



## May 2009 Update

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### Membership Renewal Contest

It's time to sign up for the Omaha Ski Club 2009-2010 membership year. This year, we will have a drawing for two \$50 trip vouchers and two free memberships for those who submit their application at the May 31<sup>st</sup> election party. Membership applications submitted by mail before that date, including the renewals listed on the next page, will also be entered in the drawing. A membership application is included as page 6 of this newsletter.

### It's Membership Renewal Time

There is an advantage to renewing on time! Once again, the annual membership dues remain \$22 for singles and \$25 for families for those either joining for the first time or renewing before September 30. The fee has been the same for over 10 years. The annual fee for those joining or renewing after September 30 will go up to \$27 for singles and \$30 for families. In any event, it's a small price to pay for a year's worth of fun with both outdoor (skiing, snowboarding, bicycling) and indoor social activities. Either mail your application to the Post Office Box now or save a stamp and bring it with you to the Election Party on May 31. Don't forget your election ballot!

### Ballots to be Sent in Mid-May

The ballots for the 2008-2009 Omaha Ski Club board election will be sent via regular first-class mail about May 15<sup>th</sup>. Members without email access will receive their ballots together with this newsletter. The ballots can be brought to the May 31<sup>st</sup> election party and picnic (see below) or mailed in to: Omaha Ski Club, P.O. Box 3104, Omaha, NE 68103. Mailed-in ballots need to arrive at the club's P.O. box no later than Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

### 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](mailto:vp-activities@omahaskiclub.org) by May 25<sup>th</sup>.

### June 3rd (Wednesday) Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Blue Planet, 6307 Center St

On the south side of Center St, near 63<sup>rd</sup> St.  
All members welcome.

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**June 16th (Tuesday) Italian Dinner  
7 p.m. – Lo Sole Mio, 3020 S. 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave**

8 blocks south of Center St on 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave, or 6 blocks south of Martha St on 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave using the Martha St exit west from I-480. RSVP to Evelyn at 234-2010 or [vp-activities@omahaskiclub.org](mailto:vp-activities@omahaskiclub.org) by June 14<sup>th</sup>. Everyone welcome.

**Renewal Members**

The Omaha Ski Club welcomes the following renewal members for 2009-2010:

Dave and Nancy B.  
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**Utah March 17-22, 2009  
Snowbasin & Powder Mountain**

Spring skiing anyone?

Nine members of the Omaha Ski Club arrived in Layton UT. It was only a 13 hour drive. The weather was warm and dry which made driving across Wyoming quite pleasant. Little did we know that these conditions existed ON TOP the mountains that we wanted to ski! We stayed at the Hampton Inn with members from the Louisville KY Ski Club. We had planned to have a welcome party at MacCool's Irish Pub on St. