



December 2004

Current Events

November 29, 2004 (Monday) Ski Tuning Workshop, HPER building at UNO, 60th & Dodge, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

December 3, 2004 (Friday) Warren Miller Film: "IMPACT", 8:00 p.m., Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center, 313 N. 13th St, Lincoln, NE (I-80 to exit 401, then 34 south). Cost: \$10.00 at the door

December 5, 2004 (Sunday) 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Christmas Party/Glenwood Springs Pre-Trip Party Fox & Hound, 120th & West Dodge Rd We'll be in the green party room on the left. OK to bring cookies.

December 7, 2004 (Tuesday) Board Meeting, McCall Press, 3219 Leavenworth, 6:30 p.m. All members welcome)

Coming Events

December 30 - January 2 Glenwood Springs Trip

January 4, 2005 (Tuesday) Board Meeting, McCall Press, 3219 Leavenworth, 6:30 p.m. All members welcome

January 11, 2005 (Tuesday) General Membership Meeting/Glenwood Springs Post Trip, Old Chicago, 78th and Cass St, 7:00 p.m.

Jennifer Pedersen, VP Activities

Honey of A Hayrack Ride

Last month we shared a great evening with friends-new and old. Twenty six OSC members and friends came together for an evening of camaraderie and fun. Our ages ranged from twelve to sixty something. (Is that right Bob Todd?) The mood was jocular and welcoming. We were even serenaded by Brian. It was really great to catch up with many folks we have known for years and to chat with first timers to an OSC event. (Thanks Merry for bringing so many of your friends from work. We hope that they join us again in the near future.)

We all gathered at Santa's Woods for a hot dog/marshmallow roast. The evening was just right, not too warm and not too cool. We had the crispness of autumn without the sting of winter. Then after we were all sated and ready to sit for awhile we headed off for a starlit jaunt through the countryside. We had Cindy all wrapped up, sure not to catch a chill, and Phil sitting behind the tractor keeping an eye on everything. I know it's hard to believe but we even had a few stories and jokes coming from Pat and Merry's general direction. It was lots of fun and very relaxing. Much in part to the kind folks of Santa's Woods-Thank you!

Hope you can join us next year on the next hayrack ride!

Jennifer Pedersen, VP Activities



Sign up soon for the New Year's Trip - see back page

www.omahaskiclub.org

SUN VALLEY IDAHO
February 26 – March 5, 2005
\$1070.00
ONLY 36 SPACES AVAILABLE!!

Join members of the Omaha Ski Club in Sun Valley Idaho for a week of skiing. Price includes round trip airfare to Sun Valley, baggage handling and airport transfers, lodging and 5 days of lift tickets. We will be staying in the Sun Valley Lodge Apartments, adjacent to the Sun Valley Lodge. These accommodations are just a shuttle ride from the lifts. The complimentary shuttle service runs every 20 minutes. The lodge apartments are close to the Sun Valley Village. This is the original Village from the beginning of Sun Valley with lots of nostalgia, shopping, restaurants, bars and nightclubs. The Jacuzzi is the size of a swimming pool plus there is an exercise room and health club within walking distance of the lodging where there are change rooms and showers.

Sun Valley Ski Area consists of two mountains. Bald Mountain has 3400 vertical feet on 2054 acres of terrain. A total of 13 chair lifts and 65 varied runs offer something for skiers of all ages and skill levels. Dollar Mountain is the perfect place to get acquainted with the thrill of downhill. The mountain features the Wundercarpet that effortlessly whisks children of all ages to the top of the run.

We have excellent **flights** leaving Omaha at 8:40 AM going to Sun Valley. The return trip departure leaves Sun Valley at 9:31 or 11:20 AM and returns to Omaha at 4 PM on Sunday March 5th. Just enough time to unpack and relax before starting your busy workweek.

Lift tickets (5 of 6 day) are included in the price of the trip. If you wish to purchase a 6 of 7 day lift ticket, you must do so with the final payment. The additional cost of this is \$40.00.

Travel insurance is available for the cost of \$52.00 for up to \$1200.00 worth of insurance. Insurance must be purchased prior to 1/10/2005. Insurance covers the following:

- Trip cancellation/interruption penalties
- \$10,000 emergency medical expense/assistance incurred during your trip to treat any condition that is acute or life threatening.
- \$10,000 Accidental death and dismemberment
- \$500 trip delay
- \$1000 for baggage/travel documents
- \$100 for baggage delay
- 24-hour hotline available 365 days a year who will refer you to the appropriate and legal providers if needed.

