



April 2009 Update

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It's Membership Renewal Time

It's that time of year. . time to renew memberships for 2009-2010. 2008-2009 memberships expire at the end of May. A membership application is included as page 6 of this newsletter.

Ballots to be Sent in Early May

The ballots for the 2008-2009 Omaha Ski Club board election will be sent via regular first-class mail in early May. They can be brought to the May 31st election party and picnic (see below) or mailed in to: Omaha Ski Club, P.O. Box 3104, Omaha, NE 68103. Members without email will receive their ballots together with this newsletter. Mailed-in ballots need to arrive at the club's P.O. box no later than Friday, May 29th.

April 19th (Sunday) Social Gathering

Utah Post-Trip Party

6:30 p.m. – Indigo Joe's, 7425 Dodge St

On the south side of Dodge St, near 74th St.

Everyone welcome.

April 26th (Sunday) Bowling

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Wildcat Lanes, northern Papillion

1201 Royal Dr, on the east side of 84th St.

Two games and rental shoes are free to all club members.

All members welcome.

May 5th (Tuesday) Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Jimi D's, 63rd and Center St

On the south side of Center St, near 63rd St.

All members welcome.

May 31st (Sunday) Election Party and Picnic

5 p.m. – Tills residence, Ft Calhoun

The food will have a Mexican theme; the main course will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, your filled-in ballots, and your beverage. Please RSVP to Evelyn at 234-2010 or vp-activities@omahaskiclub.org by May 25th.

June 2nd (Tuesday) Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Jimi D's, 63rd and Center St

On the south side of Center St, near 63rd St.

All members welcome.

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Snowmass Ski Trip

February 25 – March 1, 2009

Well the ski season has come to an end. Everyone is anticipating spring and all that comes with it. But before we let go of the ski season we need to take one quick look at one of the club's last trips. It was to Snowmass, Colorado; and if the FSA trip to Copper was the highlight of the year; then this was truly an encore. Thirteen club members enjoyed some great runs, great snow, and great camaraderie.



The Kellogg group consisting of Andy Bohn, Allan Cleveland, Harvey Sloup, Bob Waltermire, and Merry Johnson got a head start on everyone by getting out several days earlier. These guys know how to have a good time. Mary Soar and I were lucky enough to enjoy their hospitality when

they were serving some delicious homemade dip and jalapeno chips. Oh yeah, there was some beer that went along with that too!

The rest of the group included Randy Heenan, Ben Novograd, Mark Storz, Teri Hammon, Mary Soar, Jan Tuttle, Pat Connelly, and Len Szmurlo.



At the start of the trip the weather and ski conditions did not look too promising. The temps were up and the snow conditions lacking.



The first day was a fair ski day with cloudy skies. But those clouds let loose and the next two days we had several inches of fresh powder. That turned everything around. While at times the wind was harsh; the skiing was great. Pat Connelly and Teri Hammon stepped up and became the group's personal tour guides. They led us all over the mountain and showed us some great runs. Not everyone was pleased with Pat's idea to hike up to the top of Long Shot, but it was

unanimously decided to be the best run of the trip and well worth the effort.



On the third day the clouds cleared and we had a great view of the Maroon Bells. Mother Nature at her best!

Off the mountain we enjoyed the hot tub, relaxing, and dining out. The first night there everyone got together for a sloppy joe feed/welcome party. We all learned the fine art of cork/hand magic. I could tell you more but



I took the magicians oath and just can't do it. Every day we started off with a great breakfast prepared by Jan Tuttle. Each one was different and better than the last. One evening chef Randy Heenan prepared a gourmet meal of spaghetti with homemade sauce

and Sicilian meatballs; including salads and sides. Wow, can that guy cook! Of course now everyone will want him in their condo for the next trip.



For some of us this was the last trip of the season. And what a way to end!! For the rest of us there were other plans. One more trip; a few more runs; Steamboat; Utah; Keystone or wherever there was more snow. Squeezing what days we could out of the remainder of the calendar. For this trip I can definitely state that a good time was had by all. It doesn't get any better than this. Enjoy the summer.

In search of powder

Got skis...gotta go!



Len Szmurlo & Teri Hammon
Trip Captains



Memorial Day weekend ski trip - May 22-25, 2009

During eleven out of the past twelve 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 (but the OSC board thinks it is worth sending out to our members); 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 may have powder. On some of the past trips, new snow has fallen on Memorial Day weekend.
 - Crowds and lift lines are almost nonexistent.
 - Much 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 other ski areas. Arapahoe Basin is the last Colorado ski area to close for the season, usually in early June.
 - Lodging and lift tickets are relatively cheap. We'll be at the Arapahoe Inn motel near Keystone, about 6 miles away. They have rooms with two double beds each. We'll be 2 people to a room. The motel has a hot tub. The cost will be about \$245 per person for 3 nights of lodging and 3 days of lift tickets.
 - 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, glamour or pretentiousness. Just skiing and snowboarding.
 - The local wildlife has come out of hibernation. Skiers and snowboarders may see mountain squirrels, a marmot (mountain woodchuck), chipmunks, or even a fox. In previous years, we have seen a group of mountain goats near the top of the mountain.
 - The ski area is having a "beach party" with live music and their 8th annual "festival of the brewpubs" that weekend. 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 the Arapahoe Inn (website: <http://www.arapahoeinn.com>) will be on Friday the 22nd, Saturday the 23rd, and Sunday the 24th. Cost: about \$120 per person for 3 nights of lodging and about \$125 for per person for 3 days of lift tickets. Mark and Ben will be making lodging reservations and payment for lodging will be through them. The plan is to drive out Friday, the 22nd, ski Saturday, Sunday and part of Monday, and drive back Monday evening, the 25th – Memorial Day.

For more info contact Ben Novograd at 291-5704.

**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2009 – MAY 2010**

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: _____

Check this box if you are 21 years or older. For family membership, list all dependent minors on back of application.

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

Ski/Snowboard destinations you're interested in: _____

Activities you're interested in: Biking _____ Bowling _____ Dinners _____ Other _____
(please list)

Other Interests: (please list) _____

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. _____

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