



OC Ski Club Liftline

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Okay, another ski season in the rear view and summer straight ahead. Although I bet a few of you are not ready to call it quits just yet! And we all know who you are! We are in the process of choosing next year's trips. Some are already signed and others are still being researched. If you have any ideas there is still time, so let us know.

This is our 65th year and we are still looking for ideas to mark the occasion. A summer picnic, a road rally, and who knows? If you have any ideas, please let us know. We will try to make it happen.

As the Club's year winds down, I would like to thank my fellow officers for their hard work: VP for Skiing Lynda Heaney and VP for Activities Steve Ford, Treasurer John Wimmer and Secretary Gail Marotti-Hossan. And a big thank you to committees and volunteers that make the Club run. And yes, we are always looking for more volunteers to help out. There's no shortage of jobs that you could help with.

This will be my last Liftline article as president. After three years, I must step down. I can hear the cheers and sighs of relief! But again, I want to thank all the officers that I worked with and the Board Members as well committees that make this Club run. I wish John Wimmer all the best as he takes the reins, and I, as well as all the members, will be there to help in the transition.

Let's have great summer and get ready to do it all again next season.

**Cheers,
Mark**

[Upcoming Events](#) webpage

Season Wrap & What's Next

VP for Skiing
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Let's call it what it was...Not a perfect season. But a very OC season. We had great days, questionable days, and a few "well... we're here, so let's ski it anyway" days. And somehow, those always turn into the stories that get told the most. That's this Club!

We don't sit around waiting for conditions to line up perfectly. We show up. We make the best of it. And by the end of the trip, nobody's talking about the snow—they're talking about the people, the laughs, and whatever happened after the lifts stopped spinning.

And from where I sit? That part delivered. Big time. Trips ran. Buses filled. New faces jumped in. The core crew did what they always do—kept it moving, kept it fun, and kept the bar set exactly where it belongs.

Now... while everyone else is putting their gear away...We're already working on next season. Contracts are in motion. Dates are being locked in. And yes—there's a lot more that goes into it than just picking a mountain and hoping for snow. Here's a little of what's taking shape:

Out West, the anchors are back—**Revelstoke, Steamboat, Whistler**—the kind of trips you circle the minute they're announced. Closer to home, **Tremblant, Sunday River, and Bolton Valley** keep things moving without missing a beat. And the core weekends—**Smugglers' Notch and Jay Peak**—are right where they belong. Reliable, fun, and always a good call. [OC Website 26-27 Ski Trip Link](#)

Same mix. Just dialed in. Some of these will fill fast. The usual suspects know which ones. And no, we're not holding spots for "maybe" this year. Because here's the reality—these trips don't just happen. They come together months (sometimes a year+) in advance, with a lot of moving pieces behind the scenes. So when signups open... don't overthink it. If you had a great time this year—come back. If you sat one out—fix that. If you've been "thinking about it"—this is your nudge. We'll handle the details. You just show up. That's how this Club works. That's how it's always worked.

And next season? We're already on it.



Signups, Pricing & What You Need to Know

A few updates as we head into signups this season—read this now so there are no surprises later.

Applications are fully online.

No paper, no partials. It's a simple Q&A format—mostly yes/no and fill-in-the-blank.

If your trip includes air, have your passport info ready. Required fields must be completed or the application won't submit.

Signing up in person? We'll help you do it right on your phone.

Your Spot

Your spot is not held until both your application AND payment are in and accepted. One without the other doesn't count.

Cash payments (check, ACH, Venmo): your application is not complete until the Trip Leader has your payment. You'll receive confirmation once everything is in and your spot is accepted.

Rooming (Condos)

Condos must be fully filled to count as a signup. Best setup: two per bedroom or a complete group. Triples are allowed—but if the fourth spot isn't filled, the cost is split between three. These terms are understood and agreed to at signup.

If you are signing up as a single and looking for a roommate, your spot can be held only if you agree to cover the single supplement if a roommate is not found. If you do not agree to that, your application will remain pending until a roommate is secured.

