



OC Ski Club Liftline

July 2026

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President's Corner

John Wimmer

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Hello OCers!

Looks like summer is swinging into full gear where we can get out to enjoy all of our summer things we do. It is a great time of the year here in the northeast.

A lot is going on this summer at the Club. We have the summer picnic 8/8 at Colonie Town Park in Cohoes. Kate has many more details. Fred organizes golf every Tuesday plus runs the end of year outing this year 10/03 looking forward to that. Don't forget the HHs where in July they will be at BJ's Restaurant and Brewery.

As I write this newsletter we will open up two trips tomorrow evening 6/24 Steamboat Springs and Whistler/Blackcomb at the HH at Don Tequila's on Wolf Rd. Two weeks ago we opened up the European trip (Dolomites) and Revelstoke. Seems like we are opening up these trips earlier each year but we are jumping in there to get the better deals.

Hey if you are interested at all in helping out your Club in any way, just let me or anyone in the administration know. Volunteering is a great way to meet your fellow OCers and make new friends.

See you around the Club.

John

[Upcoming Events](#) webpage



Rich Livsey
VP for Skiing
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Hello OCers,

As much as I love skiing, I love living here with the change of the seasons in the Northeast. Not too hot & not too cold, just right with a wide variety of outdoor activities. Does it get any better than this?

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Here at OC headquarters, the gears are still turning despite the warm weather. Your volunteer Chairs and Committees are working hard to bring an exciting next 2026-2027 season. We have trips open for Whistler, Revelstoke, Steamboat and the Italian Dolomites. Other trips planned are the stables like Whiteface, New Hampshire, Smuggs, Tremblant, Indian head Resort, Jay Peak, and not to be left out Sunday River. We are still looking for trip leaders for Jay and Indian Head Resort. Please consider that opportunity if you are planning on going.

Big thanks to Josh Nixon for taking over the cross country committee, this will be a boost to our Nordic folk events. If you have any trip or event ideas, Josh would be happy to hear from you.

Let me throw out an idea, if there is any interest in backcountry skiing or split boarding. I for one, enjoy hiking in the summer and would like to pursue the same trails in the winter only on skis. The advantage is no washed out trails, jumping from rock to rock, less crowds and better views with the foliage off the trees. The best part is, you get to ski down. Beats pounding your knees. If someone has interest, let me know.

Rich



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.



OC Ski Club's 2026-2027 Ski Trip Schedule

Updated May 26, 2026

Location	Date	Type of Trip	Open spots Date Opens
Whiteface New York	Dec 11-13	Weekend 2 nights	Great weekend
Smugglers Notch Vermont	Jan 15-18	Ski in Ski Out 3 or 4 day ski	Annual holiday weekend
Bolton Valley Vermont	Jan 19-22	Ski In Ski Out	Back by popular demand
Revelstoke Canada	Jan 23-30	7 nights slopeside Optional air	On the Powder Highway! Open 6/10 - 24 spots
Sunday River Maine	Feb 7-12	Ski In Ski Out Sun-Fri 5 nights	Year's biggest trip
Steamboat Colorado	Feb 20-27	7 nights base area Optional air	Champagne Powder Open 6/24 – 34 spots
Tremblant Quebec	March 7-12	Ski In Ski Out 5 nights	Annual grand trip
Dolomites Superski Italy	March 12-23	Side trip LAKE GARDA	Annual European Trip Open 6/10 – 40 spots
Indian Head Resort, New Hampshire	March 16-19	3 nights Includes meals	Great trip, great price
Whistler/Blackcomb Canada	March 19-26	7 nights Village base area Optional air	Canada's largest resort Open 6/24 – 16 + spots
Jay Peak Vermont	April 2-4	Ski In Ski Out Weekend	Many options to choose from

To get detailed information about ANY trip

[Go to The OC Website](https://www.ocskiclub.org)

Questions email alpinetrips@ocskiclub.org

Sign Up for Trips at OC Happy Hours!

Thinking about signing up for one of our trips? Come join us at Happy Hour to chat about the trip, meet other members, ask questions, and secure your spot! See the Happy Hour page in every issue.

To sign up, please bring your deposit payment by cash or check. You'll be asked to complete a short online questionnaire from your cell phone. This first form will create your official timestamp and place in line for the trip.

You do not need to have all your trip details ready at Happy Hour. However, after the event, you will receive a link by email to complete the full trip application. The detailed application will require more information and includes questions that cannot be skipped.

