



June - July 2005

Current Events

Board Meeting

July 7, 2005 (Thu) 7:00 p.m.
Peony Park Hy-Vee restaurant, 78th
& Cass
All members welcome

Social Gathering

July 12, 2005 (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.
Old Chicago, 78th & Cass St
Visitors welcome

Coming Events

Board Meeting

August 2, 2005 (Tue) 7:00 p.m.
Sam & Louie's, 120th & Blondo
(northeast corner)
All members welcome

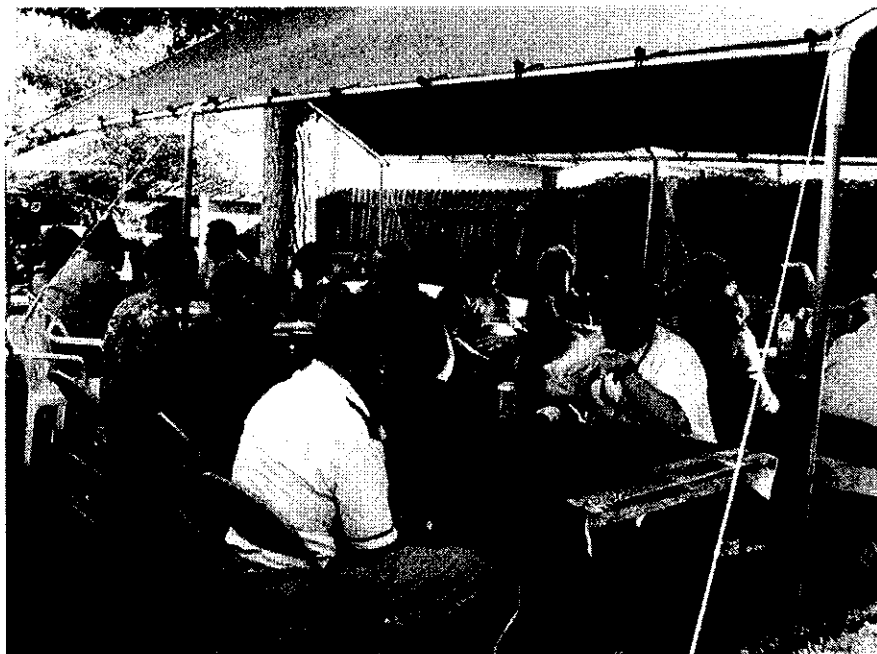
Social Gathering

August 9, 2005 (Tue) 7:00 p.m.
Rick's Cafe Boatyard - Omaha
345 Riverfront Drive
(402) 345-4545
Visitors welcome
For a map see:
[http://maps.yahoo.com/py/maps.py?
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Jennifer Pedersen, VP Activities

2005 OSC Election Party

(see article on back page)



*Join us on the Niobrara in August -- see details inside
visit us at www.omahaskiclub.org*

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

After many years there's a new face to this column. Thanks to all of you who voted for me in the recent election.

Let me start by thanking Pat McCall for his many years of service on the board of directors as President of the Omaha Ski Club. Teri Hammond also deserves a special thanks for her years of service on the board.

The May election saw some old faces return. Ron Bechdolt is back as Vice President – Trips. 2006 should have some exciting new twists to the ski trips offered. Ben Novograd was re-elected to the board and will continue as secretary. It also saw one new face, me, Andrea McMahon as Club President of your Omaha Ski Club. The three of us were elected to two-year terms. Jennifer Peterson continues her second year of her term, as Vice President – Activities and Phil Bintz will again serve as Club Secretary for another year.

It's a little hard to think too long and hard about snow and skiing and snowboarding when it's a beautiful June evening in Nebraska. The fragrance from my neighbor mowing his grass is wafting in the window. My dog is sitting by my side, hoping for a walk sometime soon. And I can almost hear the weeds growing in my flowerbeds. But your Board is already hard at work on the 2006 ski season. This is your opportunity to voice your opinion and make suggestions about any trips you'd like us to look into and any changes or enhancements to trips that you can suggest. The five of us are committed to actively seeking your input. I wish you could see the enthusiasm of your board members. Actually, you can! All members are welcome at Board meetings. Come and voice your opinion at the next meeting.

I want to issue a special invitation to our

current and former members to take another strong look at the Omaha Ski Club. The enthusiasm of the board members in working to make Omaha Ski Club events diverse, exciting and fun is contagious. Don't just think of your Omaha Ski Club as a club devoted to skiing (although at times we are!). Think of us as your Omaha (so much more than a) Ski Club. We're a ski club in name, but we're a social club in spirit.

Ron is hard at work planning a Niobrara Tube Float for this summer. The Ski Club bike rides are back in full force thanks to Ben. As a matter of fact it looks like there will be weekly Sunday morning rides and a monthly Saturday bike riding possibility (thanks to Steve Grunberg). Watch those emails from Jennifer for where and when. Other events planned are golf outings, adventures to various ethnic restaurants and of course the monthly social get-togethers and many more to come! The Board is committed to soliciting ideas from all members. If you have an idea of a fun activity, we're game!

