership signup/renewals will be available online starting April 1st. No player may be registered without a paid membership status. Email completed form to ocvbleague@ocskiclub.org

To register your team, you will need:

- A completed copy of this form, listing at least 4 players for Monday teams and 6 players for Tuesday teams. Players can play more than one league. All team rosters will require at least one male and one female and will now require an emergency contact for each player. **Please note, while there is no restriction with the number of players you have on your roster, the winning teams will only be provided 5 champion shirts for Monday's 4 League and 7 champion shirts for Tuesday's 6 league. There will be a charge of \$15 for each additional shirt requested.
- All players listed on the team roster must pay OC Club Dues for 2025 - 26. Dues can be paid online beginning April 1st or by mail to the Membership/Applicant Committee through May 2nd. Club fees are \$35+ for returning Members or \$40+ for new Members (plus PayPal fee for all online registrations). Team members can pay dues individually or team captains can pay dues [and provide necessary member information] either online or by mail for their team members. Checks should be made payable to the "OC Ski Club".

Team registration fees for Monday are \$220 (plus PayPal fee for online registration) or \$330 for Tuesday (plus PayPal fee for online registration). If paying by mail, only one payment will be accepted for the team fee. Checks should be made payable to the "OC Ski Club" and mailed to Gail Marotti-Hossan, 34 Yorkshire Lane, Delmar, NY 12054-1328.

Please note:

- Team registrations will be accepted on a "first come/first served" basis and only after all player club dues have been paid in full. Pay for your team using online payment, complete and email the registration form, pay the players dues.
- It is imperative that we collect both contact information (per NYS guidance) and emergency contact information for each player. Registration will not be considered complete without this information.

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Team Information for OC Volleyball Leagues (CONTINUED)

- Each team must provide at least one team member/representative to fulfill the team's clean-up day requirement on Saturday, May 9th. That person must sign in by 10:00 am, actively participate in setup tasks as directed and sign out when released. Failure to fulfill this requirement may result in your team losing its spot to a team on the wait list or in other penalties. Cleanup usually takes no more than two hours. If interested, we will play when cleanup is completed.
- There will be a captain's meeting on the first night of play; all players are welcome, but the team captain (or a representative) must attend. Copies of the league rules will be distributed, and we'll discuss team responsibilities, game procedures and other details of the playing season. For the Tuesday 6's League, team referees should attend this meeting; at least two players per team must have sufficient knowledge of the rules to properly officiate league matches.
- USA Volleyball rules will be in effect for both leagues with some exceptions.
- **League play begins the week of May 11th @ 6 PM.**
- Please place your team in the appropriate level at the time of registration. If a team is incorrectly placed, the coordinators may move it to another level if there is a corresponding team in that level which should also be moved.
- Monday Competitive Co-ed 4's: One male and one female must be on the court at all times. No exceptions. Teams can play with three (regardless of male/female). Teams with less than that number will forfeit and lose five wins.
 - The team (roster) with one being female is required on the court at all times; teams with less than that number will forfeit that evening's games and lose four wins (if the forfeiting team refs, only two wins will be lost).
- Subs are allowed. Players who have not paid OC club dues must pay a one night "guest" fee of \$5 and sign an insurance waiver for each night they play. Teams are allowed to borrow extra players from other teams or the other league to avoid a forfeit.
- The Polish Community Center has some ground rules in order for us to use their facility, which will be followed without exception. It is the captain's responsibility to ensure that all team members know, understand, and abide by these rules:
 - No pets are allowed on the premises at any time.
 - **No beer or other alcohol will be allowed to be brought in from outside sources.**
 - The Polish Community Center bar will be open for those who desire alcoholic refreshments.
 - Please leave your children at home, for their safety as well as the safety of the players.
 - Shoes or other appropriate footwear are recommended while on the courts.
 - Please park vehicles on the sides and back of the parking lot, as directed by the Polish Community Center.

VP for Administration
Steven Ford
admin@ocskiclub.org



Greetings OCers,

As I write this month, Mother Nature can't seem to make up her mind. Our temps have whipsawed between the 60s and 70s back into the 20s and 30s, but don't hang up your ski pants just yet. Most mountains have built up a good base over this winter so there is still plenty of spring skiing to be had.

In April, we have buses going to **Sugarbush (4/10)**, **Stratton (4/12)**, and **Killington (4/19)**! Grab your closest 20 friends and sign up early. We have a lot of events coming up in April. Be sure to mark your calendar for the following:

April 2nd will be Election Night. Make sure to be there and vote for your favorite candidates. Our Club runs on volunteers and member participation. The PCC is offering a Happy Hour food menu from 4:30 - 7:30 so come a little early and bring your appetite.

