

OMAHA SKI CLUB

June 2003

Current Events

June 3 (Tue) Board Meeting,
McCall Press 3219 Leavenworth.
Time 6:30 pm.
All members welcome.

June 11 (Wed) Social Gathering
at Boston's, 8045 So 83rd Ave
(84th and Giles Rd), Lavista.
Time: 7:30 pm. Those of us
playing Volleyball will be there
when we finish our games. For
those who want to come watch us
and cheer us on, you can meet us
at Papio bowl at 7:00 pm.

**June 27 (Fri) Commercial
Federal Celebrates America
Concert.** See article in
newsletter for details

Future Events

July 1 (Tue) Board Meeting,
McCall Press 3219 Leavenworth.
Time 6:30 pm. All members
welcome.

**July 18-20 Niobrara Tube Float
/ Campout.....**See Ron
Bechdolt's article in newsletter for
details.

**Sally Dier, Vice-President
Activities**

Summer Activities with OSC



Jazz on the Green



Riding the Keystone Trail

Spend A Lazy Day Tubing The Niobrara River

We are once again going tubing down the Niobrara River. Come join us for a leisurely afternoon tube float down several miles of the most scenic part of Nebraska you will ever encounter. Rated by Backpacker Magazine as one of the top 10 canoeing rivers in the United States, the Niobrara provides hours of enjoyment, and memories that will last for a lifetime. Travel by tube (or optional canoe) as you float through canyons and meadows. Watch for bald eagles, turkey, deer, beaver, hawks, and herons along the way! With average speeds of 4-7 mph and average depths of 18"-24" the Niobrara is ideal for first-timers and a fun trip for all ages! Visit Smith Falls state park and see the tallest waterfall in Nebraska

We will launch at Berry Bridge, which is about 1 ½ hours above Smith Falls State Park. Our stopping point at the end of the tube float is our campground which is about 3 ½ hours below Smith Falls State Park. For those of you who like to sip a beer while you tube, great news...as we will not be going through the wildlife area, there are no restrictions for the stretch of river we will be on.

Basic Info:

- Camping Dates: July 18 and 19 (Fri & Sat).
- Tubing Date: July 19 (Sat).
- Costs: \$39 per person – Deadline is June 10th.
- We will be camping someplace new this time, Fritz's Island Campground, <http://www.campniobrara.com>. They have modern restrooms, showers a convenience store and even a bar!

Includes:

- Camping fee at Fritz Island campground for two nights, tube rental, bus transportation from our campground to the drop off point up river. The end point is right at our campground.
- Lots and lots of fun!

Available, But Not Included:

- Canoe rental instead of tube - \$17 additional (can be split between two people)
- Cooler Tubes - \$5.00
- If you wish to tube an additional day, this will be on your own. We can provide reservation information for you.

Not Included – You Need to Bring:

- Tent/Camping gear.
- Food (don't forget marshmallows for the campfire!)
- Sunscreen and lots of beverages!

Needed Now:

We need an e-mail or phone call from you this week to determine how many are going so we can make accurate reservations. There are only a limited amount of camping spaces and tube/canoe rentals available and we have to book early. Your check and trip application can arrive later, but I need you to contact me now to insure I reserve you a space. I need to know how many people, how many tubes (or canoes) and if you want a cooler tube.

Who To Contact:

Ron Bechdolt – Trip Captain
2215 N. 113 Street
Omaha, NE 68164
vp-trips@omahaskiclub.org
498-8969 (home)
559-8689 (office)

Commercial Federal Celebrates America

What: Classic music by the Pointer Sisters, The Village people and more with a fireworks finale by Fireworks by Grucci.

When: Friday June 27 Where: Memorial Park, 60th Street and Underwood Avenue

Come join us for the fun. A few of us will be getting there about noon to save a spot. Bring your lawn chairs, coolers, favorite beverage and food.

Please RSVP to Sally or Michelle and we will let you know where we will be sitting. I will either call or send out an e-mail to let everyone know.

Questions?? Call Sally or Michelle

Sally Dier VP Activities 493-6056

Michelle Hargis OSC Sports Coordinator 731-6245 or cell 981-1012



**More summer fun with
OSC**

(Left)-OSC Volleyball Team in Action



(Right)-Breakfast after Biking

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Moving?

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PRESIDENTS CORNER (continued)

The bike rides have not done so well due to the crazy weather we have been having. Once it stops raining, things should settle down and we can get in some quality mileage. Riding only a few miles does not do much to help develop your cardiovascular system. That IS why we put our butts through the pain, right? So when ski season gets here we can last until that last run on the sixth day of skiing. (Ya, right.) Well at least until noon on the fourth full day. I know that the older I get the harder it is to keep in shape enough to do all of the skiing I would like to do. We need to do anything we can at this stage of the game. Those of you younger members of the club will know what I am talking about soon enough. All of those past falls and sports injuries do catch up to you. If you want to ride with us contact Teri Hammon, at dragonsrock@msn.com.

Sally has many things going for activities this summer. Watch for emails on all of our club activities. Some times we do not have a lot of time to announce things and email is the only way to quickly let everyone know. If you do not have email, be sure and let us know so you can be put on a call list and not be left out of anything. If you have any ideas for fun activities contact Sally at 493-6056.

We are just starting the process for deciding on this year's trips. We will let you know as soon as we get places and dates set so that you can start making plans. We hope to offer at least five quality trips again this year. If you have any ideas for specific trips, now is the time to let Ron or myself know about it. Otherwise the board will choose the trips we think will work the best for the Club.

Pat McCall
President, OSC

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