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*Happy New Year!*

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**January Events**

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**Jan 12 — Ethnic Dinner** — The Hollywood Diner, 156<sup>th</sup>, 1 block north of Maple  
 RSVP to Sally 493-6056 or e-mail [aspendream@cox.net](mailto:aspendream@cox.net).  
 7:00 pm — Great home cooked meals, shakes and fun.

**Jan 17 — Board Meeting** (all members welcome) at Wing Stop, 120<sup>th</sup> & Blondo  
 7:00 pm

**Jan 21 — Winter Days** — Crescent Ski & Après Ski Dinner at The Pink Poodle.  
 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm respectively — Come to one or both!

**Jan 24 — Membership Meeting and  
 Loveland Post-Trip Party / Copper Mountain Pre-Trip Party**  
 DJ'S Dugout, 114<sup>th</sup> & Dodge, front party room 7:00 pm



**Winter Days @ Crescent  
 Get Ready!  
 January 21st**



## Winter Days @ Mt. Crescent

**Date: Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Time: 3-7 PM**

**Location: 2.3 mile north of Crescent, IA (see map at [www.skicrescent.com](http://www.skicrescent.com))**

**Price: \$21.00 - Lift Ticket Only**

**\$30.00 - Lift Ticket with Equipment Rental**

To get the special pricing, you must register at this table prior to buying your lift ticket. Crescent now has two chair lifts and additional snowmaking equipment. It should be a fun time.

**Après Ski Dinner at the Pink Poodle Restaurant in Crescent, IA at 7:30 pm.**

Come to one or both!

**Check the OSC website the morning of the 21st for any change in plans.**

**[www.OmahaSkiClub.org](http://www.OmahaSkiClub.org)**



### **LETTER from the PRESIDENT**

**Welcome to the new OSC Newsletter!**  
**At first glance it looks different. That's just one of many upcoming changes planned.**

This newsletter was mailed first class so we could audit the OSC mailing list for accuracy. It also gets the newsletter delivered faster than bulk rate, which is an important step in the right direction.

OSC has published a newsletter several times a year for many, many years. It's been our primary method for communicating with our membership. We're revamping several aspects of the newsletter. Yes, it looks different. The next change will be our delivery method!

The cost of publishing and mailing a newsletter is one of the club's greatest expenses. With that in mind, your Board has decided to deliver the newsletter electronically in the future.

This is the last newsletter that will be mailed to you unless you don't have an email address. This makes it important for you to keep us informed of changes to your email address. We're already using email to notify you of upcoming OSC activities. *(Please, let any board member know if you're not receiving these notices.)*

With the next newsletter, we will send members an email link to the newsletter which will be posted on our website. You will need Adobe Acrobat reader *(which is a free upload)* to open the newsletter.

If you want a hard copy you can print

it instantly from your personal printer

For those of you without Internet access or an email address, we'll continue to print a paper copy of the newsletter and mail it to you.

What do you think? Please contact any board member with feedback. Our goal is to increase the speed and efficiency of getting your club information to you!

See you on the slopes!  
Sincerely,

Andrea McMahon  
President  
Omaha Ski Club

**PLEASE NOTE**  
**THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER**  
**THAT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU...**  
**unless you join the club!**



C O P P E R

5 Nights lodging (starts Jan. 31)  
**4 Days Lifts Included**  
FSA Welcome Party  
OSC Welcome Party  
Awards Banquet  
Racing: All skill levels  
Access to Athletic Center  
Drive Out Trip

**COPPER MOUNTAIN, CO**

**January 31- Feb. 4**

Every year, for decades now, we have joined up with fellow clubs from the Flatland Ski Association (FSA) for a fun week of skiing, racing and socializing. This year we return to Copper Mountain where you will enjoy racing, a welcome party, an awards banquet and much more.

We will be staying right at Copper Village at the base of the mountain. No driving, no shuttles, just get up each morning and go. It's just a short walk to the lifts.

This trip is packed with activities as we join up with a couple hundred fellow "Flatlanders" from seven different clubs. Don't let the racing scare you away...there is even an award for the worst skier. Of course, participating in the racing is always optional. Having fun is NOT optional...It's required!!

**Trip price: \$519.00**  
**Deposit Schedule: Full Amount due now**

**Trip Information: Contact Barb & Craig Larson 991-6997 fsa-director@omahaskiclub.org**



7 Nights Hotel Lodging (begins on Mar. 4)  
OSC Welcome Party  
Free Dinner Party  
**4 Days Lifts Included**  
Fly out or Drive Out Trip  
Great restaurants and nightlife.

**JACKSON HOLE, WY**

**March 4-11**

Breathtaking is the word that comes to mind when one thinks of Jackson Hole. Purely outstanding scenery and unmatched skiing.

This trip is in conjunction with the Huntsville (Alabama) ski club and will surely be talked about for years to come.

Trip includes a welcome party with the Huntsville club, a free dinner party for both clubs provided by our lodging hosts, four great days of skiing (but you can ski more days if you want), great outdoor hot tub, wonderful nightlife in the city of Jackson Hole.

**Trip price: \$1009.00**  
**Deposit Schedule: Full Amount due now.**

**Trip Information: Contact Merry Johnson 492-8850 Nemerryjohnson@aol.com**



7 Nights Condo Lodging (beings Mar. 25)  
CMSC Activities, Races, Banquets and more.  
OSC Welcome Party  
**4 Days Lifts Included**  
Drive Out Trip  
Great restaurants and nightlife in the city of Aspen.