Join us **April 15th for our OC happy hour from 4-7 p.m. at Smokey Bones** located at 1557 Central Ave. in Colonie. Drink specials until 6:00 p.m. and food specials all night long.

April 23rd will be Bike Night at the PCC. We will have representatives on hand from local bike shops and biking clubs to discuss bikes and bicycling around the area.

April 30th will be a Summer Gear Swap at the PCC. Bring your lightly used summer sports equipment and clothing that you no longer use to the PCC to sell or exchange with other OC members.

Steve



MARCH 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

The OC Ski Club 2025-2026 Board of Directors met March 5 @ 6:38 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, Kate Karlok, Jeff Kenton, Cynthia Ward.

Absent: Lauren Harrington

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Motion: Sylvia Haefeli 2nd Lynda Heaney Passed

Reports

VP Admin

- o Membership Stats – continued steady increase
- o Happy Hours: March 18 @ Don Tequila's in Colonie; April 15th @ Smokey Bones, Colonie
- o Installation Party – Friday May15th; Normanside CC (Delmar), more details to follow - ?theme as we continue to celebrate our 65th Anniversary ?
- o Winter Gear Swap – March 26th; another to be held for other seasonal gear
- o March 12 & 19: Nominations
- o April 2nd: Elections
 - PCC will be offering Happy Hour Specials of Food & Beverage from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.
 - Candidate speeches to begin shortly after 7:30
 - 1 drink coupon per signed-in (current) member when you pick up your ballot. Coupon good for soda, wine, beer & well drinks.

VP Skiing

- o Trips are wrapping up with only Palisades & Jay Peak left to happen.
- o February Trips included Park City, Utah; Austria; Sunday River. All had a good time, even Utah with less than favorable conditions
- o Winter Carnival
 - PICO Mountain, Friday March 20th, \$58 Lift Ticket
- o Season planning for 26/27 is just beginning



MARCH 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Old Business

New Business

- Election Night Free Drink was discussed and approved. See above in VP Admin Rpt
- *Term Limits:*
 - o Term limits are in effect for 4 of 5 officers. Discussion on overriding the limits for one year was continued from last month but the decision to hold off was made at this time.
 - o Board will convene a special meeting if warranted (no nominations for vacating offices).
- Member advertisements on our social media was discussed but nothing conclusive resulted from the discussion.

Next Board Meeting: April 2nd PCC: 6:30 p.m. 

MOTIONS:

Approve distribution of 1 drink coupon per eligible member who signs up to vote on election night

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN TIME: 7:31 p.m.

Motion: Gail Marotti-Hossan 2nd: Steve Ford Passed: Unanimously



A&E Committee

Activities & Entertainment

Kate Karlok



Good Day, OC Friends and Family,

We are getting ready for our annual **Installation Banquet on May 15th from 7-10 p.m. at Normanside Country Club**. Mark your calendar for a great night of food, fun and entertainment. We will be celebrating our new board members who will be voted in on April 2nd. We are currently working on a "Blues" theme for our party. More details to come soon so watch for updates.

Welcome Your Elected Officers for the 2026-2027 Club Year!

When: Friday, May 15 - 7:00-10:00 p.m.

**Where: Normanside Country Club
150 Salisbury Rd, Delmar, NY 12054**

And be sure to come out on Election Night (Thursday, April 2) to vote for those who are interested in making our Club the very best it can be for all of us. We appreciate all the hard work and effort they put in so we can enjoy bus trips, free ski lessons, ski trips in the USA, Canada and Europe, Happy Hours, parties, and weekly meetings where we can all socialize.

PS. I may have some cookies at the Election Night event that you might enjoy. Looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces as always!!!



Our Club members enjoy many great off-season activities. Got any ideas?

Shoot me an email at
activities@ocskiclub.org



To our new OC members
who signed up in
March 1, 2026

Eric Fillingham
Viviana Villavicencio Vallejo
Justina Mueller
Anne-Sophie Gall
Christopher Ramos
Kevin Martin
Alejandra Wind
Monalissa Carius
Avery Hawn

*We appreciate all our new members from this season!
You are who makes this Ski Club thrive.*





Judy Franze Tewey



Wednesday, April 15th 4:00–7:00 p.m.

[Smokey Bones](#)

1557 Central Avenue, Colonie 12205

518-464-9971

Drink & Food Specials
Gift card giveaway



Out of Control Ski Club

Social Media

[Facebook Group](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Facebook Page](#)

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

Email Committee Chairs - email address links are on the OC website on each webpage. Click on "Questions"

Be patient as we are volunteers. Your email inquiries will be returned within 24 hours.

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.



The OC Ski Club is a member of the New York Capital District Ski Council (NYCDSC). As an OC member you receive the benefits from that organization which include discount lift tickets to various ski areas in our area plus other benefits. Find out more [HERE](#)



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

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

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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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