We ask that all applications be submitted within 24 hours to guarantee your spot on the trip. If the application is not completed within that timeframe, your spot may move to the back of the line.

Please note:

- Completing the online form alone does not confirm your spot on the trip.
- **Your spot is only confirmed once your detailed application is fully completed, your payment is received and accepted, and you receive an email confirmation from the Trip Leader.**

When completing the detailed application, please be prepared with information such as:

- Emergency contact information
- Roommate requests
- Ski/pass information
- Membership information
- Passport information (for international trips)
- Airline-required details including your full legal name exactly as it appears on your ID or passport
- Any additional air travel information requested for ticketing purposes

We've updated this policy because many trip applications have remained incomplete, creating a significant amount of follow-up and administrative work for Trip Leaders. Our goal is to make the sign-up process smoother, more accurate, and more efficient for everyone involved.

Having your information ready before filling out the detailed application will help avoid delays and reduce the need for Trip Leaders to chase down missing information later.

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at Happy Hour and kicking off another great trip season!



Contact the Alpine Trips Chair
Lynda Heaney
alpinetrips@ocskiclub.org



VP for Administration
Steven Ford
admin@ocskiclub.org



Hi OCers!

Yes, it's hot. Yes, we miss snow. And yes, we've already started counting down to the next ski season. The days are already getting shorter, which means each day that passes is one day closer to fresh powder. Until then, enjoy the sunshine, stay cool, and be sure to mark your calendar for the following OC events in July.

- On Wednesday, July 8th, we will be having a happy hour at BJ's Restaurant & Brewery located at 3 Wolf Rd. Colonie from 4 -7pm. The restaurant is located in the corner of the parking lot of Colonie Center.
- On Tuesday, July 14th the OCs take over Uncle Sam Lanes located at 600 Fulton Street in Troy from 7-9 pm. Meet at 6:45 and bowl at 7. Bowl for only \$10 (plus \$2 for shoe rental).
- On Wednesday, July 22nd, we will be having a happy hour at BJ's Restaurant & Brewery located at 3 Wolf Rd. Colonie from 4 -7pm.

Enjoy the summer!

Steve



June 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Secretary

Lynda Heaney

secretary@ocskiclub.org



The OC Ski Club Board got together on June 4 to kick off planning for another fun year of Club activities.

We approved committee appointments for the 2026–2027 season and confirmed the Ski Committee as well. Big thanks to everyone who stepped up to volunteer—we really appreciate it.

We also went over the Bus Committee Financial Report and got updates on upcoming ski trips. We talked about summer plans too, like Happy Hours and the bowling program, as we keep things moving for the months ahead. On top of that, we set up a Constitutional Review Committee to look at our governing documents and suggest any updates.

VP Admin - Committee Appointments

- Membership – Bob Hossan, Gail Marotti-Hossan, Gretchen Riley, Meghan Ruby
- Activities & Entertainment – Judy Franze Tewey, Kate Karlok
- Marketing – Kelly Russo
- Fundraising – Bob Karandy
- Elections – Gail Marotti-Hossan
- Facilities Management – Cynthia Ward
- Volleyball – Gail Marotti-Hossan, Dan Lara
- Website – Fred Haefeli (Webmaster), Matt Smith (Assistant), Gretchen Riley (Editor), Jocelyn Schmitz-Morfe (Social Media Administrator), Meghan Ruby (Social Media Monitor)
- Ambassador – Mike Koutelis
- Family – Sylvia Haefeli
- Audio/Visual – Bob Corbin
- Finance Chair – Bob Hossan
- Volleyball Chair – Gail Marotti-Hossan
- Constitutional Review Committee – John Wimmer, Gail Marotti-Hossan, Fred Haeflei, Sylvia Haefeli and Mark Wilder

VP Skiing - Ski Committee Appointments

- New York Capital District Ski Council – Cynthia Ward & Sylvia Haefeli
- Alpine Trips Committee – Lynda Heaney & Kelly Barlow
- Bus Committee – Sylvia Haefeli & Barbara Sorrel
- Snow Sports Instruction – Jeff Kenton
- Cross Country Skiing – Josh Nixon
- Family (Winter Events) – Sylvia Haefeli

Volunteers Needed

We are still looking for help on a few committees:

- Marketing Committee – Assistant
- Publications Committee
- History Committee
- Ambassador Committee – One more member
- Bus Committee – One more member
- Winter Carnival Committee

If you're interested in getting more involved with the OC Ski Club, reach out to President John Wimmer or any Board member. We're always happy to have new volunteers—your help really makes a difference.



