



A Club For All Seasons

# Schussboomer

November 2019

## Onondaga Ski Club Cleans Up

By Neville Sachs



Making up for last Spring, the weather gods cooperated for the Fall Adopt-A-Highway. Although it was almost a pea-soup fog at 9:20 AM, by 9:45 the fog had lifted and Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> was just about a perfect day for outdoor exercise with some sun, light winds and temperatures in the 50's,

Sixteen OSC members, including Carol Adamec, Sam and Azra Brkanovic, Bobbi Cleaveland, Steve Davis, Mary Jo DiNuzzo, Don Goulet, Peter Huntington, Marion Jerose,

Bruce Kaiser, Marilyn and Mike McCabe, Lee Wakefield, Donna Willis, and Peter Zeleznock showed up for the morning exercise. That's a few more than usual and the additional people let us spend more time getting to some of those harder -to-reach areas that tend to snag some of the ugly stuff.

Most of the crew was able to get together for lunch at the Tully pizza shop, now called Jeb's, where the new proprietor was more than happy to see us. We had a nice time and a good part of the lunchtime conversation was about past impressive finds such as:

- The uncashed \$500 wedding gift check that Pete Zeleznock was able to get back to the rightful owner after it blew out of a car window on the honeymoon trip.
- The Jamesville Penitentiary prison ID that someone probably gladly threw away.
- The truck driveshaft assembly that Mary Jo hauled out of the ditch alongside the road that was lost in a winter time accident.
- The wallet that was found on the side of the entrance ramp after the forgetful driver left it on the fender of his pickup truck while getting gas in Tully.

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### Verify Your Membership Information

Fall is a good time for all of our great OSC members to review their Profile on the OSC website. Please take a moment soon to log on, open your Profile, and check for accuracy of your address, (including your county of residence), phone number, and your e mail address. If there are changes to be made, click on EDIT PROFILE in the upper right, make the corrections, and click SAVE. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Chapman, Membership Registrar at [chapmane7@gmail.com](mailto:chapmane7@gmail.com).

*Onondaga Ski Club organizes and facilitates year-round outdoor activities and social gatherings for a membership based in Central New York.*

<https://onondagaskiclub.org>

## November 2019

Officers	Name
President	Peggy Hotaling
Vice President	Len Kolakowski
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Past President	John Sonne

### Directors

Bruce Kaiser	Jack Lancette
Dick Blume	Steve Davis
Jay Cohen	Kathy Chapin
Juliann Haarman	Gary Tarolli
Terry McNamara	Scott Launt
Neville Sachs	

### OSC Committees

Name	Chair
<b>Standing Committees</b>	
Governance	John Sonne
Finance	Mary Begley
Trip	Bruce Kaiser
Lodge	Ken Robbins
Marketing	Len Kolakowski
Membership	Elizabeth Chapman

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Web/Tech	D&D Devendorf
Hospitality	Linda Hitchings
Long Range Planning	Peg Hotaling
History	Neville Sachs

### Activity Committees

Cycling	John Heslop
Happy Hour	Anne Sonne
Golf	Jan Carr
NASTAR	Heidi Gang
Kayaking	Jean Cisar

### Miscellaneous Committees

Schussboomer	Steve Davis
Happenings	Deb Yerdon
Ski Tickets	John Sonne
Communications	Peg Hotaling

### President's Corner

As we enter November, for those of us who like to ski, the season gets closer and the Club continues to offer options for our members.

OSC attended the Ski Company Ski Show at the Fairgrounds on October 18 – 20. Our table had a good representation of all we do as a ski club. As a result, reports are that we had many inquiries about the club and were able to sign up some new members. Thanks go to Len Kolakowski, the marketing committee and all those who worked throughout the weekend to help promote the club.

The local mountain reps came to the October General Meeting to bring us up to date on what's happening at their ski areas this year. They will be there again in November. If you get a chance, come out and chat with them. The website has been updated to include their '[hot deals](#)' for OSC members.

The survey is closed, winners of the drawing have been announced and results will be published in a few weeks. The percentage of our members who completed the survey was impressive – 40%! Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete it! Your feedback will help OSC plan for the future.

