

# Schussboomer

Our **April 11, 2017 annual election** meeting is at Maplewood Suites, 400 Seventh North Street, Liverpool, NY. Best entrance is the outside door for Blue Spruce Lounge. Social hour starts at 7 PM; formal meeting begins at 7:30 PM. This issue includes profiles of candidates for officers and directors and absentee ballot information.

Mark your calendars for Book Discussion and dish-to-pass on April 6, Happy Hour on April 13, Adopt a Highway on May 6 and our OSC [Ostentatious Sublime Craziness](#) Evening to Remember and Golf Outing on May 20.

[Wednesday night](#) cycling starts April 12 at 5:30 PM. In April, we meet at East Syracuse-Minoa HS.

## Save the Date: Social Activities

Check OSC calendar, website, Happenings and [Meet Up](#) for more details.

### Thursday, April 6, 5:30 PM, Book Discussion

We're discussing Mitch Albom's *The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto* for our April 6, 5:30 pm, dish-to-pass ) [Book Discussion](#) at the home of Steve and Carol Knowles.

### Thursday, April 13 Happy Hour, 5 PM

Join us at [Salt City Grille](#), 1333 Buckley Road, Liverpool, NY. We will have our own area. The restaurant Happy Hour is 4 PM to 6 PM.

### Saturday, May 6, Adopt a Highway

Meet in the Tully Burger King parking lot by 9:30 - park on the far west side of the lot. Lunch will be in Tully at A Pizza and More at noon. For questions call Carol Adamec or Nev Sachs at 315-487-8110.

### Saturday, May 20, OSC at Tuscarora Golf Club, Marcellus

For golfers, nine holes and golf cart, \$20 check payable to Tuscarora, start at 3 PM. For all, Happy Hour, Cash Bar, Dinner, and dancing, start at 5:30 PM, \$30 check payable to OSC. Enjoy clams, shrimp, a great meal, live music and door prizes at this evening to remember. Guests 21 and over are welcome. Your check is your reservation. We will be taking reservations at the April 11 meeting. You can also mail checks to Terri Murray. Questions: contact Janice Farrelly, [janiceafar@gmail.com](mailto:janiceafar@gmail.com), 315-487-0518. LAST DAY TO RESERVE : May 10.

### Onondaga Ski Club Old Timers Reunion, Thursday, June 15

Catch up with all who were active in the club from 1955 to approximately 1995. For details, contact Charlotte Buskey Luther, [char0135@yahoo.com](mailto:char0135@yahoo.com).

## **Season Pass Hot Deals for next winter**

Are you between 65 and 89? Get your 2017/2018 Sugarbush [Boomer Midweek Pass](#), \$129 by May 3, and enjoy some great skiing next winter. Check our website for season pass deals at [Greek](#), [Tog](#), [Song](#) and [Lab](#).

## **2017 Director and Officer Elections: April 11, 2017 Annual Meeting**

We are electing four directors and three officers: First Vice President, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary. Directors serve three year terms. Officers serve two year terms. See our [bylaws](#) for more detail on eligibility requirements and duties of each position.

## **Candidate biographies (as submitted)**

### **For First Vice President: Scott Launt**

I've been an OSC member for four and a half years; 1st VP and board member for 2. During my membership tenure I've been affiliated with or a member of the Finance Committee, Marketing Committee (new logo!), NOTT, Happy Hour, and Hospitality committees, and am currently chairman of the Trip Committee. Leading the Ellicott trips has been a pleasure for the past three years. I've been on eight trips over the last four years. I implemented the very successful OSC day at Tog.

My experience with volunteer organizations stems from 24 years with the National Ski Patrol at Labrador Mountain, serving in various leadership positions-treasurer, director, instructor to name a few. I am currently on the board of the Central New York Region, NSP.

As OSC moves forward, my vision is to keep the club interesting and dynamic for our members while at the same time to help guide the "back office" operations of the club--to be as simple and automated as possible--at the same time up to date in terms of legal, technical and social requirements.

Prior to retiring four and a half years ago I was fortunate to have had a successful sales and marketing career with Xerox, Apple, Hitachi, Cisco Systems, Verizon and a few more.

I live in Liverpool with my wife Becky; have three terrific daughters, and one grandson. I enjoy travel in the USA in our RV, international travel where it makes sense, my Mini Cooper and friends.

## **For Treasurer: Mary Begley**

I am a retired accountant who joined OSC in 2006 to go on the Austria trip. Since then, I have enjoyed OSC camaraderie skiing at Mount Tremblant, Jackson Hole and Steamboat, staying at the Lodge, picking up trash on I-81, climbing the High Peaks and hiking CNY with Meet Up groups. I have served the past two years on the Board. My most important contribution has been creating a smartphone friendly Schussboomer that is closely linked to the website. I have also applied knowledge gained as a CPA and as a member of other boards to the finance committee and governance issues. I am currently Treasurer of the Cato-Meridian Community Recreation Center Foundation. I ask for your vote for OSC treasurer.

## **For Corresponding Secretary: Lee (Wheeler) Wakefield**

I am running for the Position of Corresponding Secretary, a position I am currently temporarily filling. I've been an OSC Member since 2007. I started working with the Lodge Committee at Vermont Lodge Work Weekends in 2008, and have been on the Committee since 2009. I am back-up for Lodge Reservations, when the Clarks take a much deserved break. I am serving my second term as Board Member, which will expire 2018. I participate in Club cross country skiing, biking, kayaking, camping, hiking, and social events.

