



May 2003

Current Events

May 18 (Sun) Annual Meeting/Election Party

Time: 5:00pm until?????????????
Where: McCall's House, 1306 So. 35th Ave., Omaha Why: General meeting to elect 2003-2004 Officers to the board and to discuss matters of the general club business. And of course, to Socialize. This year we will have a Hawaiian luau theme. Wear your favorite Hawaiian attire and bring your favorite Hawaiian food. 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 salad or vegetable, N-Z bring a desert. Pop and iced tea will be provided. Bring your own beer, wine or whatever. Please bring a lawn chair or two

Future Events

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

**Sally Dier, Vice-President
Activities**

Big Sky 2003 Trip

Well, my first trip as a trip captain is over and I would like to start by thanking some people without whom it might have been a disaster. Michelle, thanks for taking care of all the details before the trip left and getting me to the airport on time. Jim Arbuckle, thanks for continuing to be a ski patroller even on your vacation. Mary Ava, thanks for the wonderful dinner you prepared for all of us even though you were down with a sprained ankle. Ron Bechdolt, thanks for your patience and for always being there to answer questions. THANKS AGAIN ALL OF YOU.

The trip started off a little short. Pam Arbuckle was unable to make the trip as she became ill right at the last minute. We missed having you, Pam. Mary Ava went down the first day of skiing with a sprained ankle but by Friday she was up and ready to go again. And Mr. Bintz, our own racing hero, went down with a concussion after catching the tip of his ski on a gate. After a trip to the hospital he was up and around but under doctor's orders was unable to ski the rest of the trip. We're glad everyone is home safe.

Big Sky is a beautiful place to ski. Although there was plenty of snow when we first arrived, the big snow started on Tuesday night and did not stop until Friday--2 feet of fresh snow sent from HEAVEN!! The races were held on Monday and Thursday. Congradulations to Teri for first place in her class and second overall. On Wednesday Mary Ava, Tim and myself went snowmobiling. Absolutely BEAUTIFUL!!

Thanks to everyone who was able to come on this trip. I sincerely hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as I did. Also Don and Sally, thanks for meeting Pam and Michelle for lunch while we were gone. I'm sure it cheered them both up after having to miss the trip.

Trip Captain, Ellen Forster

(See photos from Big Sky inside)

Memorial Day Weekend Ski Trip - May 23-26, 2003

During seven out of the past eight years, Ben Novograd and Mark Storz have set up a trip to Arapahoe Basin, Colorado on Memorial Day weekend. They'll be going again this year. This is not a club sponsored trip; they're just interested to see if anyone wants to join them.

Skiing on Memorial Day weekend has several advantages:

- Snow conditions can be surprisingly good. We have video taken on past trips. The lower part of the mountain can get slushy in the sun, but the upper portion often has powder. On many past trips, new snow has fallen on Memorial Day weekend.
- Crowds and lift lines are almost nonexistent.
- Most or all of the mountain is still open. It's got a high altitude (10 to 12 thousand feet) and northern exposure, so the snow takes longer to melt than at other ski areas. Arapahoe Basin is the last Colorado ski area to close for the season, usually in late June or on the fourth of July. This season, the area installed and used a snowmaking system for the first time.
- Lift tickets are fairly cheap - \$35/day.
- Lodging is relatively cheap and readily available. The cost will depend on how many people participate.
- Frostbite is not a problem. The probability of hypothermia is also reduced. On a sunny day, it's feasible to reduce the number of layers of outerwear worn.
- The attitude is relaxed and laid back. No glitz, glamor or pretentiousness. Just skiing and snowboarding.
- The ski area is having a "beach party" with live music and their 2nd annual brewpubs festival together on Saturday, the 24th. This will be their biggest party of the year.

Bottom line - you get plenty of skiing and partying for your \$ and time. It's a good value.

This will be a drive out trip. Lodging at Keystone will be on Friday the 23rd, Saturday the 24th, and Sunday the 25th. They'll be staying at Keystone, about 6 miles away. Mark and Ben will be making lodging reservations and payment for lodging will be through them. The plan is to drive out Friday, the 23rd, ski Saturday, Sunday and part of Monday, and drive back Monday evening, the 26th - Memorial Day.

For more info contact Ben Novograd at 291-5704.

PRESIDENTS CORNER

What a great ski season this has been. We offered six quality club-sponsored trips and many of you took trips out on your own. The snow conditions kept getting better as the season progressed, and finished with some of the best late season conditions I can remember. Seven of us ventured out to Copper Mountain over the second weekend of April. We arrived to warm weather, lots of snow and short lift lines. A lot of vertical feet were skied in a short period of time. Copper Mountain had a spring festival with live bands and additional activities other than skiing. There were a lot of people there over the weekend but not all of them were skiing. It was a great party atmosphere each day when we can down from skiing. My son Sean found the climbing rock in the commons area behind Jack's. He demonstrated why we call him Spiderman. Combined with his youth and athletic ability he made a hard climb look really easy. I watched from below remembering how I used to be able to do that before all of my knee damage. You should check this climbing rock out the next time you are at Copper. It is the most realistic man-made formation I have seen yet.

In my last newsletter article I had said we have had few injuries this year. I should know better than to say anything like that until the season is over. On the Big Sky trip Phil Bintz took a bad fall on the race course. He had to go to the hospital and have his head examined. They did not find anything unusual other than Phil has a hard head. That, and the fact he was skiing with a helmet on saved him from any serious damage. He did have a bad headache for a while and was not able to ski the rest of the week. There is something to be said for wearing a helmet. There are more and more of us doing so each year. I have worn one for a number of years and based on all the scratches and dings, it has done its job well. (Ok, you might want to

argue that one.)

You will be receiving information in this newsletter as well as E-mails for all the summer activities we are planning. We are working on a number of things to keep everyone active this summer. Volleyball and the weekly bike rides should already be started. Golf outings and summer parties are in the works. Jazz on the Green starts in July. We will let you know about anything else as soon as the details are worked out. I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer. It is never too soon to get in shape for next year's ski season.

The board will be putting together next year's ski season over the next couple of months. We will let you know as soon as we can so that you can plan your vacation time. At this time we do know that the USRSA trip will be going to Banff in late February. There is already a lot of interest in this trip. We will probably start reserving spots in August so that we can have enough space for everyone who wants to go. There should be five or six quality trips for you to go on. As always we will try to make each trip affordable and a great skiing experience.

This year's election party will once again be at my house. We are adding a Hawaiian theme to it this time. Wear your Hawaiian clothes and bring a dish to share that fits the occasion. I'm sure we can come up with some interesting drinks for you to sample. Knowing my wife Cynde, it will be an enjoyable time for all who attend. Fill out your ballots and bring them to the party.

Dragons rock !

Pat McCall President, OSC

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Time to dust off your clubs and practice your swings.....

We are planning several golf outings for this summer. We will try to play every third to fourth weekend.. If you are interested in playing please contact Sally Dier at 493-6056 (aspendream@juno.com) or Michelle Hargis at 731-6245 (MchllHrgs@aol.com) We will put you on our calling list or e-mail list.



Sally Dier Vice President of Activities
Michelle Hargis OSC Sports Coordinator

Attention OSC Members and Friends

This newsletter contains the official Election Ballot for the Board elections to be held May 18 and the 2002-2003 Club Directory. However, these items can only be sent to dues-paid members. If you did not receive these items, our records show you have not paid dues for the 2002-2003 club year. The club year runs from June 1 to May 31. Dues for the 2003-2004 year are now due.

Barb Larson, Membership Chairperson



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