Enjoy this 'transition' period and the upcoming holidays as we move toward the winter months. Hope to see you at one of our events!

Peggy

### OSC Places Second in Road Rally

*By Neville Sachs*

At 1 o'clock on October 6<sup>th</sup>, the first "official" FLSC-OSC Joint Road Rally car pulled out of the Tops Plaza in Eldridge for a 40+/- mile ride through the hills south of Rt 20. The 16 other cars left at about 2.5-minute intervals. All 44 participants eventually ended up at the Lakeview Vista for good food and a relatively raucous discussion about how it took them between 96 and 161 minutes to drive 40 miles. (The car that took 161 minutes averaged a little less than 15 miles per hour, and it took them about the same time it would take to ride the route on a bicycle.)

The fifty questions ranged from the ridiculous "Continuing along the road is the Godfather's Surprise Trophy. How many windows are on the supporting structure?" to the sublime "For what it's worth, it's not a Mannheim Steamroller, it's a \_\_\_\_\_".

Judging was close with eight teams within four points and a tie-breaker was used to determine the winners. (One of the teams would have finished second if they knew the difference between a buffalo and a bi-

son □.) Then, at the dinner, the judges found that it was a goat in the bike basket on top of the barn at Tim's Pumpkin Patch and they learned how to pronounce some Scandinavian names.

The winners were an experienced crew from the FLSC, but Cheryl Bloomer and Steve Bollenbacher of OSC came in second, and another group of OSC'ers came in fourth.

The rally was the brainchild of Bob Sloan and he was helped by Nev Sachs. If you'd like to take an interesting scenic ride through the hills, you can contact them and they'll send you a copy of the ride sheets.

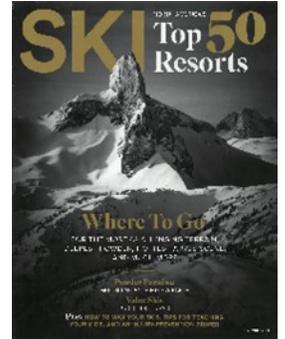
**The 2020 SKI Magazine annual reader survey results are in and Smugglers' Notch Resort has been voted the #1 Overall Resort in the Eastern U.S., #1 for Service, and #1 for Local Flavor!**

**Don't delay sign up today for a fun filled trip to Smugg  
February 17-22, 2020**

**Sign Up Deadline is November 20, 2019**

### **2020 SKI Winter Travel Guide review**

It's a segregated society at Smuggs, and that works just fine. How else could vacationing families and adrenaline-hog local rippers co-exist in such peaceful harmony. Over here you've got self-contained Morse Mountain, with its family-friendly condos, kid-centric activities, and gentle slopes all leading back to home base, perfect for launching little learners on a lifetime love of skiing. And over here, the fearsome steps of Madonna Mountain, along with—out in the famous Back Bowls—some of the East's best and most expansive tree skiing. You might see some mingling of the two species here and there, but for the most part, neither has to worry about the presence of the other. That's how a place can rank high in shut-up-and-ski criteria like Terrain (No. 2), Snow (No. 3), and Challenge (No. 3), yet still please visitors in categories like Service (No. 1), Lodging (No. 2), and Charm (No. 3). Once again, Smuggs ranks No. 1 in the East for families, and the boot-up-at-the car crowd over in ski-in/ski-out Lot 1 is like, "Huh, really?" Remember, there's still not a single high-speed lift on the hill. The Madonna 1 double, for instance, clocks in at a quad-rejuvenating 15-plus minutes, it's part of the charm, as is non-conglomerate ownership and No. 4-ranked scenery—all adding up to Smuggs's No. 1 ranking in Local Flavor and No. 2 for both Overall Satisfaction and Value. "Cliffs, chutes, trees ... still some of the most underrated terrain out there," says one Smuggs lifer. Another: "A place that will reconnect you with your family 100 percent." That's the Smuggs dichotomy. And both readers would agree with a this, who says, "Don't ever change this place!" — Joe Cutts



### **Local Tip:**

Even if you're staying in one of those really nice condos over at Morse, you might want to pack the car and make Lot 1 your base. It edges right up to the slope and hums with awesome tailgate après action most days.