Cancellations

Lodging contracts carry significant penalties. Once you sign up, you are financially committed. Signing up means you're in—not "maybe in."

If you cancel, it's your responsibility to find a replacement. The Trip Leader will assist, but does not fill your spot.

Travel Insurance

Strongly recommended. Insurance won't fix missing the trip—but it protects you financially.

Pricing

You'll see a standard price and a cash price. Cash price = check, ACH, or Venmo. **If you pay online, you pay the standard price—the cash discount does not apply.**



Signups, Pricing & What You Need to Know (continued)

Terms & Conditions

Updated this year—read them. Fuel pricing adjustments may impact final pricing if triggered.

Bottom Line

- Complete your application online
- Submit payment with your application
- Lock in your rooming
- Understand pricing
- Read the terms

We're making this process better—for everyone.

See you at the mountain!

Lynda Heaney

Kelly Barlow

If you've ever thought about leading a trip. . .

Now's your chance.

We're actively looking for trip leaders for upcoming OC Ski Club trips. If you're interested, send an email to skiing@ocskiclub.org with:

- The trip(s) you'd like to lead
- A short summary of your qualifications (travel experience, prior leadership, Club involvement, etc.)

Trip leaders play a key role in making these trips run smoothly—from planning to execution—and we're always looking to bring new people into the mix alongside our experienced crew.

If you're organized, good with people, and want to take a more active role in the Club, reach out. Let's build a strong lineup for the season.

**The 2026 - 2027 ski trip
schedule is posted to the OC Website**



Spring Has Sprung!!

OC Summer Volleyball leagues registration is OPEN

League formats include:

Monday: Competitive Co-ed 4's

Tuesday: Competitive and Recreational Co-ed 6's

Important Dates:

Online League Registration Opened 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!!



VP for Administration
Steven Ford
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Hi OCers!

Another great ski season is in the books and what a season it was. This is the time of year that we hang up our skis, put away the snowboard, and pick up the golf clubs, kayaks, bicycles, or whatever summer activities you enjoy. I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer.

Beginning in May the Club moves to a summer schedule where we will have one meeting the first Thursday of the month. Although the snow may have melted, there is still plenty going on. We have a lot of events coming up in May. Be sure to mark your calendar for the following:

- The PCC Happy Hour is coming back by popular demand on Thursday, May 7th from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you missed the last one, you definitely don't want to miss this one. There will be drink and food specials in the bar area.
- Volleyball is back at the PCC on Monday and Tuesday nights from 6:00 - 8:00.
- On Wednesday, May 13th, we will be having a happy hour at the City Line Bar and Grill located at 1200 Western Ave. in Albany from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Come for the friends, stay for the food.
- The OC Installation Banquet will be Friday, May 15th at the Normanside Country Club located at 150 Salisbury Rd., Delmar from 7:00 to 10:00. Don't delay. Get your tickets today!

Steve



APRIL 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

The OC Ski Club 2025-2026 Board of Directors met April 2 @ 6:36 p.m.

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

Absent: John Wimmer, Jeff Kenton

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Agenda: Motion: Gail Marotti-Hossan 2nd Lynda Heaney Passed

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

Treasurer's Report: Motion: Sylvia Haefeli 2nd Gail Marotti-Hossan Passed

Reports

VP Admin

- o Membership Stats – continued steady increase with influx from Volleyball League Registration
- o Happy Hours: April 15 @ Smokey Bones in Colonie
- o Installation Party – Friday May15th; Normanside CC (Delmar), more details to follow – Blues theme as we continue to celebrate our 65th Anniversary – 65th anniversary is Sapphire...
- o Summer Gear Swap – April 30th

VP Skiing

- o Trips are wrapping up with only Palisades & Jay Peak left to happen.
- o Overview of upcoming trips for 2026-2027 season
- o We are returning to Membership only for trips. No guest fees. If you wish to join a trip you must be a member in good standing (dues paid)

Old Business

New Business

- o Absentee Ballots will continue to be non-acceptable per our current policy

APRIL 2026 Board Meeting Minutes (continued)

New Business (continued)

- o Board Meeting attendance was discussed and resolved that the wording of the Constitution (written in 1960) implies physical attendance
- o Requirements for the Board eligibility do need slight modification in wording to match that of Officers
- o A Constitutional Review will be conducted prior to October 2026

Next Board Meeting: May 4th, PCC: 6:30 p.m.