I personally know many of you, have made many friendships, and thoroughly enjoy the camaraderie of our club. I would appreciate your vote.

## **For Director: Four Positions, Five Nominees**

### **Jay Cohen**

This is my third year as a member of OSC and I participate in ski racing, hikes, ski trips and happy hours. I'm an avid fitness enthusiast/ski bum and love to be active and help other people enjoy the outdoors. I have always worked in the health and fitness field and currently develop fitness and recreational activities/programs at Ft. Drum with soldiers that have been injured (TBI and PTSD). I also have a background in tennis and fitness and would like to help the board with activities and events. I have a passion for helping people and I have experience organizing events that incorporate fitness and recreation.

### **Juliann Haarman**

I am a Human Resources professional with over 20 years of experience and currently work at EarQ as the Director of Employee Engagement. I am also an active member of the Events Planning Committee for CNY Society of Human Resources. Throughout my career I've had the opportunity to champion several employee wellness programs, encompassing a variety of fitness, nutrition and healthy lifestyle initiatives. Although I've only been a member of the Onondaga Ski Club for just over 1 year, I have many professional skill sets that the OSC team may find helpful. I am an avid 4 season outdoors person who enjoys downhill & XC

skiing, hiking, biking, kayaking, swimming, rollerblading, running, and the list goes on. I am the proud mom of four boys and share my passion for life and adventure with them continually, so that they will have a lifelong appreciation for health and fitness, as well. I am willing to try anything at least once, even running for a position on the OSC Board of Directors.

## **Bruce Kaiser**

I appreciate being asked to run again as a candidate for the Board of Directors of the Onondaga Ski Club.

Skiing has been a large part of my life for the past forty plus years. I retired from 34 years in education in 2003. I was a chaperone and then the Liverpool High School Ski Club adviser for 20 years, organizing 250 to 325 students and taking them to Labrador Mountain. I have been a ski instructor at Labrador Mountain for a number of years, including teaching in the Masters in Motion program. This past year I was an instructor at Toggenburg, including their Master Trax program. My first ski trip as an OSC member was over 20 years ago. Since that time I have attended several trips, including Austria, Banff, Jay Peak, Mont-Tremblant, Salt Lake City, area mountains and Stowe to name a few.

In my free time I enjoy spending time with family, golfing, reading, traveling, and working around our home. I have been an active member of Lions International (a community service organization) for almost 35 years. Currently I work part time teaching energy and water education classes as well as energy and water inspections.

My past and present experiences related to skiing, organizational skills of running a high school ski club as well as ski trips to Vermont, being a member of the OSC Board of Directors and the OSC finance committee provide me with the needed background to be a contributing member of the Onondaga Ski Club. Our Ski Club has been very successful over the years because of the many dedicated members who have worked very hard. If elected I will work to continue the success of our Ski Club.

## **John Heslop**

I have been a member of OSC since retiring in August 2015. As an avid outdoors enthusiast, I enjoy hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, biking, kayaking, golfing and camping, with my loving wife, Elizabeth Chapman. These diverse activities offer unique opportunities for fun and adventure.....there's "something for everyone" to enjoy. The OSC Lodge and the numerous social gatherings are also wonderful assets for the club members. I look forward to serving as a Board member to maintain the vibrancy of the club activities for current and future members.

## **Dick Blume**

I've been with the Onondaga Ski club on and off since the mid 1980's. I'm both a downhill and cross country skier and a bicyclist, and hiker. In the past I've helped out at the lodge, and when we had the club ski sale event. Over the last year I was on the Stowe and Steamboat ski trips and the Fourth of July bicycling trip at the lodge. I'm retired from being a photojournalist for the Syracuse Herald Journal and Post Standard and [syracuse.com](http://syracuse.com). I've been on many of the downhill ski trips and the cross country weekend trips at Garnet Hill. Because of my job, I would have to work evenings and weekends and so I could not be more involved in the ski club. I would like to be more involved in the club and help out.

## Voting Absentee

**Absentee ballots** and instructions may be obtained from Jack Lancette, 315-454-0852, [jelancet@gmail.com](mailto:jelancet@gmail.com). Eligible voters will be those found on the current membership list. Ballot must be mailed in sufficient time for it to be received **no later than 3:00 P.M. on April 11, 2017, OSC Election Day.**

## Vermont Lodge: New Members get one free night at the lodge during first year of membership.

OSC Lodge: 4051 Vt. Rt. 100, Lower Granville, VT 05747. Lodge Phone: 802-767-3234.

Call Dave and Diane Clark, 315-635-1686, for [reservations](#). Here's website link for more [Lodge Information](#). Want discounted Sugarbush and Killington tickets? Log into the OSC website and hit this [link](#).

## General Meetings

*\*Held second Tuesday of the month, September-April.* April 11 meeting is at Maplewood Suites - Extended Stay, 400 Seventh North Street, Liverpool, NY. Doors open at 7 PM; the General Meeting starts at 7:30. Buy drinks at the main bar. Members are available to answer questions about trips, the lodge, membership, etc. before the general meeting.

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**Mission Statement: Onondaga Ski Club's mission is to organize and facilitate year-round outdoor activities and social gatherings for an adult membership based in Central New York. Follow this link to learn how to [join](#). Here's our information packet for [new members](#). Find us online at [www.onondagaskiclub.org](http://www.onondagaskiclub.org).**

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