**KEEP
CALM
AND
RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP**

The OC's calendar year is from June 1st to May 31st.

So that means that your membership from last season is now expired. We thank the ones who have renewed so far, renewals started on April 1st for the following season.

If you are looking to sign up for one of the current ski trips that are open, your membership needs to be current

Also to attend an OC event, your membership needs to be current or you will need to pay the guest fee instead.

You know you are going to do it so why not NOW???

Here is the OC webpage to renew or to sign up as a new member

[Membership Web Page](#)



Some images to help you thru the HEAT wave!



Summer Meeting Schedule

**July 9, August 6 and September 3
At the Polish Community Center**

Come early to enjoy the PCC menu specials (below).

Happy Hour Menu



Pierogi (3)	6
Kielbasa on Roll	7
With Kraut	9
Burger/Lettuce/Tom	5
With Cheese	6
French Fries	5
Onion Rings	6
Tenders, French Fries	9
Pulled Pork Sandwich	7
With Cole Slaw	

Surfside, High Noon	6
White Claw	6
Beer 16 oz Can	6
Single Pour	\$4
BUCKET SPECIALS	
Domestic Beer	5/\$20
Imported Beer	5/\$25
Seltzers	5/\$30



Polish Community Center Bar

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

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Summer Bowling Tuesday July 14 (August TBD)

Uncle Sam Lanes has extended our \$10 deal (plus \$2 for shoe rental). Located at 600 Fulton Street in Troy.

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

On June 16th, eight brave souls tried to break 100 each game.....some succeeded. Some did not. Scores were from 56-146. We are definitely better skiers than bowlers!

The final score was so close; I'm going to call it a tie between the 2 teams. We had Wade, Robin, Greg and Phil against Fred, Sylvia, Jack and Cathy.

Think about joining us in July for lots of laughter and cheer.

Cathy Marvin
bowling@ocskiclub.org



A&E Committee
Activities & Entertainment

Kate Karlok

Hello, OC friends and family,

Get ready for another amazing get together at our August Picnic at Colonie Mohawk River Park. Bring your kayak, canoe or paddle board to launch near our Parkview Pavilion. Bring a special dish to share. Deserts are always welcome too. Details below.

Hope to see you all there. Kate

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

[Picnic details are on the next page](#)
[along with the link to the OC website to sign up.](#)

Picnic Webpage to sign up [CLICK HERE](#)

OUT OF CONTROL SKI CLUB

Annual Summer Picnic!



**SATURDAY
AUGUST 8,
2026**



**COLONIE
MOHAWK RIVER PARK
PAVILION #2**
(LOCATION #12 ON MAP)



**12:00 PM –
5:00 PM**

PAVILION RESERVED
UNTIL 8:00 PM
IF YOU'D LIKE TO LINGER!



PARKING IS FREE FOR ALL PAVILION GUESTS!

FOOD PROVIDED

- Hamburgers
- Hot Dogs
- Marinated Chicken on the Grill
- Chips
- Watermelon
- Water

BRING ALONG

- BYOB
- A dish to share
- Desserts are always welcome!



BRING YOUR KAYAK, CANOE OR PADDLEBOARD!

Launch from the boat launch.
No motorized boats permitted due to shallow water conditions.



POOL ACCESS FOR COLONIE RESIDENTS

Members of Colonie may use the pool as long as they have a valid Town of Colonie pool key fob.



SHOW OFF YOUR RIDE!

Bring your muscle car or motorcycle.



SMALL PRIZES & FUN

Enjoy small prizes and fun throughout the afternoon!

COST OF PICNIC:

\$10
FOR MEMBERS

\$15
FOR GUESTS



Questions? Contact Kate Karlok
✉ activities@ocskiclub.org





Judy Franze Tewey



July 8 and July 22

BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse

3 Wolf Road, Suite 101

See you there!

*Both August Happy Hours on Wednesday **August 12th**
and **Wednesday August 26th** for 4-7pm will be held
at:*

Maggie McFly's

1 Crossgates Mall Road

Food/drinks specials until 6pm

The last of the twice a month Happy Hours is now scheduled:

Don Tequila's Mexican Cantina

219 Wolf Road

Colonie

Wednesday September 9th 4-7pm

AND

Wednesday September 23rd 4-7pm

***Great food and drink specials until 6pm Patio is open, weather
permitting.***

For the next few issues of the LiftLine, we will be interviewing the 5 officers to give you, "Gentle Reader", a deeper understanding of "who" our wise leaders are.