MOTIONS:

Approve Subsidy or up to \$35 pp for the Installation Banquet

Motion: Gail Marotti-Hossan 2nd: Lynda Heaney Passed: Unanimously

MOTION TO ADJOURN TIME: 7:20 p.m.

Motion: Gail Marotti-Hossan 2nd: Lynda Heaney Passed: Unanimously



SAVE THE DATE
OC Annual Golf Outing
Saturday October 3
Brookhaven Golf Club
More Details in August



YOUR NEW OC SKI CLUB OFFICERS!

For the 2026-2027 Club Year (June 1, 2026-May 31, 2027)

Election night at the PCC had good attendance and lots of dedicated OCers there to have their say on who will be sitting on next season's Board of Directors. A lot going on. A great "Happy Hour" meal special was put on the PCC and a sweet bake sale that had the crowd coming back for more.

In the very tight race for Club Officers here are those results:

President - John Wimmer
VP for Administration - Steve Ford
VP for Skiing - Rich Livsey
Treasurer - Mark Wilder
Secretary - Lynda Heaney

The 2026-2027 Board of Directors will comprise:

Greg Bockis, Judy Franze Tewey, Fred Haefeli, Sylvia Haefeli, Kate Karlok, Jeff Kenton, Bob Karandy, Josh Nixon, Gloria Quackenbush and Cynthia Ward

Congratulations to all!

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**

[More Details and sign up here](#)



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

Shoot me an email at activities@ocskiclub.org



Judy Franze Tewey

We will be returning to

[City Line Bar and Grill](#), 1200 Western Ave., Albany
518-504-1200

Wednesday, May 13 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Main Bar Area

Happy Hour Food & Drink Specials until 6:00. Gift card giveaway!

**There will be 2 Happy Hours per month
June through September.**

Wednesday, June 10 and 24 4:00-7:00 p.m.

[Don Tequila's](#)

219 Wolf Rd, Colonie 518-512-3469

Great food and drink specials until 6:00. Patio will be open.



Out of Control Ski Club

Social Media

[Facebook Group](#)

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[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.

OC SKI TRIPS REVIEWS ON THE OC WEBSITE [TRIP LINK](#)

Park City & Deer Valley, Utah
February 21 - 28

Our ski trip to Park City was one for the books! While travel started a bit rough for some, it didn't take long for everyone to settle in and soak up the experience. Incredible snow conditions and bright, sunny skies during the first few days made it all worthwhile.

With terrain for every skill level, both Park City and Deer Valley delivered unforgettable runs. Some adventurous members even explored both mountains! A surprise moose sighting added a true "only in Utah" moment to the trip.

As temperatures warmed, the fun continued off the slopes with relaxing deck-top lunches and lively pre-ski gatherings. Downtown Park City didn't disappoint either—offering great shopping, casual browsing, and plenty of late-night fun, including dancing.

The group dinner was a highlight, featuring delicious filet mignon and peppered salmon at one of Park City's iconic restaurants.

As always, the OC crew lived up to its reputation—making new friends, sharing laughs, and enjoying every moment together. We're already looking forward to our next adventure!

