



**March-April
2005**

Current Events

**April 12 (Tuesday), 6:00 p.m.,
Board Meeting, McCall Press,
3219 Leavenworth All
members welcome**

**April 12 (Tuesday), 7:00 p.m.
Social Gathering, Old
Chicago, 78th & Cass Streets**

**February 8, 2005 (Tue) Social
Gathering 7:00 p.m. Señor Matias
90th and Arbor**

Coming Events

**May 3 (Tuesday), 6:30 p.m.,
Board Meeting, McCall Press,
3219 Leavenworth All
members welcome**

**May 10 (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.,
Social Gathering, Señor
Matias, 90th and Arbor Streets**

**May 22 (Sunday), time TBA,
Annual Meeting/Election
Party, Pat McCall house, 1306
S 35th Ave, Omaha**

Jennifer Pedersen, VP Activities

SUN VALLEY 2005

This year's big club trip to Sun Valley started out with an early arrival at the airport. Eighteen eager travelers went through security and settled in for a short wait until our departure. Three other members would meet us in Sun Valley. Mark Storz flew in from Colorado Springs. Phil Bintz and Pat Connelly drove out. Upon arrival in Salt Lake, everyone scattered for food and personal relief. We then boarded the next flight to Sun Valley. Merry Johnson was one of the last ones to arrive for boarding and had to wait for a later flight. (The airline said it was a weight thing, funny since Merry was one of our smallest people on the trip.) When we arrived in Sun Valley, only about half of our luggage arrived with us; Merry wasn't the only thing left behind. The airline said everything would be in later in the day. That turned out not to be a problem since a lot of our rooms were not ready yet. A group of us settled into the lounge and had a couple of drinks and looked at trail maps to plan our attack. Merry showed up only a couple of hours later and a little richer for the wait. Eventually everyone got their luggage and settled into their rooms. Then, it was time to go exploring around the village.

We all got together on the first night for a pizza party. Then we headed for the hot pool. Yes, hot pool; in the summer time it is a regular pool for swimming and lounging. But in the winter they heat it up and make it one large round (forty feet or so) soaking pool. Needless to say there were daily après ski gatherings there. This is where we met other club members from Ohio, New Jersey and other skiers from all over the country. There were many conversations about skiing, both present and past.

A week's worth of skiing was then enjoyed. Sun Valley had great early season snow but had not had any new stuff in six weeks. Only about 60% of the area was open. Thanks to state of the art snow making equipment, everything open was in good shape and skiable. One thing interesting about Sun Valley is the pitch of the runs. They are all consistent from top to bottom. The green runs would be blue/black runs in most Colorado resorts. This area is not for the average beginner skier. Sun Valley has two actual ski areas. Dollar Mountain is located behind the village. It has the ski school and a nice green/blue run area to learn and practice at. The main area has four connected valleys with one central peak. Almost all of the lifts are quads so movement around the mountain is easy. Most of the runs were long and fast. The Mogul runs were anywhere from sweet and easy to waist deep beaters. In the course of the week I think we skied just about everything that was available.

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***Nominations for annual election due now
visit us at www.omahaskiclub.org***

FSA/STEAMBOAT 2005

Tuesday we had our OSC Welcome Party at Steamboat, every one enjoyed the wine and cheese. It seems that the green stuff was enjoyed by most of the people attending since there was not much left when I arrived after my race meeting. It seemed that Andrea must have liked the bed in my room as she had pictures of her enjoying its comforts. Wednesday the day was open for skiing which was enjoyed by everyone. The Cross-County races were held at 4:00 with the FSA welcome party at Thunderhead following. Andrea and Mary Ava did a great job of selling raffle tickets for me on the race chair race. Thursday was the Super FSA Race. Friday was the Challenge Races. I think that Steve Meyer did a very good job setting up the races as they ran on schedule for the most part. Saturday was the Awards Banquet. Bob Todd was the winner of the Judy Cup. Here are some times for the people that raced.

POINTS	BIB	CLASS	NAME	TIME	TIME	R HDCP	B HDCP	BEST HDCP	MEDAL
14	59	FD	Barb Larson	26.08	26.05	50.14	50.58	50.14	S
1	66	FD	Merry Johnson	32.79	31.62	88.77	82.77	82.77	
11	141	MC	Philip Bintz	36.13	34.22	44.06	45.25	44.06	B
7	149	MC	Ben Novograd	42.56	39.26	69.70	66.64	66.64	
58	186	MD	Craig Larson	30.06	30.73	19.86	30.43	19.86	G
1	194	MD	Andy Bohn	34.73	DNF	38.48		38.48	S
1	225	MD	Mark Storz	46.77	43.18	86.48	83.28	83.28	
1	279	ME	Marty Sigg	36.58	34.92	54.80	45.38	45.38	S
1	271	ME	Bob Todd	36.98	35.08	56.50	46.04	46.04	B
1	294	ME	Pat Connelly	35.15	36.49	48.75	51.92	48.75	B
9	218	ME	Harvey Sloup	44.00	41.54	86.20	72.94	72.94	
7	304	ME	El Siebert	43.75	41.60	85.15	73.19	73.19	
1	287	ME	Andy Rabick	43.17	41.64	82.69	73.36	73.36	