**Dinner Pick:** As one reader rightly suggests, check out the pub at Smugglers' Notch Inn down in Jefferson Village: "Locals' bar. Food is phenomenal, drinks are strong, plenty of friends to be made."

**Mandatory Run:** Ride the Madonna 1 double, a slow, nostalgic, and historic lift that accesses killer terrain. Novices welcome — there's an easy way down from the summit.

Smugglers' also received top 10 ranking among Eastern resorts in the categories of snow, grooming, terrain, challenge, value, accessibility, travel ease, on-mountain food, lodging, down-day activities, scenery, charm, and overall satisfaction.

### **Tax Disclosures**

*Onondaga Ski Club is classified by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(7) not-for-profit corporation. Donations, memberships and all other payments to OSC are not tax deductible as charitable contributions. As required by the IRS, our last three years of Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, are available upon request. Submit request to Treasurer, treasurer.onondagaskiclub@gmail.com. Our EIN number is 23-7161255.*

*Our Vermont lodge room rentals are subject to 9% Vermont Room tax. The 9% tax is included in our advertised room rates. We pay the tax on behalf of the purchaser rather than state it as a separate item in the amount we charge the purchaser for individual room rates. It is added to our group rates as a separate item. Our Vermont Room Tax Identification Number is 23-7161255.*

*Generally, New York State transactions, including memberships paid by NYS residents, clothing sales, and social events are subject to New York Sales tax. We pay the tax on behalf of the purchaser rather than state it as a separate item in the amount we charge the purchaser.*

## Lift Tickets Don't Have to be Expensive

Don't pay retail for lift tickets. With the window ticket price at some resorts costing \$200 we need to look for deals. Take advantage of the discounts at the local ski resorts. If you are planning trips, consider purchasing an Epic, Ikon or Indy Pass. Another great deal is the Champlain Valley Ski and Ride Card. ( <https://www.mychamplainvalley.com/marketplace/ski-ride-card/> ) And, don't forget the Ski Club Appreciation Days. See below for dates when discounts are available.

Please note, the below list is preliminary and is subject to change. Before you go, you should call the resort to verify that they are still offering the discount.

### Ski Club Appreciation Days for the 2019—2020 Season

**Waterville Valley** \$45 All Day

Info. (800) GO-Valley

- Early season only December 8, 9 only \$35
- January 11, 12
- February 8, 9
- March 14, 15

**Burke Mountain** \$35 Adult \$25 Junior

Info. (802) 626-7345

- January 24,25, 26
- March 6, 7, 8

**Gore Mountain** \$42 one day, \$75 Two day

Info. (518) 251-2411 Ext.1122

- December 8
- December 22, 23, 24
- January 16
- February 3
- February 23
- March 16
- March 27, 28, 29, 30

*Tickets must be purchased at Guest Services*

**Whiteface Mountain** \$44 all Day

Info. (518) 946-2223

- December 9, 10
- January 13, 14
- February 3
- March 2
- March 30, 31

**SugarBush**

Info. (800) 53 Sugar

- December 18-22 \$55
- January 6-10 \$58
- January 11-12 \$65

**Belleayre Mountain** \$38

Info. (800) 942-6904

- December 16, 17
- January 13, 14
- February 6, 7
- March 10
- March 12
- March 16

**Hunter Mountain**

Info. (518) 263-4223

- December 15 \$50
- December 16 \$45
- January 12 \$50
- January 13 \$45
- February 2 \$50
- February 3 \$45
- March 1 \$50
- March 2 \$45
- March 29 \$40
- March 30 \$35

**Mount Snow**

Info (800) 451-4443

- December 20-25 \$42
- January 24 \$45
- January 25-26 \$56
- February 7 \$45
- February 8-9 \$56
- March 6 \$45
- March 8-9 \$56

*Tickets must be purchased at the Group Sales office*

To Take advantage of these discounts you must present a valid OSC membership card with the NJS&SB Council sticker on back and a photo ID.