**ASPEN, CO**

**March 25-April 1**

Long known as one of the best places to ski in Colorado, this will be our premier trip of the season and one not to be missed.

We are joining over 500 skiers from the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council, of which we are a club member, for a week long celebration of skiing and camaraderie, filled with special activities, parties, races and more.

Your ski passes will be good at any of the four mountains; Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands, Snowmass and Buttermilk. Convenient shuttles available.

Our lodging is at the Silverglo condominiums in the heart of Aspen only a few blocks from downtown and the slopes. Transportation is available from the condos to the slopes and activities. Free parking available also.

**Trip price: \$859**  
**Deposit Schedule: \$500 due now, Jan. 1 - \$200, Feb. 1 - \$159**

**Trip Information: Contact Ron Bechdolt 498-8968 vp-trips@omahaskiclub.org**



## Ski-doodles and Stuff

### Cross-Country Skiing—Any Interest?

Is anyone interested in forming an OSC Cross-Country Ski Group? Put your name on a special email distribution list and we'll run it just like the off-season bicycling group. We'll schedule impromptu outings based on changing weather conditions. How about a weekend trip up to southern Minnesota where there are managed cross-country trails with consistent snow cover?

Equipment can be rented for the weekend locally at the UNO Outdoor Adventure Center or at out-of-town ski destinations.

Contact Steve Grunberg

([membership@omahaskiclub.org](mailto:membership@omahaskiclub.org) 402-319-1349).



### Safe Driving in a Winter Wonderland

*You can't control the weather, but you can control what you and your car do when driving on ice and snow. Some smart winter driving advice:*

❄️ **Professionally winterize your car.** Have a qualified mechanic check tire inflation, treads, battery, brake wear, fluids, and everything else under the hood. Get the cooling system flushed. Check all hoses and belts for cracks, bulges, soft areas and leaks. Inspect the brakes, rotors and the action of the emergency brake. The last thing you need on a cold morning is a frozen emergency brake because you failed to make sure all the linkages were free of road dirt and salt. Put winter blades on your wipers.

❄️ **Warm it up and fill it up.** Warm your car a few minutes to get its heart ticking. And always try to keep the gas tank at least half full, so water, condensation, dirt and debris can't find their way in there. Do not warm up and fill up at the same time!

❄️ **Get proper grades on your oil.** Check your owners' manual and make the adjustments.

❄️ **Do all four snow tires.** Instead of all-season tires, try four genuine snow tires. Buy the best you can afford.

❄️ **AWD is great, but an AKD (All-Knowing Driver) is better.** Being patient, driving at proper speeds and being completely aware of your surroundings is the most critical drive system you can have.

❄️ **Pretend there are 6 invisible cars in front of you.** On icy roads, you can't control a tailgater, but you usually can control the distance from the car in front of you. Allow at least 6 car lengths in front on snowy days.

❄️ **Know the ABC's of ABS.** Anti-lock braking systems are great for winter driving, but know how they function. Ask your service technician to review the systems with you. And no matter how high-tech your brake systems, always keep a safe distance back, as they are not intended to shorten your stopping distance. Their purpose is to help you maintain control.

❄️ **Buckle up.** It's the most important thing you can do on the road in any season.

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A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other!

Wishing you Health, Happiness and Lots of Snow in 2006!

*OSC members had a very Merry Christmas while viewing holiday light displays from Ollie the Trolley followed by Christmas cookies galore at the Fox & Hound.*



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 7 — Board Meeting, 7:00pm. Location TBA

Feb 18 — Cosmic Bowling, Mockingbird Lanes,  
4870 South 96<sup>th</sup> (96<sup>th</sup> between L and Q)  
9 pm-1 am. \$3.85 per game — Shoe rental \$2.50.  
Lanes are limited...Come early — It's first come first served.

Feb 21 — Social at DJ'S Dugout in Bellevue, 2440 Cornhusker Road.  
7:00pm (**Post Copper Mt and Pre Jackson Hole Parties**)

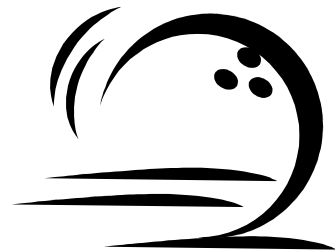
**March 4 — 11 Ski Trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming**

March 14 — Board Meeting at 7:00pm. Location TBA

**March 25 — April 1 Ski trip to Aspen, Colorado**

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Alumni Reunion and Season Kickoff Party  
October 15, 2005

We want you back!

Join us today!

(New members too)

Contact Steve Grunberg

[membership@omahaskiclub.org](mailto:membership@omahaskiclub.org)



Watch for the  
*Omaha World Herald*  
ski story in February's  
*Healthwise Magazine*.

**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
JUNE 2005 - MAY 2006**

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

***MEMBER INFORMATION - - - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For family membership, list all dependent minors.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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If new member, how did you hear about the club?

\_\_\_\_\_

**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.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be signed and dated)

[OSC USE ONLY] MEMBERSHIP NO \_\_\_\_\_ BD \_\_\_\_\_ TR \_\_\_\_\_ NL \_\_\_\_\_

**Print this page and mail along with membership dues to:**

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Moving? Change of Email?

Notify Steve Grunberg

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