



OC Ski Club Liftline

September 2026

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President's Corner

John Wimmer

president@ocskiclub.org



Summer is winding is down as we are just starting to transition to the nice Fall weather. Meanwhile we have a lot going on at the Club. Our September business meeting will be 9/3 where among other things we will be having the Ikon Base Pass raffle drawing. Our annual Volleyball tournament will be this September 12th at Collins Park in Scotia (second year in row there) which is easily our largest fundraiser. We need volunteers to help out from set up 9/11 through pack up 9/13 so save these dates. You can sign up at our September meeting, at the 9/9 Happy Hour at Don Tequilla's (Wolf Road) or of course on-line. We have (10/03) our annual golf outing at Brookhaven always a great time. Looking further down the road don't forget the Ski Expo which for the first time will be located in the Saratoga Springs City Center. Historically we have had this in Albany. This will be followed by our New Member party November 5th. And how can I forget to mention our eleven great Ski trips scheduled this season where 7 of them are already open.

Look forward to seeing you around the Club.

Cheers
John

**Annual Budget Vote Oct 8th
Details will be emailed to
Current Members**

[Upcoming Events](#) webpage



Rich Livsey
VP for Skiing
skiing@ocskiclub.org



Hello OCers,

I hope everyone had a great summer. I spent most of it traveling in this great country of ours but even at 100 degrees temperature out west my thoughts always drifted fondly back to skiing. As we look forward to the upcoming season the OC ski trips are well in motion and in some cases already filled, so if you have an eye on some trips, don't hesitate and sign up to fill your bucket list.

Our Bus Committee has been working hard on day bus trips. Hold on to your hat, there's some exciting news to be announced in October.

Rich Livsey

Still Time to Join Us for the 2027 Ski Season!

September Lift Line • Alpine Trips

Our 2027 ski season is taking shape, and several trips are still available for sign-up. If you've been thinking about joining us, now is a good time to take another look.

Trips still open for sign-up

Whiteface | December 11–13

A quick weekend in Lake Placid and a great way to kick off the ski season.

Bolton Valley | January 19–22

A great-value Vermont getaway with Alpine skiing, excellent cross-country/Nordic skiing and snowshoeing.

Revelstoke | January 23–30

We are almost full.

Sunday River | February 7–12

Five nights at Sunday River with plenty of time to ski, relax and enjoy the OC group.

Steamboat | February 20–27

Still open for anyone looking for a Western ski week.

Whistler | March 20–27

Another great Western option and a fun way to finish out March.

Make It a Vermont Ski Week

Smugglers' Notch • Jan. 15–18 + Bolton Valley • Jan. 18–22

Do both trips and add the optional Monday night at Bolton for seven nights in Vermont. Ski Alpine at both resorts, then mix it up at Bolton with its excellent cross-country/Nordic skiing and snowshoeing. It's a very reasonable way to turn two drive-to trips into one full Northeast winter getaway — no airfare needed.

Coming soon

Smugglers' Notch | Jan. 15–18

We're putting the final details together now. Registration will go online as soon as everything is ready.

Tremblant | March 7–12

Details are being finalized, and registration will go online as soon as everything is in place.

Italy

SOLD OUT!

Thank you!

Need help with registration? Come see us in person.

Polish Community Center • Thursday, September 3
Don Tequila's • Wednesday, September 9 & Wednesday, September 23 • 4–7PM

There are still plenty of opportunities to ski with the OC this winter, but don't wait too long. Some trips are already getting close to full.

See you on the slopes! • Lynda Heaney, Alpine Trips



OC Ski Club's 2026-2027 Ski Trip Schedule

Updated August 26, 2026

Location	Date	Type of Trip	Notes
Whiteface New York	Dec 11-13	Weekend 2 or 3 nights	Free Group Lessons Open for sign ups
Smugglers Notch Vermont	Jan 15-18	Ski in Ski Out 3 or 4 day ski	Annual holiday W/E trip Expected opening Sept 9
Bolton Valley Vermont	Jan 19-22	Ski In Ski Out 3 or 4 nights	Mid-week Open for sign ups
Revelstoke Canada	Jan 23-30	7 nights slopeside Optional air	One Spot left! Open for sign ups
Sunday River Maine	Feb 7-12	Ski In Ski Out Sun-Fri 5 nights	Year's biggest trip Open for sign ups
Steamboat Colorado	Feb 20-27	7 nights base area Optional air	Filling Up – Don't wait Open for sign ups
Tremblant Quebec	March 7-12	Ski In Ski Out 5 nights	Annual Grand trip Expected opening Sept 9
Dolomites Superski Italy	March 12-23	Side trip LAKE GARDA	Sold Out Get on the Wait List
Indian Head Resort, New Hampshire	March 16-19	3 nights Includes meals	Great trip, Great price
Whistler/Blackcomb Canada	March 20-27	7 nights Village base area Optional air	Limited spots Open for sign ups
Jay Peak Vermont	April 2-4	Ski In Ski Out Weekend	Many options to choose from

To get Updated information about ANY trip

[Go to The OC Website](#)

Questions email alpinetrips@ocskiclub.org

How We Protect Your Trip Application Information

I understand why someone may feel uncomfortable entering a birth date or passport information into an online application, so I want to explain why we collect it and what happens to it.

Our application is a private Google Form. It is not a document that members can open and read. Having the application link allows someone to complete their own application, but it does not allow them to see anyone else's information.

We need your complete date of birth for group airline reservations. It also helps the Trip Leader when putting roommates and groups together. Passport information is needed for international trips. Since the Trip Leader handles these arrangements, the information is available in the Trip Leader's restricted Application Import. It is not visible to other travelers or the general membership.

This is the same information we have always collected. In the past, it was written on paper applications that were carried around, copied, stored, and eventually entered into someone's computer. The online application puts it directly into one controlled location and cuts much of that paper handling.

We also do not keep this sensitive information forever. After the trip is completed, all dates of birth and passport information are removed before the trip file is archived. We keep the financial and trip records we need without keeping personal information that is no longer necessary.

No system is completely risk-free, but we have taken steps to limit access, use the information only for running the trip and remove it when it is no longer needed.

Lynda Heaney

Alpine Trips

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.

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



AS THE SKI TURNS

O C SNOWSPORTS SCHOOL - Calling all Ski, Snowboard and Telemark Instructors. We will have our annual pre-season meeting at the PCC on Thursday October 8 at 6:00 PM sharp in the upstairs room. We will be discussing plans for the upcoming season, indoor and on the snow training, private lesson days. Brian Mieczkowski will attend this meeting to discuss training plans. For all existing instructors, I would like an update on your plans for the season, training plans, availability to teach, etc. For anyone interested in training to become an instructor, you should contact me and attend this meeting.

FUNCTIONAL MOVEMENT SCREEN-Thursday October 22-PCC
big room-Brian Mieczkowski-5:30 PM

STANCE AND BALANCE CLINIC-Thursday November 19-PCC
big room-Garrick Dardani-6:00 PM

CONDITIONING & PREVENTING SKI INJURIES-Thursday December 17 PCC
big room-Kelly Chang-6:00 PM

SKI CARE & TUNING CLINIC –Thursday January 17 2027-PCC big room-Jeff Kenton-6:00 PM

CALLING ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS - OC Snowsports School is a PSIA certified school providing coaching as a free benefit for all members. Our instructors will be available whenever we run a single day bus. As in the past, there will be at least 3 Private Lesson Days where you can request your instructor for individual feedback. These dates will be published and early sign-ups will be available. And back again this year is a December "Sharpen your Skills" weekend trip with instructors available all three days. The dates are December 11-12-13, accommodations at The Golden Arrow in Lake Placid, Skiing at Whiteface. Sign up online or see me at a happy hour or meeting for more information.

LET IT SNOW !!!!!!!

Jeff Kenton

O C Snowsports School Director



Hi OCers!

Another season is gearing up and we decided to share some vital information with anyone who is interested in renting equipment. **Now is the time to get that season rental** –skis, boots, poles, snowboard, Cross Country gear, whatever it is you need to get you started.

Renting equipment is a good decision if you have a growing child, or only plan to ski a few times in the season, or can't afford to purchase new, or want to get your friend, special someone, or family into the sport.

Rentals are good for the whole season. The ski shop will fit you for boots, supply the correct ski with bindings, or snowboard with bindings, or XC equipment with bindings. The seasonal rental gives you an opportunity to try the sport and make sure you love it before jumping into purchasing new/used gear.

For kids, renting is ideal. Children up to 5 are usually free, and kids 6-18 grow so fast that boots are too small before the season is halfway done. We rent boots for our grandkids. \$800 boots outgrown in 6 months is an expensive proposition. We did purchase skis and poles for our 16 year old grandson but rented boots as he is in a growth spurt. Feet squeezed into too tight boots will take all the pleasure out of the sport. Last year we rented his boots and then had to exchange them for a larger pair in Jan as his feet had grown one size. The ski shop just exchanged the boots for the next size, at no extra cost and refitted his bindings to the larger boot. Of course, we did pay for a tune as his skis needed that. Good business for the store.

Where can you get seasonal rentals locally: High Adventure (Latham: skis packages only), Alpin Haus (Amsterdam: snowboards & ski packages, Clifton Park & Latham: ski packages only), Play It Again Sports (Latham: skis, snowboards, XC and used equipment), Alpine Sports Shop (Saratoga: snowboard & ski packages), Sports Page (Queensbury: ski, snowboard, & racing equipment), and Steiners (Hudson, Valatie, Glenmont: starts Sept 12, has all equipment including race, by appointment only), Tune Skis (Glenville: offers skis, snowboard & XC packages). Most of the shops do ask that you call and make an appointment. They all have websites with more information about rentals, so check them out.

Most shops will have rentals available all season long. Renting from a local shop is cheaper than renting a package at the ski mountain. If a friend comes into town and wants to ski but needs to rent, consider getting the gear from the local shop rather than the mountain. It will save you a lot of money. A day rental at the mountain is easily \$150 or more per day, while the local shop will rent you the gear for several days, a week or a season. It is easy and convenient. Talk to the local shop and learn more about it.

The Bus Schedule is shaping up. Next month we will have the big reveal! Yes, we are scheduling both Alpine and Nordic buses. Many are combined but also just Alpine or Nordic alone. Stay tuned, the good news is coming in October.

Your [Bus Committee](#): Sylvia Haefeli, Josh Nixon, and Barbara Sorrell



VP of Admin Report - September 2026

Hey OCers!

I hope you had a fantastic summer. The nights are getting colder. The days are getting shorter. In three months, it will be ski season. Be sure to mark your calendar for all the events we have in September. Beginning in October we are back to weekly meetings at the PCC.

- On Wednesday, September 9th and Wednesday September 23rd, we will be having happy hours at Don Tequila's Mexican Cantina located at 219 Wolf Road, Colonie. Great food and drink specials until 6 pm. Come see your old ski buddies while you enjoy a drink or a bite to eat on the patio.
- On Monday, September 21st 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). Mark your calendar for October 26th and November 23rd.

Steve



August 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

Secretary's Note

Your Board of Directors met in August and continued its work preparing for the upcoming 2026-2027 season.

The Board approved the agenda and the July meeting minutes. The Treasurer's report was presented and approved, and the Board also received the membership report and a brief insurance update. There was no report from the VP for Skiing.

Several items of old business were reviewed, including the updated Recognition Policy. The Board also continued its review of proposed revisions to the OC Ski Club Constitution. The overall structure of the Constitution is not changing, but several updates are being considered. Two motions were made and approved to move the proposed revisions forward through the proper process and ultimately to the membership for consideration.

The annual OC Picnic was also discussed. It was a great turnout, with close to 50 people attending.

Bob Hossan submitted an end-of-year report.

Planning and preparation for the upcoming season continue, with Board members and volunteers working behind the scenes on Club business, activities, and events.

As always, thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to support the OC Ski Club. We appreciate all that you do.

Lynda Heaney
Club Secretary

2026-27 Budget Proposal

In this fiscal year which ends May 31, 2027, we are projecting a balanced budget. The summary of this forecast is in the included table and pie charts. Note that last year we predicted a deficit but, in the end, we had a surplus in part because we did not run as many buses as we had hoped. Ski buses are our biggest expense but also the most unpredictable. For budget purposes we are assuming a similar number of buses this year as last year, but this is likely to be as accurate as a 6-month weather forecast.

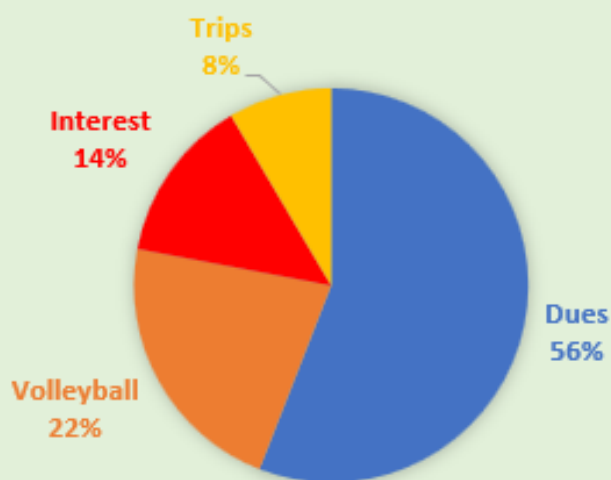
The net result is a projected net loss of \$0. But even if we have a considerable loss at the end of the year it can easily be absorbed by the gain from last year. The Board of Directors recommends the approval of this proposed budget which will be put to a vote next month.

OC Ski Club 2026-2027 Budget Proposal

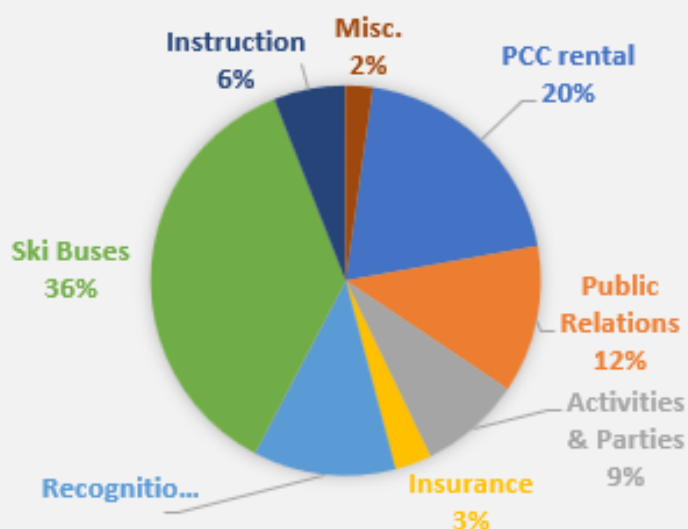
	2026-27 Forecast	Last Year Actual
Income		
Dues	33,000	36,946
Volleyball	13,000	13,435
Interest	8,000	8,276
Trips	5,000	6,456
Other	200	610
TOTAL INCOME	59,200	65,723
Net Income	0	6,054

	2026-27 Forecast	Last Year Actual
Expenses		
PCC rental	11,800	11,575
Public Relations	7,250	8,409
Activities & Parties	5,000	6,201
Insurance	1,800	1,651
Recognition Awards	7,000	6,824
Ski Buses	21,500	20,233
Instruction	3,500	3,359
Misc.	1,350	1,417
TOTAL EXPENSES	59,200	59,669

PROJECTED INCOME 26-27



PROJECTED EXPENSES 26-27



Summer Meeting Schedule

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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O.C. SKI CLUB 54th ANNUAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT TEAM REGISTRATION FORM



<u>Tournament Date</u>	Saturday, September 12, 2026
<u>Prices</u> Players:	\$70 in Advance OR \$75 if paid after Augst 31 st (Includes Tournament Play, Meals & Beverages)
Visitors:	Admission is free....Meal/Bev Tickets Available
<u>Location</u>	Collins Park Lion's Pavilion, Schonowee Ave, Scotia NY (near Jumpin Jacks!!!)
<u>Time</u>	Gate opens at 7:30 a.m. Play begins at 9:00 a.m. SHARP!

USA Volleyball Outdoor rules will apply to all divisions in this Tournament, except where modified by the tournament organizers. Teams should select their level according to standard USA Volleyball practices. The organizers will make final determinations of team division assignments.

	6 Person Team		4 Person Team	
1) Check Division:	☐ Recreation	☐ Competitive	☐ Men's Height	☐ Women's Height
2) Check Level:	☐ Intermediate	☐ Advanced	☐ Intermediate	☐ Advanced

*** NOTE: As Co-ed Tournament teams are required to have
1 male and 1 female on the court at all times!! ***

Registrations are due by Sunday, September 6th

All team players must recognize that volleyball is a sport which inherently involves an element of risk. All players voluntarily assume that risk and will not hold the O.C. Ski Club liable for any injury arising out of the normal play associated with competing in this sport/tournament.

Team Name:			
Team Captain's Name:		Daytime Phone #	
Email Address:		Evening Phone #	

TEAM MEMBERS: Enter names of team players (including captain) in table below. Emergency contact info is not an option – this must be completed for each player or your team will not be playing!!!

A minimum of 4 players required for valid registration.

