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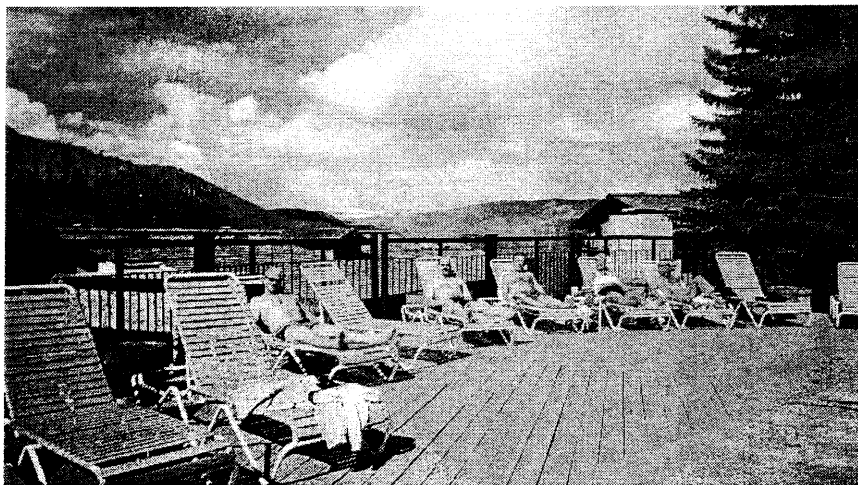
4th Annual Spring Fling Ski Trip Snowmass, Colorado

The bus arrived promptly at 5:00 PM on Tuesday and twenty-eight hearty souls boarded for the overnight trip to Snowmass for five days of skiing. I had asked my wife Cynde to help out with some games on the bus to help the time go faster. Little did we know what she had in store for everyone. It started off with a game called Adult Trivial Pursuit. Cynde asked questions from the game books and whoever got the right answer received a prize. Those were quite interesting, female gummy parts and male peppermint parts. Everyone got a laugh out of that, but the fun was just starting. Next she played Monte Hall's "Lets make a Deal". She asked for a variety of items. Winning the most unusual item was the pickle Ron Rohrs pulled from his pocket and tossed to the front of the bus. Ron won a gift certificate to Spirit World. Next she asked who had a razor, Sean McCall was the first to dig one out. Strange since he doesn't have any hair on his face to shave. He won a gift certificate to the Bike rack.

We had dinner in Grand Island and breakfast in Glenwood Springs before finally arriving in Snowmass with time to get in a full day of skiing. The staff at the Crestwood condos were wonderful to work with. They were ready to lend a hand or help us with any problems we had. After everyone got settled in we set out for our first day of what turned out to be called slushing instead of skiing. I think the only problem we had on the whole trip was the weather. Warm, sunny days are usually a part of spring skiing but this was ridiculous.

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The ultimate ski trip-hanging out by the pool in 70 degree weather. Snowmass, CO April 2002

Current Events

May 7 (Tue)

Board Meeting, McCall Press 3219 Leavenworth 6:30pm All members welcome.

May 19 (Sun)

Annual Meeting/Election Party

Time: 5:00 until????

Where: McCall's house, 1306 So. 35th Ave., Omaha

Why: General meeting to elect 2002-2003 Officers to the board and discuss matters of the general club business. And of course, to socialize.

Food and drink: Pat will be barbecuing the meat. Please RSVP to 345-1881 so we can get an idea of how much to make.

Members A-M bring a desert , N-Z bring a salad or vegetable. Pop and iced tea will be provided. Bring your own beer, wine or whatever. Please bring a lawn chair or two.

Future Events

June 11 (Tue)

Board Meeting, McCall Press 3219 Leavenworth, 6:30pm All members welcome.

June 28 (Fri)

Kansas City Trip leaves

www.OmahaSkiClub.org

Spring Fling Trip to Snowmass (continued)

It was a balmy 65 to 70 degrees at the bottom of the mountain. It was great for sitting around in the hot tub or by the pool working on a great spring tan, but we were here to ski. Most of us did get in enough skiing to make the trip worth while. The daily conditions went from icy to pretty good for two or three hours and then the slush set in. The lower parts of the mountain were horrible, and in the five days we were there, much of the snow cover melted away. I have skied on a lot of spring trips and this one was really different. The upper and mid mountain areas had enough snow on them to hold up pretty well. You just had to watch out for the areas that were in the sun. It went from ice to slush back to ice as you went in and out of the sunlit areas. Quite challenging, for those of us with bad knees and or bad backs. A lot of us quit early and headed for the daily hot tub parties. One of our new members said at the end of the trip that we have the hot tub partying down pat. I must say it sure is interesting what goes on at these hot tub parties.

At the first night welcome party, Cynde struck again. The night before the trip left she decided to put on a murder mystery skit. One of our neighbors has a kit with parts for each member of the cast. She started to make phone calls to get volunteers. Most people she asked said yes but were a little skeptical. Everyone dressed up as best as they could for their parts. We had one problem, we were short a girl. Well, Cynde sweet-talked Phil Bintz into dressing up as "Tiara Diamond," a beauty pageant winner. By the time Cynde and Teri got through with him, he was quite attractive, except for that hairy chest. It was quite entertaining, we got more laughs from the screw ups than the mystery itself. All of the characters did their best to act out each of their parts, which was made harder by the fact that they could not read their part in advance. Cynde and I would like to thank all the cast members for being good sports about this. Joel Hart, Jack Geiser, Jennifer Pedersen, Mel and Ester Evans, Ron Rohrs, Brian Moore, Sally Dier and Phil Bintz. By the way, Phil's character did it for those of you who didn't figure it out. (He was actually the evil twin sister.)