??Who is John Wimmer??

President John Wimmer will be serving his first term this year. He was the Club treasurer for the last 3 years. He is an accountant with a long career working for several local manufacturing companies in their financial departments.

But who is that smiling, friendly guy you see at meetings? John was born 1959 at Brady Hospital, Albany. What you don't know where that is! Low and behold, not even John knew where that was exactly. Thanks to other members who are Albany natives (but not my Albanian husband) knew it was the most popular maternity hospital in the 40's and 50's, located on North Main. Now it is the home of Catholic Charities and the Bishop.

John grew up in North Colonie: St Pius elementary and then Shaker High. He attended Clarkson College, now University. That's his schooling background. He is a proud Colonie native (still lives in the town), a happy Uncle to 7 nieces and nephews, and a bachelor.

His Dad introduced John, his sister and brother to skiing at Prospect Mt. John remembers learning as a 9 year old. Lace leather boots, wood skis and the newfangled Cubco bindings. He skied for several years until he turned 14 and then stepped away to pursue other interests.

In 1993, after getting settled in his career with the completion of his MBA, he decided to try skiing again. He needed a new sport. So off he went to Jiminy to take a lesson and rent equipment. He clearly remembers being "shocked" by the new step-in bindings. Wow! He started a lesson for beginners, and the instructor detected he really did not belong in his group. "You should be skiing the trails" he said. So, John just took off, jumped on the main lift, bravely skipped the mid-station, rode it to the top of Jiminy, got off and skied the trails down. He loved it!

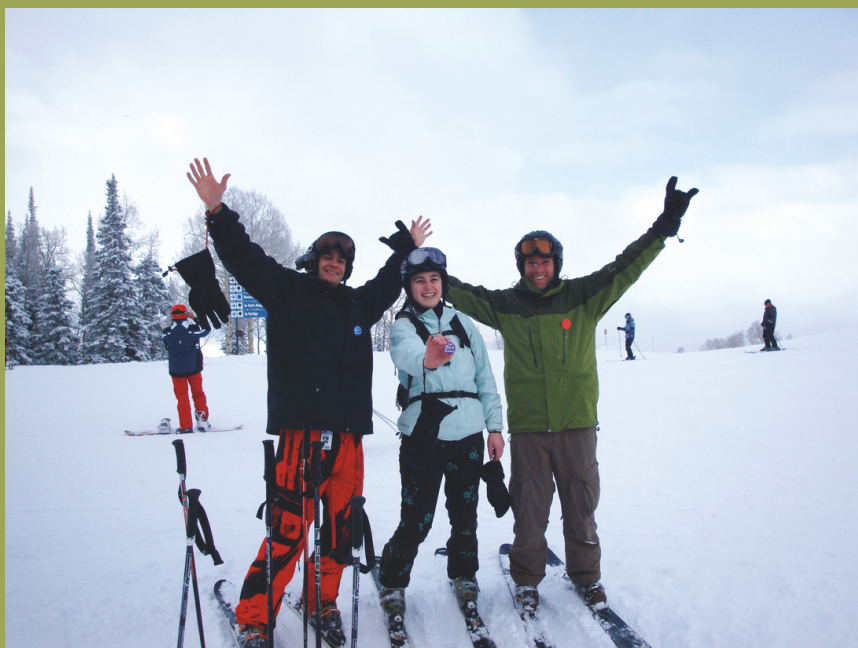
However, soon John again walked away from skiing to pursue winter hiking, and summer golf. Got pretty good at both. In 2021 John retired and decided to try skiing again. He first skied with a buddy and OC member Paul Thompson. To expand his skiing experience, he then joined the OC's in 2022 and has had a great time skiing with the Club. He loves skiing, riding the buses (everyone makes him laugh) and the ski trips that introduce him to new mountains. It is all an adventure for John. Today John has the full Ikon, Epic Local, and the Frequent Skier passes and already is looking forward to next season. Next time when you wiz past him, stop and turn around. Meet the nicest, easiest going OC President ever. He will love to talk with you and enjoy the glorious mountain scenery as you both "ease on down the slope."



To our new OC members who signed
up in June 2026

Patrick Glackin
Martin Lawson
Horace Barker
Anabela M Stan
Patricia McCormack
Jan J Smith
James Naples
MaryEllen Charles

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





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

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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Instagram - [OC Ski Club](#)

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

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

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

Contact a Committee Chairperson - [Click Here](#)

Officers

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

Board of Directors

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