Other Activities:

Snowshoe and nordic center for snowshoe and cross country adventure

Sun Valley Ice Rink for ice skating

Shopping

www.sunvalley.com

Payment Schedule:

\$350.00 due September 19, 2004

\$240.00 due November 3, 2004

\$240.00 due December 3, 2004

\$240.00 due January 3, 2005 (**final payment. Must have additional lift \$40.00 and insurance \$52.00 included if desire these additional items**)

For more information contact: Teri Hammon (trip captain) 571-4517 hm, 572-2005 wk

OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

JUNE 2004 - MAY 2005

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW ___ RENEWAL ___ FAMILY \$25 ___ SINGLE \$22 ___

LIST MEMBER INFORMATION - - - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Table with 5 columns: FIRST NAME, M.I., LAST NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, SEX. Rows 1-5.

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PH. _____ WORK PH. _____

EMAIL _____ (check this box if ok to publish e-mail address in club directory)

COMMENTS _____

REFERRED BY _____

NOTE: BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION I RELIEVE THE OMAHA SKI CLUB, INC. (OSC) OF ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCIDENT OR INJURY I INCUR WHILE PARTICIPATING IN ANY OSC ACTIVITIES. I ALSO CERTIFY THAT I AM OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.

ATTENTION MEMBERS: OSC is looking at making an electronic version of the newsletter available, how to do that has not been determined yet, and will be discussed for quite a while yet, but we would like member input on this, so please select one of the following preferences: I would prefer to receive my newsletter 1) by printed copy ___ 2) electronically ___ 3) both ___

SIGNATURE (MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED) _____ DATE _____

[OSC USE ONLY] MEMBERSHIP NO. _____ BD. _____ TR. _____ NL. _____



TRIP APPLICATION

(Required for each individual on the trip) (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Trip Destination _____ Trip Dates _____

FIRST NAME M.I. LAST NAME DATE OF BIRTH SEX

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PH. _____ WORK PH. _____

E-MAIL _____ CELL PH. _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: Name _____ Phone _____

I Prefer to Room With _____ OTHER INFO _____

THE OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBER SIGNING THIS APPLICATION AGREES AS FOLLOWS:

The member has read the OSC trip policies on the reverse side of this application and understands and agrees to be bound by them as a condition of participation in this trip. The member further agrees that the club, its directors or committee chairmen shall bear no financial responsibility to members in the event of a delayed departure or return of a trip, or for cancellation of a trip except as provided in items 7 through 10 of the trip policies, nor shall they be liable for any bodily injury, property damage, loss of personal property, or death sustained by or caused by any member on a trip. Those individuals causing property damage at the lodges, condos, busses, ski areas, etc. shall bear the full legal and financial responsibility for the damages. It is a condition of membership in the club that any individual shall be deemed to have accepted these responsibilities and limitations of liability as a consideration of joining the club and participating in this trip.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

[osc use only] deposit: amount paid _____ date _____ ck or rcpt no _____

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO

FEBRUARY 2-6, 2005

ONLY \$325.00

Join the Omaha Ski Club for 4 great days of skiing at Steamboat Springs!

The Flatlands Ski Association (FSA) hosts a Welcome party, daily racing and an Awards Banquet on the last evening of your stay. The price includes 4 nights lodging at The Lodge Condos. These 2 bedroom/2 bath condos are conveniently located by the gondola and are complete with hot tub and pool. Steamboat Springs offers skiing for every level. The views from the top are breathtaking! After your day on the slopes, enjoy a relaxing evening downtown at one of the many great restaurants or stroll through the interesting shops that Steamboat has to offer. If you need a day away from skiing, try the hot air balloon rides, dog sled rides, snowmobiling or many other activities. There is something here for everyone!

Contact your trip captain Philip Bintz at 483-2668 or email pbintz@fmctc.com

Lift tickets not included. Discount lift tickets are available through your trip captain.

OMAHA SKI CLUB TRIP POLICIES

- 1) Trip captain is the final authority on and during the trip.
- 2) Club members will conduct themselves in a mature manner at all times.
- 3) There will be a \$10.00 charge on any returned check.