Many of you receive the email notification of upcoming events. If you don't, please email me at president@omahaskiclub.org and I'll get your name on the email distribution list. If you don't have access to email but do have internet access, please make it a point to check our website regularly as it's updated as events are added (thanks Ben!). The website is www.omahaskiclub.org.

Again, thanks for your vote of confidence. We're working hard to earn your continued support and participation.

I look forward to seeing you on the slopes next winter, but REALLY hope to see you at an event (or two) this summer.

Andrea McMahon
President

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 _____

Form with fields: 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 _____

NIOBRARA TRIP ---- August 12-14, 2005

We are once again heading northwest for a weekend outing and a day of tubing on the scenic Niobrara River. But this year we've added a couple of twists for a change of pace and a little variety. Please look at the information below and contact me in the next few days to let me know if you want me to reserve you a spot. Lodging is on first come first serve basis and is limited, so please let me know what type of lodging you want and I will do my best to arrange it for you.

An Overview:

Friday and Saturday nights we will be staying just outside of Long Pine, NE, at a place called The Pines, about 250 miles from Omaha. I've reserved their entire area, eight cabins and one house. These are all rustic accommodations, but come with air conditioning, bathroom (with shower) and a kitchenette with fridge and stove. Fire pits and tables for wine tasting, smores or board games at night are right outside of most cabins. For Friday and Saturday evenings, small tube rentals and available at The Pines and they can drop you off up the creek about a mile, with the winding creek ending up right at our cabins. My three boys did this last year and said it was great, but a little cold (however, we did it near sunset). Here is a picture: <http://www.cityoflongpine.org/fishingrecreation.html>

Saturday we will drive about 40 miles up to the Niobrara area and park cars at our end of tube float area. A bus will transport us up river to our drop off point. Covered tubes (most preferred by our group), canoes or kayaks are available for rent. The tube float takes about 4-5 hours and we stop at Smith Falls for lunch or a dip in the chilling falls. Backpacker magazine rated this one of the top ten river areas in the nation a while back.

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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

NIOBRARA TRIP (continued)

Saturday night, after we get back and freshen up we can all rendezvous at the Hidden Paradise restaurant near Long Pine (this is optional) for a great meal at what used to be the prime resort area for this area in its hey day (which is now basically summer cabins up and down a creek). Good food, reasonable price and later in the evening there is usually a band playing.

http://www.cityoflongpine.org/hiddenparadise_restrnt.html

Sunday our plans are to try to get everyone to meet up for breakfast down the road in Basset at the old Range Cafe, which looks like a place right out of the 1950's and has been beautifully kept up all these years. A breakfast buffet will be available. (Note: The Range Cafe is currently having its kitchen rebuilt. If it is not ready by trip time we will eat at Jenny's Cafe in Long Pine instead).

Okay, here are the specifics.

What is available:

Four cabins with one double bed. \$49 per person for the two nights based on double occupancy (perfect for couples)

Four cabins with two double beds. \$54 per person for the two nights, based on double occupancy (great for families or great for two singles)

The House - Sleeps 8 \$39 per person for the two nights, based on at least four people. Rates may drop if more than four people.

The House is just 2-3 minutes walk from the cabins. The cabins are all clustered together.

NOTE: Special lodging discount for children. Only \$9 if minimum adult occupancy has been met.

Camping at a local state park may be available, but you are on your own for that. A \$9 trip fee will be applied if you do not stay at our group lodging.

Niobrara tube float info:

Tube rental \$26 per person (I currently have 16 reserved)

Cooler tubes \$10

Canoe rental \$48 per canoe (if available)

Kayak \$33 (if available)

Bus fare \$8

*Extra Riders (Canoe/Tube) Under 8Free w/ paying adult, 8 and over.....\$ 15 each

Food: No meals or food is included in cost of trip.

Transportation: Responsibility of each member. No transportation is provided, except bus to river access (see above fee).

Deposits: All fees and forms are due by July 10th. However, please contact me now to assure we have a room for you. A trip application (<http://www.omahaskiclub.org/TripApp0304.pdf>) and current membership <http://www.omahaskiclub.org/memb%20app%2005-06.pdf> is required.

Any questions, shoot me an email or call me.

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Moving?

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Election Fiesta A Hit!

Thanks to the hospitality of Pat and Cindy McCall, thirty-nine OSC members enjoyed a wonderful election gathering. The weather and outdoor setting were enhanced by the delicious tamales and pulled pork. *Gracias* Cindy and Pat!!!! The members came through in their typical fashion and there were salads and desserts galore. I know more than a few belts had to be let out a notch or two. Ben presented Pat and Cindy with a pineapple tree/plant (?) he had started with a pineapple top which he received from Cindy following the 2003 Election Party. Dave formally counted the ballots and announced the results. Andrea M. and Ron B. joined the board and Ben was elected to another term. We bid a fond farewell to Pat and Teri as board members. Here's to lots of fun, skiing, growth and parties in the coming years!

Jennifer Pedersen, VP Activities

Dues and Things like That

Just a reminder that dues for the new year are due June 1, good through May 31, 2006. Dues are considered past-due if not paid by September 1 of each year.

OSC is a non-profit organization, our dues provide our operating funds. If members do not pay, we will cease to operate. If you don't pay because you think the dues are too high, by all means let the Board know.

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