Phil Bintz, Steamboat Trip Captain

Sun Valley 2005 (continued)

We had a couple of birthdays to celebrate on the trip. Nikke Capellupo and Gary Bussard. Nikke's was on Sunday the 27th. The group of Brian, Andy, Phil, and Pat M. made it a memorable experience for Nikke, by singing happy birthday to her any chance we got. Sorry Nikke but we just had to! I guess by the fifth or sixth time we should have sounded better, but it was the thought that counts. On Thursday night, our condo sponsored a wine and cheese party. It was a nice way to hide the cake from Gary Bussard. We also sang to him on the mountain during lunch. We waited for him to take a bite of food so he could not protest, but Gary just chewed along to the tune. Happy birthday to both of you.

The week ended on a low note when Allen Cleveland fell on the last day and dislocated his shoulder. A trip to the hospital and modern medicine made his trip home bearable. We hope you're feeling better. Alan. Also, James Sherrets, another club member, had to leave early on Tuesday due to a family accident. We hope everything turned out ok.

The trip home was uneventful, other than the airline informed us that our skis and some luggage would not arrive in Omaha with us. That was to be expected since they flew us out on the same small plane we came in on. I hope everyone had a wonderful trip and I thank all of you who helped out where needed. It makes a trip captain's job a lot easier. Now, where to next year?

Pat McCall, Sun Valley Trip Captain

PRESIDENTS CORNER

This ski season just seemed to fly by. With the great early season snows, the season looked like it was going to be one of the better seasons latterly for snow. That sure changed in a hurry. Most of Colorado from I-70 north got very little snow after mid January. The Pacific Northwest has experienced record deficits. Some of the big resorts like Whistler and Mt. Hood have had to close off and on all season due to lack of snow cover. But on the other hand, Southern Colorado and the Lake Tahoe areas have had above or near record snowfalls. Places like Mammoth Mountain in California has been measuring its' snowfall in feet. What a weird weather pattern, hopefully the spring rains will help with the shortage of moisture all across the upper Western states

With the end of our official ski season we need to look ahead to the coming elections to be held in May. There will be three board positions that need to be filled. We are now excepting nominations for those positions. To be eligible to run, a person must be a current paid member of the club. And they must be able to attend the monthly board meeting. All nominations need to be submitted to Dave Lawler no later than April 30, 2005. Nominees will need to write a small blurb describing why they want to be on the board and they will need to get Dave a picture to run on the ballot.

The election party will be held on Sunday, May 22. at the McCall house. More party information will be in the next newsletter.

Dragons Rock
Pat McCall, President
Omaha Ski Club

OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION JUNE 2005 - MAY 2006

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

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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 _____

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Moving?

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Sushi Anyone?

On January 28th a hearty group of adventurous Omaha Ski Club members embarked on a new challenge. What you might ask? Double black diamonds of Aspen, heli-skiing in Canada, or summer skiing in Chile. None of the above. Rather they faced the challenge of Japanese food. The group of 18 gathered at Sushi Ichiban and thus the fun began. Once everyone had removed their shoes and settled in on the tatami mats, we were ready. First, was the decision do we go native on the drinks or not? Some brave souls sampled Japanese beer and Ellen even tried her first sake. May not be on her permanent play list. Then it was on to the feat of figuring out what was what on the menu and giving it a try. The tempura seems to have been the biggest hit of the evening. Although I personally recommend the Sukiyaki-share it with a friend. It is delish! All seemed to have a good time and share plenty of interesting conversation. Hope you can join us on one of our future international dining excursions!

Jennifer Pedersen, VP Activities

Sand Volleyball

Spring is here, so it's time to start thinking about another **sand volleyball** season. We play coed recreational volleyball, skill/experience is not required (but certainly is welcomed).

No details are available yet, but we would like to follow the same plan as in previous years, Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. with play starting in April or May. We would like to have 8 people on the roster, maybe 10, preferably an equal number of men and women, and subs in addition to that would be ok also. People will be placed on the team on a first-come, first-served basis. This is not an official OSC sponsored activity, so non-members are welcome.

Cost will depend on how many are on the team. Contact Dave Lawler at (712) 328-9278 or newsletter@omahaskiclub.org for more information or to sign up.

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