**Regards,
Chantal Couture**



New Hampshire March 24 - 27

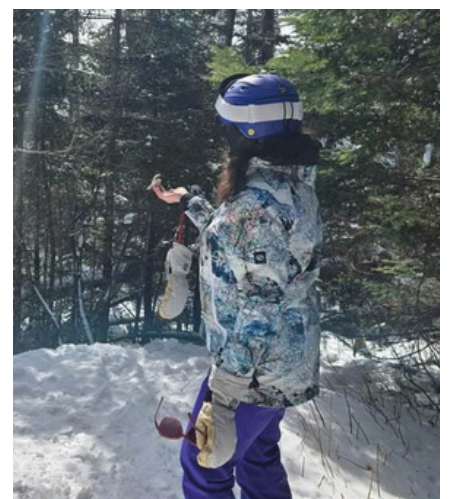
Fun was had by all during our trip to Indian Head Resort in New Hampshire. We were treated to incredible spring conditions across all the nearby mountains, making for fantastic skiing and riding throughout the trip.

A special shoutout to Dan Petit, who thoughtfully provided bags of bird seed for those heading to Loon Mountain—home to a bird sanctuary just off the chairlift. It's definitely something I'm looking forward to experiencing myself next year.

Our costume contest brought plenty of laughs, with Deb Greenquist Kane and Sherry Fuss taking top honors for their creative "Thirsty Bears." The food was excellent, and the camaraderie was even better—truly what makes this trip so special.

If you haven't joined us yet, you're missing out. With easy access to mountains on the Indy, Ikon, and Epic passes, there's something for everyone. We'd love to have you with us next year!

Kelly & Carl Barlow



Palisades Tahoe, California

March 24 - 31

Tahoe, home of the 1960 Winter Olympics, was the destination for 16 OCers.

After a poor snowfall and a "heat dome" over the west, we weren't sure if there was going to be any snow left for us to ski on. However, we had beautiful corn snow conditions along with warm bluebird days. We were able to ski the upper sections of Palisades and its sister mountain, Palisades Tahoe Alpine. The Base to Base gondola connecting these 2 separate mountains made transferring between the two a beautifully scenic breeze. Even though we enjoyed the spring conditions, we agreed that the Club should make a repeat trip during winter to enjoy the full mountain.

Besides skiing, we enjoyed an up-close view of the Toyota U.S. Mogul Freestyle Championships, both individual and dual. This is definitely a young person's sport. The 2026 Olympians were there as ambassadors and graciously took photos with us.

Although Liz Lemley won a Gold Medal in freestyle moguls and a Bronze Medal in the dual moguls, she and her teammates were happy to receive our OC ski pins. We also enjoyed the many free activities including the 1960 Olympic Museum, bands and parties at the base of both mountains, bus rides to and around Lake Tahoe, and local vendors during the mogul championships weekend. As a bonus, most of the retail stores had end-of-season sales. Although we hoped for soft powder, the soft spring snow and energizing sun, along with the party atmosphere, made for a fun week with a great crew of happy campers.

Jitka Zabal-Ratner



OCERS IN KITZBUHEL, AUSTRIA

FEBRUARY 20-28, 2026

There is always something magical about our ski trips to Europe. The Alps—so majestic, so amazing; the food so flavorful; the villages, the culture, the vibe—all so worth the long journey to get there.

And so this year once again we were not disappointed. The destination was Kitzbuhel, Austria, named the number one ski resort worldwide by *skiresort.info*.

35 OCers signed up for the trip. Most of us started our journey joyously from the Wal-Mart parking lot in Albany – excited, exuberant, happy!! Many newbies not knowing exactly what to expect and many of us well versed with Europe. Some of our members met us in JFK and others in Munich airport for the bus ride to the resort. Two members made it to the hotel on their own after savoring Vienna.

The hotel was a beautiful local boutique a short walk to the gondola lift. The lobby very elegant and yet cozy and welcoming. The staff very friendly! After settling in we gathered for a welcome drink and mountain info presentation, followed by an amazing dinner at the hotel. Many had worried about the ski rentals, but as always the case, there were two or three ski rental places very close by and somewhat reasonable in pricing.

Next day was time for the slopes. As always ski alliances form based on level of expertise. Everyone found their way to the high peaks. Snow on the bottom trails was somewhat of a challenge this year, but the higher trails had great conditions, coupled with beautiful mountain lodges and incredible views. The village of Kitzbuhel offered much shopping and opportunity to walk around. And our younger counterparts found some amazing night life.