TRIP SIGN-UP, DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

- 4) Only members in good standing with dues currently paid to the Omaha Ski Club may sign up for a trip. Children under the age of 19 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on the trip. A trip application for a child under the age of 19 must be signed by a parent or guardian of the child.
- 5) By signing up for a trip a member agrees to pay the Club the full cost of the trip applied for, subject to the provisions for timely cancellation in item 7) below. Each trip will have its own trip deposit and payment schedule to be set by the trip committee. A deposit is required to sign up for a trip. Failure to meet the payment schedule may result in automatic cancellation from the trip subject to the cancellation fee in item 7) below.
- 6) When a trip is full the trip captain will start a waiting list. To be placed on the waiting list a member must fill out and sign a trip application and pay the standard deposit for that trip. Waiting list members must meet the payment schedules when moving to the confirmed lists.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

- 7) Unless otherwise listed in individual trip information, cancellations prior to 60 days before the trip departs will result in a cancellation fee of \$50.00; cancellations less than 60 days before the trip departs will result in a cancellation fee of \$100.00 if the trip goes full, or liability for the full cost of the trip if the trip does not go full. Any cancellation fees or penalties may first be deducted from payments the member made for the trip.
- 8) Transferring from the waiting list on one trip to a confirmed list on another trip will be done with no cancellation fee. Refusal to move from the waiting list to the confirmed list will constitute automatic cancellation subject to the cancellation fee in item 9) above.
- 9) If a trip is cancelled by the club, all money paid to the club by a member for that trip will be refunded.
- 10) All members on the waiting list when the trip departs will receive a full refund.
- 11) No refunds will be made until after the trip returns.

BUS TRIPS

- 12) Smoking on buses is prohibited.
- 13) Any time the bus stops en route to its destination, passengers leaving the bus will do so at their own risk.
- 14) The Omaha Ski Club will not provide alcoholic beverages for any bus trip. If any members wish to consume alcoholic beverages on the trip, they can do so at their own expense, and assume all risks and liabilities associated with such consumption

Presidents' Corner

The ski season is finally here. Most of the ski resorts out west are open (or will be shortly). The snow started early and has continued every couple of days. What does this mean for us? A great ski season is just ahead for all of us.

There is still limited space available on three of our trips: New Years, Steamboat, and Sun Valley. Due to the low number of people who signed up for the Vail trip in January, we have had to cancel it. The slow economy, really cold weather in January, and the low number of current members, were all factors in having to cancel the trip.

Membership in the club has declined in the past few years. There are a number of reasons why the membership is going down. According to the National Ski Council Federation, clubs across the whole country are experiencing the same problem. In a recent e-mail from the Council, they gave these reasons for the decline:

- In 2000, participation in sports and fitness activities among people ages 16 and over took a real dip and has not yet recovered. Instead of sports, people are watching television and taking part in computer activities. Among leisure activities, gaming is the fastest growing.
- The ski industry is not helping the sport grow. The number of skiers and snowboarders are declining. Skier days are up but this is not due to more skiers, but to the same skiers skiing more days due to the low cost of season passes.
- Two age groups of skiers are growing, 19 to 20 years of and 40 plus group. The 30 to 40 year old group is too time starved to go skiing. The generation X (20-29) males, are fitness freaks. They are joining for-profit adventure clubs instead of ski clubs.
- Statistics show that 40% of club skiers skip one or more seasons every five years. Skiers are looking more to have a good time on their trips rather than become advanced or expert skiers.
- And lastly, the ski industry has no voice for the consumers. They need help from clubs and ski councils.

In a more local story, Bahnsen's is closing its doors. They have sold and rented skis in our area for the past 45 years. The poor economy and competition from the big chain stores have hurt them in the past few years. We will miss their personal attention and the quality tuning service they have provided all of us over the years.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New year from myself and the rest of the Omaha Ski club board.

Dragons Rock

Pat McCall, President
Omaha Ski Club

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Moving?

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Ring In The New Year In Glenwood Springs, Colorado

Dec 30, 2004 - Jan 2, 2005

"Whoosh, what a run!" Isn't that the the way you want to remember New Years 2005? I sure do! And it is easy to do! Come join us on our Glenwood Springs trip. We will have four days on the slopes of Aspen, Snowmass, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk and Sunlight, four nights lodging, breakfast and a fun welcome party!

Glenwood Springs offers a variety of eateries, a famous hot spring pool (http://www.hotspringspool.com/index_ns4.htm) and many other businesses. While in Glenwood Springs why not check out the Yampah Vapor Caves (<http://www.yampahspa.com/>). It is not just a ski resort. It has easy access to Aspen, Snowmass and Sunlight ski resorts which have a variety of trails and terrain. All at the cost of only \$185/per person (Lift tickets extra).

Hope to see you there! (But we need to know by December 10th, 2004 if you are going).

Your trip captain, Jennifer Pedersen, (397-6842)

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