Murder Mystery cast, Snowmass, CO, April 2002
Jack Geiser, Brian Moore, Ron Rohrs, Tiara Diamond, Sally Dier, Ester Evans, Mel Evans, Joel Hart

The rest of the nights were spent doing different things. Dinner in Aspen on Thursday, A long but enjoyable trip to Glenwood Springs for a dip in the large outdoor hot springs pool on Friday. What were Sally and Don doing kissing underwater, and how did we get a picture of it? And Chinese food and the magic show on Saturday night in Snowmass Village. Sally, where did all the bunnies come from? The trip seemed to fly by and before you know it, it was time to load up the bus and head home. The ride home was uneventful and thanks to our two great drivers, Darrell and Jim, the trip out and back was actually quite enjoyable. I hope everyone had a great trip and we will see what Spring fling 2003 has in store for us. Did anyone hear the word Vail whispered as we drove by it? Only the Snow dragons know what will happen.



Yes, there actually was snow at Snowmass.

Pat and Cynde McCall
Snowmass 2002

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Well gang, that was one heck of a ski season. I think the trip captains deserve a big round of applause. All of the trips did better than we expected. I think we added more people than we planned to every trip. That is a good sign. It means we are offering the kind of trips people want to go on. There was a good mix to work with. Even the Snowmass bus trip turned out to be a success even though the weather did not cooperate. From a club standpoint, I think we did very well. We added quite a few new members, and a lot of them have made positive comments about the club. Hopefully they will spread the word about us to their friends. From a medical standpoint this was a good year. A few cracked ribs, a couple of twisted knees, but no major accidents, unlike last year when we had a rash of crazy mishaps. Maybe some of us have grown wiser with age-- NOT!

We did not get much of a response from people to run for the board, so Ron and Don will be running again.

We still need some help on a couple of committees, so don't be shy. We can use all the help we can get to make this a better club. The election party is coming up and I hope you all plan on attending. There will be lots of great food and Teri will bring ALL of the pictures from this year's trips. (Maybe I'd better get some more tables!) We will be talking about some of the summer events that we have planned. There will be weekly bicycle rides and Wednesday night volleyball. Other things we are going to throw in are: Jazz on the Green in mid summer, more putt-putt golf outings, Dinner and Movies (these have been well attended in the past), a good old-fashioned drive-in movie over in Council Bluffs, a Royals baseball game or two, a zoo day for club members, and a trip to the SAC museum. Sally Dier and Teri Hammon will be coordinating all of these outings, so if you are interested in doing these make sure they have your e-mail or phone number.

There are two club trips scheduled for this summer. The first one is a weekend Kansas City trip. We will go down on Friday, June 28th and return Sunday

June 30th. Friday we will do dinner at the Station Casino and then either a movie or gambling, your choice. Saturday we will go to Worlds of Fun and Oceans of Fun during the day, and attend a Royals baseball game that night. Sunday you can stay and do what ever you like or leave for Omaha. We are going to limit this trip to 20 people. So first come first serve. We should have the prices set by the election party. We have done this trip in the past and it is always a lot of fun. Rooms will be double occupancy so call a friend and join us for a wild weekend in KC. Call Pat McCall to reserve a spot at 345-1881 or 342-8898.

Are you ready for some adventure? In early August we are setting up a trip to Colorado for some high adventure. Four days of excitement with activities to include river rafting on the Arkansas river, probably the Brown's Canyon area. We will then hike to the top of Pikes Peak and ride down on the inclined railway. That's not cheating, we will be doing the hard part. For those who don't think they can make the climb, there will be lots of other things to keep you busy. Horse back riding, caving at Wind Cave, gambling in Central City and touring the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. We will do a night visit to Seven Falls, a series of waterfalls that they light up at night with an array of colored lights. Quite a sight to behold.

This is your first call to board our November Caribbean cruise. This trip will be for 7 days aboard the ship Carnival Destiny. The dates will be either November 3 through the 10 or November 10 through the 17, 2002. We are limiting this trip to the first 20 people to sign up, so don't wait, we already have a lot of interest. The trip will begin on San Juan, with stops at St. Thomas/St. John, Martinique, Barbados, Aruba and end up back on San Juan. We are currently trying to get the best price we can. The price will be approximately \$1,400.00 per person. This includes air, with ocean view cabins. Once again this is based on double occupancy so call up a friend. It makes it easier to book the rooms when there are two of you. If you want to get on the list or just want some more information call Teri Hammon at 571-4517 or Pat McCall at 345-1881.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the board and committee members who have worked hard all year to keep this club running smoothly. Sometimes you are not thanked enough, but your hard work is greatly appreciated by all of our members.

Snow dragons rock!

Pat McCall
President, OSC



Hot tub at the Crestwood. Snowmass, CO, April 2002

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TO our current (and our not so current) members:

With the end of the ski season comes the end of the OSC membership year. As you will note on the membership apps, all OSC memberships run from June 1 through May 31. At the end of the membership year we hold our Annual Meeting/Election Party at which we conduct elections for the OSC board for the coming year, and also publish a directory of our members. We mailed the election ballot and the directory with this newsletter. If you did not receive the ballot and directory, it is because your membership is not current, as you did not submit a membership application and pay the required dues for the 2001-02 year. If you submit a membership application and pay one year's dues prior to (or at) the Annual Meeting/Election Party, you will be considered a member for both 2001-02 and 2002-03 and will be eligible to vote in the coming election. Also, as the club directory is distributed only to current members, this would allow you to receive a copy of the current directory.

ANNOUNCING:

Kansas City Trip June 28-30, 2002

2 night stay in Kansas City
KC Royals baseball game Saturday evening
Oceans of Fun/Worlds of Fun
gambling, sightseeing, shopping
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