

OC Ski Club Liftline

November 2026

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President's Corner

John Wimmer
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Wow, what a great stretch of weather we've had month; mainly sunny days and little rain. It's been a great opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. The leaves sure have been brilliant this year here in the Northeast. There has been some raking involved though…

As we head into November we have sharpened our focus on the upcoming ski season. We had a really successful Ski Expo this past weekend up in Saratoga Springs (10/24 and 25) where we signed up 45 new members. As a follow through to this, our New Member Party will be November 5th. Please join us! There will be lots of prizes to be raffled off and always a good time.

Looking further down the road, our Holiday Party will be December 5th. Kate is finalizing the details. Then our first bus is 12/6 headed to Killington. The following weekend is our first trip of the year, which is to Whiteface Mountain in Lake Placid. While there is a waiting list for this trip, there will be a bus to this destination on Friday 12/11. I went on this bus last year and it was an excellent ski day up there.

Also, if you have any interest in volunteering for any program or task in the Club, just let me or any officer know. It is a great way to meet people in the Club especially if you are new to the Club. We can always use your help and talents.

See you around the Club.

Cheers
John

New Member Party
November 5th
At the PCC
Details Here
Advance Tickets too

Upcoming Events webpage

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Hello fellow OC members,

We're getting closer to that magical time of year! There's a nip in the air, the anticipation is building, and before we know it, we'll be sliding down the mountain again.

We have some exciting trips coming up, so it's time to start thinking about your skis, boards, and favorite cold-weather gear!

March is an especially exciting time to visit, with warmer temperatures, longer daylight hours, and the possibility of catching an occasional big snow dump. With its legendary terrain and spectacular scenery, Whistler Blackcomb should be on every skier's bucket list.

The mountains are calling, so get ready! Winter will be here before we know it, and we can't wait to hit the slopes with everyone.

I'm pleased to report the XC folk are being well represented in our club with combo bus trips to varies resorts, hopefully mother nature corporates this season and bless us with abundance of snow.

Ski Instruction. Jeff has an upcoming Balance and Stance clinic scheduled for Thursday November 19th at 6pm.

See you on the mountain!

Richard Livsey, V.P. of Skiing

Ski Deals OC Webpage
Always a work in progress
Click here



THERE'S PLENTY OF WINTER AHEAD!

Yep, it's fall - and if you haven't made your winter plans yet, you're late! Be sure to grab your spot and join the OC's for some amazing winter adventures. We've got Vermont weekends, Western trips, New Hampshire, and plenty of fun ahead.

And the best part? Signing up is easier than ever. Choose your trip, complete the application, submit your deposit, and watch for confirmation from your Trip Leader.

OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

Smugglers' Notch

Smuggs is open! Choose a 2- or 3-night MLK Weekend getaway and settle into spacious condo-style lodging. This is a fun, easy winter escape with skiing, riding, and plenty of OC time together.

Jay Peak - Opening Soon

Jay Peak is opening soon for registration. If Jay is on your winter list, keep an eye on the weekly email and Facebook so you can jump in when registration opens.

FILLING UP

Whiteface

Whiteface is filling up nicely. If Lake Placid is calling your name, don't wait too long. It's a great way to get the season rolling and enjoy a classic early-winter OC weekend.

Sunday River

Sunday River is moving fast. Some lodging and rooming options are already selling out, so get your application in if you want to be part of this OC favorite.

Steamboat

Steamboat is nearing capacity. The Trip Leader is working through condo assignments now. If you're interested, contact steamboat@ocskiclub.org directly for the latest availability.

LIMITED AVAILABILITY

Whistler

Whistler still has room - and we'd love to get this group to 20! Big terrain, a legendary village, great apres-ski, and a full week with the OC's. If you've been thinking about it, this is the time to make the move.

HELP US GET WHISTLER TO 20!

A few more travelers can make this a full OC adventure.

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Revelstoke

Revelstoke has limited lodging left. There is one additional condo with a king bed and two twin beds, plus a one-bedroom condo with a king bed. Resort lodging also includes a pullout couch. Airfare is booked separately by each traveler.
Questions? Email revelstoke@ocskiclub.org

WAITLIST

Italy ** New ** Two rooms left! Don't hesitate or be they will gone.

TURN TWO TRIPS INTO ONE GREAT VERMONT WEEK

Smugglers' Notch + Bolton Valley

Want more than a long weekend? Make it a full Vermont ski week.
Combine three nights at Smugglers' Notch with four nights at Bolton Valley for seven nights of winter fun. Or pick one or the other

7 NIGHTS - STARTING AT $1,271 PER PERSON
Based on double occupancy
Smuggs condo lodging + Bolton Valley studio lodging
Bolton Valley lift tickets are additional

NEW HAMPSHIRE IS COMING

New Hampshire will open for online registration within the next two weeks.
Watch Facebook and your weekly OC email for the announcement.

Indian Head Resort + St. Patrick's Day

This one has party written all over it. Our Indian Head Resort trip falls right over St. Patrick's Day, so along with the skiing and mountain time, we're expecting one phenomenal OC party. Great skiing, good company, a little green, and the OC's together in New Hampshire - what could go wrong?

ST. PATRICK'S DAY + THE OC'S
This one should be a blast.

DON'T WAIT TOO LONG

Winter is getting closer, trips are filling, and lodging turnback dates don't wait for us. If there's a trip you've been thinking about, now is the time to grab your spot.
Check your weekly mailer and visit OC Ski Trip Link for trip dates, current details, and registration information.
Questions? Email ocskiclubtrips@gmail.com
GET YOUR WINTER ON THE CALENDAR - SEE YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN!

2026-2027 OC Bus schedule

Note we offer discounted group lift pass if available.

Discount NYCDSC For Stratton, included with OC Membership

Buses leave from Crossgates Commons at 7:00 am

Buses leave the ski resort at 4:30 weekdays & 5:00 weekends

Bus fee for Members is $12 Bus fee for OC Guests $22

DATE	SKI AREA	XC AREA	DAY	2nd Stop	3rd Stop	Notes	Pass
12/6/2026	Killington		Sun	Exit 12	Exit 20	Jello Posse	IKON
12/11/2026	Whiteface		Fri	Exit 12	Exit 20	Connect with trip	SKI3
12/18/2026	Killington		Fri	Exit 12	Exit 20		IKON
12/20/2026	Stratton		Sun	Troy		Santa Competition	IKON
1/3/2027	Stratton	Nordic Stratton	Sun	Troy		Pvt Lesson Day	IKON
1/8/2027	Gore	Garnet	Fri	Exit 12	Exit 20	Pvt. LD/Heaney Roast	SKI3
1/9/2027		Destination TBA	Sat	Exit 12	Exit 20	XC Destination Snow	
1/10/2027	Pico	Mt Top	Sun	Exit 12	Exit 20		IKON
1/14/2027	Belleayre	Nordic Belleayre	Thu	none	none	Bus leaves Albany	SKI3
1/29/2027	Sugarbush		Fri	Exit 12	Exit 20	Bus leaves 6:30 am	IKON
1/30/2027		Sagamore	Sat	Exit 12	Exit 20	Great Camp Special	
1/31/2027	Whiteface	Mt Van Hoev	Sun	Exit 12	Exit 20		SKI3
2/5/2027	Sugarbush		Fri	Exit 12	Exit 20	Bus leaves 6:30 am	IKON
2/6/2027		Destination TBA	Sat	Exit 12	Exit 20	XC Destination Snow	
2/17/2027	Jiminy Peak		WedPM	Special stop		Happy Hour Bus leaves Albany at 5 pm	IKON
2/20/2027		Sagamore?	Sat	Exit 12	Exit 20	Rain Date	
2/24/2027	Stratton	Nordic Stratton	Wed	Troy		NYCDSC discount day	IKON
2/26/2027	Gore	Garnet	Fri	Exit 12	Exit 20	Pvt LD/Heaney Roast	SKI3
2/28/2027	Whiteface	Mt Van Hoev	Sun	Exit 12	Exit 20		SKI3
3/5/2027	Pico	Mt Top	Fri	Exit 12	Exit 20	Winter Carnival Pvt. Lesson Day	IKON
3/6/2027		Destination TBA	Sat	Exit 12	Exit 20	XC Destination Snow	
3/17/2027	Jiminy Peak		WedPM	Special Stop		St Pats Happy Hour Bus leaves Albany at 5 pm	IKON
3/20/2027		Destination TBA	Sat	Exit 12	Exit 20	XC Destination Snow	
3/26/2027	Stratton		Fri	Troy		Good Friday Bus	IKON
4/4/2027	Gore		Sun	Exit 12	Exit 20		
4/9/2027	Sugarbush		Fri	Exit 12	Exit 20	Bus leaves 6:30 am	IKON
4/11/2027	Killington		Sun	Exit 12	Exit 20	Tail gate Last bus	IKON

Schedule is subject to change due to weather & ski conditions

Always check Bus sign up page for the most up to date information

Hello Bus Riders

The real snow season begins soon. The snow guns have started blasting. Killington will have its World Cup race and then we start on the boards. Dec 5 is the first bus to Killington. Dec 11 is Whiteface, and we are rolling into a great new season. Check out the schedule at the website or come to a Thursday gathering to view it hanging on the wall. Take all the phone photos you want. I know this year you will join us on the bus. Seats are still $12 members & families (age 5 & up); guests are $22.



The Bus Committee will hold a bus leader training session Dec 10, 7 pm. Anyone new who is interested in running a bus for us (you get a free seat), please attend. It should take about 30 minutes.

XC Skiers - we are updating our email list for everyone interested in doing XC. Please send us an email at OCBUS@OCSKICLUB.ORG that you are interested in being on this list. Hope to hear from many of you. Josh and Barbara are working on updating the list.

We are putting together a page of Ski Deals, both Alpine and Nordic. There are important additions and changes from last year. Many areas like Quebec offer special lift ticket purchases online at this time. The Quebec one is L'est Go Card for reduced price tickets to Sutton, Orford, Bromont and Owls Head; four locations just over the border from Jay. Many of your favorite mountains offer ticket packages now for use throughout the season. Some like the Vermont 4 Pack sell out in 5 minutes. Others like the Indy Pass have waitlists and reopen their offer several times before the season begins. Stay alert and surf the web.

Barbara, Josh and myself have put together a great schedule. There are many dates for the mountains you requested. We are also continuing the 3rd stop at Exit 20 (Warrenburg's County Bldg. Park & Ride) for trips going to Whiteface, Gore, Killington, Pico, and Sugarbush, as well as the Nordic resorts associated with those trips – Mt Van Hoevenberg, Garnet and Mt Top as well as the Special trip to Great Camp Sagamore. Just notify us when signing up, which stop you plan to use. We only stop at the 3rd stop if we have sign ups. We will always make the stop at Exit 12 as usual.

The Alpine & Nordic Bus Committee Chairs: Sylvia Haefeli, Josh Nixon, and Barbara Sorrell.Better known as the Bus Table Committee.

The Bus schedule is on the website as a PDF and can be downloaded and printed.
Reminder the First Stop is still at Crossgates Commons behind the Walmart. Check the map on the website for the exact location. All Buses leave Crossgates Commons at 7 am EXCEPT Sugarbush which leaves at 6:30 am. Weekday buses leave the mountain at 4:30 pm and Weekend buses leave at 5 pm.
Note: the XC only buses will have their own unique start time and usually leave the resort at 4 pm. Be sure to ask for start time when signing up.



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AS THE SKI TURNS - November 2026

SKI AND SNOWBOARD LESSONS-

No matter what your ability, O C Snowsports School offers free downhill coaching on most single day bus trips as a benefit of being part of O C Ski Club. There is no limit to the number of morning sessions you can take. Snowboard, Telemark, First Timers, and Children's Lessons are available with prior arrangements, please contact us for more details at any meeting, Club event, Happy Hour or skiinstruction@ocskiclub.org.

PRIVATE LESSON DAYS

An opportunity for some individual feedback with your choice of instructors. Advance sign ups for the 90 min. Private Lessons and more information available at weekly meetings, happy hours or any Club event

SUNDAY January 3-Stratton
FRIDAY January 8-Gore Mtn.
FRIDAY February 26-Gore Mtn.
Friday-March 5-Pico-Winter Carnival

WEEKEND TRIP-SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS AT WHITEFACE

December 11,12,13- Friday and Saturday night lodging at Golden Arrow Lakeside Resort in downtown Lake Placid, Breakfast Included. O C Snowsports School instructors will be available on this trip. The trip is currently sold out-There is a waiting list-whiteface@ocskiclub.org

STANCE & BALANCE CLINIC

Thursday November 19-PCC back half of the big room-6:00 PM sharp. Presented again by Master Bootfitter Garrick Dardani of Steiner's Sports. An opportunity to get an update on the latest in Ski Boots and other ski equipment. Learn how to determine what is the best ski boot for you. You can bring your ski boots for an evaluation if you wish.

LET IT SNOW !!!!!
Jeff Kenton
O C Snowsports School Director

VP for Administration
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VP of Admin Report – November 2026

Hi OCer's

November is here, and the excitement for another great ski season is building. Get ready for another incredible year of mountain adventures and unforgettable memories with the ski club. From first tracks to apres-ski fun, we can't wait to kick off the season and make this winter one for the books. So, wax your skis and sharpen your edges old man winter is around the corner. We are coming off a great Northeast Winter Expo in Saratoga.

We have a lot of exciting events planned -mark your calendars.

- The New Member Party will be Thursday, November 5th from 6:30-9:00 at the PCC. This is one of our largest events of the year, so you better not miss it. We will have food, drinks and $1,000s in prizes to give away. Make sure to get your tickets early. The event is free for new OC members. The cost is $15 for existing members in advanced or $20 at the door.
- The annual Warren Miller movie will be playing at the Egg in Albany on Sunday, November 8th from 5:00-8:00 pm. Tickets can be bought directly from the Egg.
- Thursday November 12th at 7:00 will be a gear swap event to go along side our weekly meeting at the PCC. Bring your unused, still in good condition ski stuff (including clothing) to sell or trade.
- Bowling at Uncle Sam Lanes will be held Monday, November 23rd . Meet at the bowling alley between 6:45 and 7:00 pm. You get to bowl for only $10 (plus $2 for shoe rental).
- Join us for an off-site Happy Hour at Las Margaritas Mexican Cantina in Latham from 4:00 – 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 24th.

I would also like to take a moment to thank Kate Karlok for her fabulous service as our A&E Chair over the past couple of years. Kate, thank you for all your hard work and enthusiasm that you brought to every event. I truly appreciate all you've done. Thank you.

See you on the slopes!
-Steve

Secretary
Lynda Heaney
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Secretary's Note
October 2026

Board members present: John Wimmer, Gloria Quackenbush, Mark Wilder, Judy Franze Tewey, Josh Nixon, Rich Livsey, Kate Karlok, Cynthia Ward, Greg Bockis, Fred Haefeli, Sylvia Haefeli, Bob Karandy, Jeff Kenton, and Lynda Heaney.

Your Board of Directors met in September and continued preparations for the upcoming ski season.

The August meeting minutes were approved, and the Treasurer's and membership reports were presented. The Board also received an insurance update.

The Board completed its review of the proposed revisions to the OC Ski Club Constitution. A motion was made and approved to recommend the revised Constitution to the membership for consideration. The revised Recognition Policy was also accepted.

Planning for upcoming Club activities continued, including the October 29 Halloween Party.

The Board also addressed our online payment process. Lynda Heaney was appointed to head the online payments/Stripe committee, with Gail Marotti-Hossan appointed as backup for Stripe.

Marketing and ways to improve the Club's visibility were also discussed, along with the possibility of adding a classified page and/or a separate page for member discount offerings to the website.

There is plenty happening behind the scenes as we head into another busy OC season. Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer their time and help keep the Club moving forward.

Lynda Heaney
Club Secretary

Family Committee



Hello Moms, Dads, Grandparents and all,
The new season is upon us and we are ready to ski. Have you already tuned the family skis and boards? Made that seasonal rental? Thought about where to replace the clothes outgrown? Well I do have a few solutions for you.
I just learned that Maple Ski Ridge also makes seasonal rentals. So now you have lots of options there (see last month's LiftLine for a list of local rental shops). I recommend that you get those rentals now if you want the biggest selection of gear to choose from. The OCs will hold a gear swap Nov. 12 at our regular Thursday night gathering. Bring your outgrown clothes, and equipment clearly marked with your name, price, and phone number. This is a casual swap. You make your own deals and be sure to take home at the end of the evening, any items left unsold. The Club is not responsible for left behind items. They will be trashed.
Smuggler's Notch trip is now on sale. This trip is especially designed for families. Ski in & out. We are in the Willows building again. Dates are Jan 15-18, MLK weekend. Kids are out of school and you need a family getaway. Jay Peak, April 2-4, is another perfect family trip. The waterpark is open and if the skiing is poor, they get to splash the weekend away. Both trips are online for sign ups and deposit payments.
Be sure to check the Ski Deals page on the website for discounts at local sports stores and the mountain deals for discounted lift tickets. The NYCD Ski Council has issued the new sticker that goes on the back of your membership card. If you need a card for a child, purchase the $5 Junior ID from Membership and they will give you the Council sticker as well. The Bus Committee table also has stickers. Just ask any bus leader on the bus for one.
Looking for a parent who wants to arrange a few informal sledding dates at a local site. Interested?Could be fun and provide an opportunity for your kids to make new friends. Contact Sylvia to discuss.

Sylvia Haefeli - Family Chair person



Mark Your Calendars!

Get Ready Ahead of Time to Dance the Night Away at our Annual OC Holiday Party

Holiday PARTY

NEW

Location: The Hedge Western Turnpike Golf Course

2350 Western Ave, Guilderland, NY 12084

Wear Your Ugliest Sweater!

Date: Saturday, December 5th

Holiday Party is still Saturday Dec 5th
Now at Normanside CC details are being finalized

10 pm

Dinner: Buffet Style

Cash Bar

Raffle Prizes

50/50

DJ Stephanie Pratt

Photo Booth

Dress Code:
Comfortable Clothes and Dancing Shoes

Tickets:

$65/Member
$70/Guest

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DELICIOUS FOOD, MUSIC, DANCING, AND PRIZES

Since there won't be a meeting on Thursday November 26th, the off-site Happy Hour meeting will be held on TUESDAY November 24th from 4-7pm at Las Margaritas 710 Loudon Rd in Latham. It is next to the 76 Diner. Management is having food and drink specials just for us in the bar area. So please come and support our first Happy Hour there! Bus committee will be there for sign ups.





Judy Franze Tewey



Coming November 12 Gear swap of Alpine & Nordic items

All the Details
Click Here

Halloween at The PCC - Spooky!!



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.

Welcome to our new OC members who signed up in October 2026

Geri Mulligan, Bob Frick, Jim Brundige, Randle Sanford, James Bernstein, Amanda Avery, Meredith Schorr, Lauren Groff, Carlos Maribona, Piotr Wozniak, Julian Driebeck, Marianne Krupa, Maureen McColl, Ed Morrison, John Shattuck, Mackenzie Grogan, Steve Caro, Melanie Hiris, Susan O'Hara, Konrad Swiatkowski, Sophia Brown, Nicholas Rodick, Jerry Stevens, Patrick Azzarito, Andrea Centro, William Nemer, Dave Skibinski, Scott Irish, William Alderisio, Katie Alderisio, Will Alderisio, Anita Mayfield, Dave House, Frances Esposito, Michael Esposito, Joan McGrath, Peter Weykamp, Nancy Weykamp, Margaret Smith, Brian Mieczkowski, Tracey Rex, Kate Hacker, Mark Smith, Diana Zabaleta Grasso, John Grasso, Andrew Apple, Douglas Davis, Linda Gallagher, Donald Gaitor, Brian Flynn, Lucas Labarre, Kristin Duguay, Jackie Muermann, Roy Muermann, Anne Croteau, Cathron Donaldson, Jockular Ford, Andrew Isamoyer, Frank Slingerland, Don Slingerland, Tim Kovarik, Kate Jennings

Now that is quite the list

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



Here are some happy bowlers from the October 26 night on the lanes. One last chance to join in on a OC night of bowling. On Monday November 23 we will be back at Uncle Sams Lane in Troy

Event Webpage

OC Annual Golf Outing Oct 3, 2026

Thirty six happy golfers ventured out on a wonderful Fall Day at Brookhaven Golf Club in Porters Coners. The course was in fine shape, and we have some amazing golf shots posted by our prize winners Michele Walls, Emma Maceko, Bob Somoni, Bob Karandy and Mike Furdyna. The young guys on team Hall came in with the low score of the day. The View at Brookhaven did their typical best on our after golf meal.

Thanks to all who made their donations to the OC Ski Club for the 50-50 drawing, worth $120, and the annual buying of the Mulligans. We truly appreciate our golfers each year with their generosity. Others walked away with the many raffle give-away items.

So if you missed this year, look for next season's golf outing as the OCer's always get out on the links to chase that little white ball.

Submitted by Sylvia & Fred Haefeli



Promoting the Great OC Ski Club



Glenville
OktoberFest

Saratoga
Winter
Expo



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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Contact a Club Officer or Board Member - Click Here
Contact a Committee Chairperson - Click Here

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