Tickets can be purchased at any ticket window except as noted above.

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## Great Ski Etiquette: 10 Do's and Don'ts

From SnowBrains | October 14, 2019



The do's and don'ts of proper ski etiquette. Credit: [Oxygene Ski School](#)

**The skier in front of you has the right of way.** They may be a slowpoke and be blocking your line, but give them space so you don't accidentally hit them and have to get ski patrol involved. Always ski in control too.

The skier code. Credit: [Stonehouse signs](#)

**Stop somewhere sensible.** Stop on the side of the piste or where you can be visibly seen so you don't end up being a part of someone's landing.

**Know before you go.** Make sure to know the trail you are taking so you don't screw yourself by blindly sending into a massive cliff zone or a run that's way steeper than what you're comfortable with. Ski areas hand out trail maps like candy – study them.



Keep the mountains clean! Credit: [Live Science](#)

**Don't litter.** There are often bins at the top of ski lifts so you can recycle your beer cans. It takes a serious scumbag to actively litter in a holy place like a ski area.

**Don't cut the lift line.** People are already hot and bothered enough on powder days, and fists can fly at any moment in the line to a ski lift.



Help your fellow skiers and don't hesitate to call ski patrol if needed. Credit: [Depositphotos](#)

**Stop and help a fellow skier who has fallen or looks hurt.** This doesn't mean give them CPR or try to save their lives, but if you see a downed skier go over to them and see if they need ski patrol called. No one wants to be left unconscious in the snow.

**Don't duck ropes or ski into closed areas.** There's a reason ski patrol hasn't opened it yet, and it probably has something to do with your own safety. This is also the quickest way to lose that brand new, shiny season pass of yours.



Ski lifts have birthed countless friendships and love affairs throughout the ages. Credit: [US News Travel](#)

**Be friendly on the chair lift.** No need to be standoffish on the chair, we're all here for the same reason. Say hi to your fellow skiers, unless they have music on or don't seem to speak the same language as you. Just be respectful and friendly, because who knows, you may make a new friend or wind up with a hot date.

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## mountainFLOW Launches Plant-Based Ski Wax

by Jon Jay Skimag.com Sep 4, 2019



The company reveals made-in-America products that reduce the number of chemicals flowing into rivers and streams.

One of the best feelings in the world is the acceleration of a freshly waxed pair of skis during the first run of the day. It might generate a number of emotions, including excitement, freedom, and even a tinge of fear. But one thought that probably doesn't run through your head at that particular moment is guilt.

The wax that most manufacturers produce for skis is created with petroleum and fluorocarbons, both of which are under regulatory changes in the USA and the European Union at the moment due to their negative environmental impact. As you ski, wax comes off your ski bases and penetrates the snow. When the snow melts, the oil-based composition flows into creeks, streams, rivers, and reservoirs, accumulating at mostly unmeasured levels into both the ecosystems and drinking water.

During the 2017-2018 season, "there was about 2 and a half million pounds of ski wax introduced into the U.S. snowpack," says mountainFLOW founder Peter Arlein. The amount has caught the attention of the EPA, who started auditing the ski wax industry in 2018 when fluorocarbons started being labeled as carcinogens.

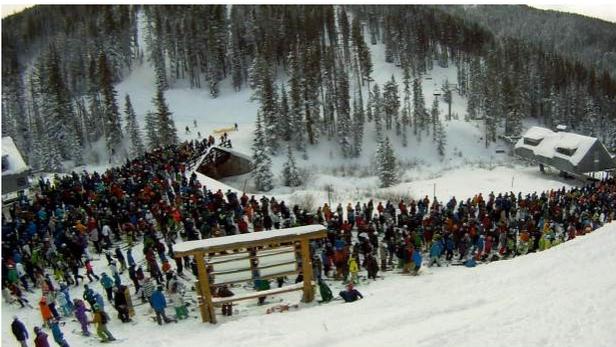
mountainFLOW, which launched a spray to reduce snow-buildup on the top of skis under the brand name Snow Shed in 2016, is launching a 100 percent plant-based ski wax on Kickstarter this month. The product line, which consists of multiple iron-on wax products for different snow temps and a universal rub-on wax, is made from a proprietary blend of plants and not a single drop of petroleum. The iron-on wax even comes in biodegradable packaging.