The beauty of a trip to Europe is that it offers breakfast and dinner, so as we gather for breakfast people have opportunities to socialize, compare plans for the day and find ski companions with the same abilities. Dinner together also offers opportunities to socialize, share many laughs and recount the adventures of the day. Many friendships are formed.

All good things always come to an end, and as our week ended in Kitzbuhel we bid goodbye to five of our friends and the rest of us headed for our side trip to Salzburg, home of Mozart and the Sound of Music.



Just a couple hours away, Salzburg is an amazing old town with hundreds of shops, restaurants, cafes, etc. and a big castle on top of the hill. After our walking tour which was included in our trip, many of us found our own go-to. Mike and I did the Sound of Music tour the next day while everyone scattered throughout the day to enjoy the town and the shopping. Our friends Rich and Trish Poggio signed up for a cooking show on how to make apple strudels which they so kindly shared with us.

We visited the castle on top of the hill, which is well preserved and so interesting. At night many of us attended a Mozart concert at the Mirabell Palace which was built in 1606 as a pleasure palace for Prince-Archbishop Wolf Dietrich Von Raitenau and his mistress Salome Alt. Today it is a UNESCO World Heritage site. And of course, after the concert many of us gathered for a last cheer at a nearby watering hole. And so it ended; the next day the long journey home, but the memories remain—so many laughs, so many good times!

Cathy McGuire, trip leader



**Mont Tremblant
Quebec, Canada
March 8-13, 2025**

Thirty-nine OC'ers traveled to Canada to ski Mont Tremblant this year. This drive-up trip allowed for some to add on visits pre and post, either visiting friends, touring or of course skiing.

The Residence Inn in the heart of the village was wonderful as always... except for the few unexpected tower rooms, which were easily remedied. Upon arrival, guests received a welcome bag, beautifully designed by our VP Trips Lynda Heaney, along with drink coupons and treats. Well, most did, and as is OC, we patiently corrected a few discrepancies... What would life be like without a glitch here and there. We also enjoyed a breakfast buffet each morning, and the hot tub in the afternoon.

The Welcome Party on Sunday at Le P'tit Caribou gave everyone a chance to have a drink, some food, relax after the drive up, and meet some new friends.

Monday morning the entire mountain was open with mostly spring conditions, with good coverage and warm weather, and Tuesday was equally nice. Wednesday the mountain closed because of a forecast 40 mm ice storm, which thankfully missed us. When the mountain reopened on Thursday there was still plenty of good skiing to finish the week.

This trip leader is most grateful to Peggy Morehouse for her leadership in planning and executing an afternoon trivia party to keep us all entertained when the mountain was closed. We all had a great time, with plenty of food and drink. Thanks to Patty Morrison for her game - focused on contributions of women.

Our group dinner on Monday was at our favorite, Lucielle's. Delicious three-course meal with lovely service, and just next door. There were so many options for gatherings for meals throughout the week and a few went to the local casino.

We're looking forward to returning next year.

Maura Kenny, Trip Leader





**To our new OC members who signed
up in April 2026**

Katerina Karaiskos, Brennan Singletary
Nick Tsironis, Jennifer Mancini, Cassie Owens,
Bryanna Hebenstreit, Joseph Teson,
Rachel Rivera, Hannah Tockman, Ryan Gainor
EmilyRose Romano, Audrey Smith,
Megan Weigand, Ali Jahanmiri
Niyaz Ashouriyan, Serena Salenga
Jennifer Unser, Shaun Bergeron
Vanessa DiGesare, Bill Jeffers
Jessica Helou-Topini, Derek Roberts
Evan Seyboth, Megalan Tso, Kerianne Bugbee,
Anne Carolus, Ahmad Ramay, Libby Scott
Mariah Hub, Jill Lenahan, Emma Black,
Christian Nolan, Alex Lensky, Sam Cole
Erin O'Grady-Parent, Amy Balint, Taylor Kurtz,
Dhanush Busarapu, Hillary Takahashi,
Luke France, Lisa Baranik

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

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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