Team Member:	Emergency Contact Name:	Emergency Contact Number:
(1) Captain (from section above)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		

Designate one team member as Referee and enter name here:_____

Enter Total number of All-day tickets		_____ at \$70 each (paid BY August 31 st)	=	\$ _____
		_____ at \$75 each (paid AFTER August 31 st)	=	\$ _____

Mail Tickets / Confirmation of Registration to: Registrations received by 8/31: tickets will be mailed; all others will require in-person pick up arrangement or Captain pickup at the Fundraising table on the day-of-event.

Name:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	

Note: Please advise your players that they must present their tickets on the day of the event.... Otherwise it will be necessary to purchase a ticket that morning

Registration Option 1:

Email your completed Registration Form to: ybtourney@ocskiclub.org

Submit your Payment using **PayPal Button** ** provided at www.ocskiclub.org

Registration Option 2: available only on August 7th

Bring your completed Registration Form & cash/check (payable to OC Ski Club) to:
Polish Community Center, Washington Ave Ext, Albany 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Registration Option 3: available until August 27th:

Mail your completed Registration Form & check (payable to OC Ski Club) to:
Gail Marotti-Hossan, OC Volleyball Tournament, 34 Yorkshire Lane, Delmar, NY 12054-1328

The Best Seat at the Volleyball Tournament Isn't on the Sidelines... It's on the Volunteer Team!

Every year, our Volleyball Tournament brings together great competition, lots of laughs, good food, and plenty of OC Ski Club spirit. But behind every successful tournament is an incredible team of volunteers who make it all happen.

If you've volunteered before, you already know the secret—you have just as much fun as everyone on the courts! It's a chance to catch up with old friends, meet new members, share a few laughs, and be part of one of the Club's favorite traditions.

If you've never volunteered, this is your invitation! Whether you can help for a few hours or all weekend, we'd love to have you on the team. No experience is needed—just bring your enthusiasm, and we'll take care of the rest.

Volunteer Opportunities

Friday – Tournament set-up

Saturday, September 12 – Registration, food service, raffle sales, kitchen, and helping wherever needed throughout the day

Sunday – Tournament clean-up

Every volunteer plays an important role, and together we create an event that our members look forward to every year.

Join the team behind one of the OC Ski Club's biggest and most successful events. We'd love to have you with us!

Questions or Ready to Volunteer?

Lynda Heaney

Gail Marotti-Hossan

Volleyball Tournament

vbtourney@ocskiclub.org

We'll save a spot for you... because the best seat at the Volleyball Tournament isn't on the sidelines—it's on the Volunteer Team!



A&E Committee

Activities & Entertainment
activities@ocskiclub.org

Kate Karlok

Hello, OC friends and family,

Aug 8 OC Picnic was a huge success. Over 50+ members and their families attended. The Colonie Mohawk Town Park was the perfect location with kayaking, bike riding, and volleyball available. But the best thing was the food. All kinds of food donated by members to accompany the chicken kabobs, hot dogs and hamburgers. Thanks to all who participated and shared in the feast!



We are thinking of having a Halloween party at the PCC on Thursday, Oct. 29. We need help with decorating and organizing. If you want to volunteer please email me!

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

Bowling Report – August 2026

We had 8 people join in the fun at Uncle Sams Lanes in Troy.

The high score for men was Fred with a 149 followed by Phil with a 147.

There wasn't a high score for women – I had a 138 (not that high) but I did make a 5/10 split which is very difficult to do.



The team totals were only 28 pins away after 3 games.....and the winners were:
Fred, Sylvia, Robin and Phil.

We have decided to continue through the fall but it is moving to Monday nights.

Put these dates on your calendar so you can join us:
Sept 21, Oct 26 and Nov 23

\$10 is all it costs (plus \$2 for shoes).....it's a cheap night out!

Cathy Marvin
bowling@ocskiclub.org

To our new OC members who signed
up in August 2026

Denise Gladding
Leslie Flynn
Maureen Martuscello
Susan Schramm



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

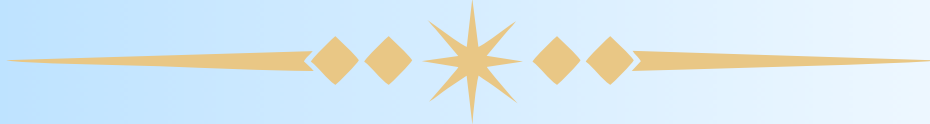




**OC Annual Golf Outing
Saturday, October 3
Brookhaven Golf Course**

**Members \$85
Guests \$90**

**Details & Sign up here
[Golf Link](#)**



Judy Franze Tewey



*Come join us for Happy Hour:
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.

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.



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](#)

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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