Last season, SKI Magazine was given early samples of both the rub-on and all-temp hot wax, and we can attest that the on-snow performance was equal to the majority of other recreational-use wax products available on the market. The application of the rub-on wax was as simple as it gets and lasted bell-to-bell on a wet Whistler Blackcomb snowpack.

The iron-on wax was just as easy to apply as any other wax, but one thing that was especially noticeable and appreciated was that the application process felt much cleaner and didn't produce the same chemical overtones (i.e. smell) experienced waxers have come to expect. We didn't do any air quality tests, but it certainly felt cleaner as the wax melted on to our ski bases.

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Lift lines like these cause anxiety. Be cool... Credit: [Get Ski Tickets](#)

### Don't stand on other people's skis in the lift line.

Pretty self-explanatory, but it still happens every day. No one wants a scratch on their brand new [Atomic Bent Chetler's](#) from some jerry in the lift line. Watch where you swing those ski poles, too.

**HAVE FUN!** A wise man once said that the best skier on the mountain is the one who has the most fun. Be as competitive as you like on the hill, but remember the whole reason why you started skiing in the first place – to enjoy yourself and the mountains!

# 2020 Ski Trips

Dates	Location	Price	Trip Leader	Assistant Trip Leader
January 17 - 20	Garnet Hill New York	\$290.00 pp (based on 20 participants)	Donna Willis (315) 677-9024 ddw24@cornell.edu	TBD
Feb 8 - Feb 15,	Big Ski Montana <b>Full Wait Listed</b>	\$2200	Diane Clark (315) 635-1686 dclark1924@gmail.com	Gary Tarolli (315) 480-4953 tarolga@yahoo.com
Feb 14	Bristol Mountain New York <b>Day Trip</b>	TBD	TBD	NA
Feb 17 - 22	Smugglers Notch Vermont <b>Spots Available</b>	\$856 / Adult \$760 / Child (5-17)	Kathy See (315) 430-4655 OSCEastTrip1@gmail.com	Melanie Stevens (315) 278-2787 Theresa Covington
February 25 - 27	Ellicottville New York <b>Spots Available</b>	\$109/room per night plus taxes plus lift tickets and meals.	Scott Launt (315) 427-7118 slaunt@twcny.rr.com	Jack O'Brian (315) 571-8076 jwobrien@twcny.rr.com
Feb 29 - March 7	Crested Butte Colorado <b>Spots Available!</b>	\$2110	Sue Shopiro (315) 682-4475 ssshopiro@gmail.com	Linda Kelly (315) 729-9448 lindakelly1009@gmail.com

## New Jersey Ski Council Trips

NJSSC organizes and runs several ski trips each year. The trips are open to members of our Club

Feb 9 - Feb 14	White Face Mt. New York	\$575	Kathy Mancini (732) 222-1530	Ed Dalton (908) 406-2933
Feb 29 - Mar 7	Park City Utah	No Air prices \$1510-\$1725	Susan Dolan (908) 962-2152	Karen Sanderson (914) 319-1794
Mar 8 - Mar 13	Sunday River Maine	\$520	Ed Dalton (908) 406-2933	Kathy Mancini (732) 222-1530



A beautiful day for a hike at Robert Treman State Park with fellow Ski Club members

# Calendar

11/5/2019	Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 p.m. Dewitt Town Offices
11/7/2019	Fall Book Discussion 5:30 p. m., Piano & Organ Center, 102 Lawrence Rd E, North Syracuse, NY
11/12/2019	General meeting at Maplewood Suites. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:30-8:30 p.m.
11/15/2019	Warren Miller's 70th movie, "Timeless" 7:30 pm at the Landmark Theater, Syracuse, Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope along with your \$21 check payable to Steven Knowles, 120 Hillside Way, Camillus, NY 13031. 5:30 Dinner, pay your own, Syracuse Suds.
12/3/2019	Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 p.m. Dewitt Town Offices
12/10/2019	General meeting at Maplewood Suites. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Meeting 7:30-8:30 p.m.
12/21/2019	Bella Domani holiday event 5-9 p.m.

## Web Committee News

Remember to check the website for news regarding the club. It has the most comprehensive information for our members – trips, discounts, events, policies. This time of year, the committee is working to get the site updated with the most current information for the ski season in the Hot Deals section. We have these in two categories – 'Skiing Hot Deals – OSC members' and 'Skiing Hot Deals – Other'. The first is for OSC members only; the latter is for the general public, but may be of interest to our members. We are still receiving information for NJSSC Council Days and I Ski NY deals. As you browse these postings, please be sure to check dates.

If you have a question regarding OSC, please use our 'Contact Us' form on the Home Page. This email account is monitored and the response time is 2 – 3 days.

# classified Ads

Schussboomer is published monthly. Members may run free Classified Ads, for 2 months. Copy deadline is last Tuesday of preceding month. Send content/pictures to Steve Davis editor, at [sdavi12@twcny.rr.com](mailto:sdavi12@twcny.rr.com). Include Schussboomer in e-mail header.

Members may also post more detailed classified ads on the web site's classified forum

I have a supply of old skis that can be used for a variety of projects. If you need some old skis please call or email me. Mike McCabe Phone (315) 678-3676 email [junewayskier@gmail.com](mailto:junewayskier@gmail.com)

OSC would like to find a home(s) for a 2 drawer fire proof filing cabinet that we no longer need. In excellent condition. \$15 - first come, first served. To be picked up from Mattydale address. Email: John Sonne. [pugdoc@mac.com](mailto:pugdoc@mac.com) **Sold**

LANGE SKI BOOTS - LIKE NEW - Lange RX 100 size 28.5, with adjustable flex, ALU buckles, worn about 5 times because they ended up being too big. They are black with red detailing. Asking \$275 but will consider offers. Jeff (860) 338-3923.

(Ski In-Ski Out) Vermont style Ski Chalet located on top of Labrador Mountain next to Badger chair lift. Selling with 12 acres of land. Elaine Gingold (315) 559 2727

2018/19 Head Super Shape i.Titan skis, 170 length, 135/76/114 with Head PRD\12 Bindings. Used half of 2018/19 season, excellent condition. \$200.00 or best. Call John at (315) 491 4959 or (315) 682 1773.

Solomon Mission RS7 Black/Red Men's ski boots Like new, very slightly used, size 30.5 (US 12.5 Call Linda Perry-Hitchings (315) 439-0611 if interested

A 1920's vintage flat topped wooden framed steamer trunk in decent condition. - \$50  
A two gallon white porcelain coated milk pail, from about the same era, in excellent condition - \$60  
Neville Sachs (315)-436-1257

## Support Our Loyal Supporters

Most of these companies offer discounts if you show your current Onondaga Ski Club membership card and a photo ID. So take advantage of your savings, and frequent these organizations that also support us.

Cannon Pools  
5210 West Taft Rd  
North Syracuse, NY 13212

Tailwater Lodge  
52 Pulaski St.  
Altmar, NY 13302

Syracuse Bicycle  
2540 Erie Blvd. East,  
Syracuse, NY

Blue Spruce Lounge  
Maplewood Suites  
400 7th N St,  
Liverpool, NY 13088

The Bikery  
7556 Van Buren Rd.  
Baldwinsville, NY 13027

Advance Cyclery  
118 Seeley Rd.  
Syracuse, NY 13224

Bike Loft East  
119 West Seneca Street  
Manlius, NY 13104

Camillus Kayak  
24 W Genesee Street  
Camillus, NY 13031

Mello Velo  
790 Canal St  
Syracuse, NY 13210

Syracuse Fitness  
2922 Erie Erie Blvd East  
Syracuse, NY 13224

Syracuse Yoga  
6181 Thompson Rd Suite 803,  
Syracuse, NY 13206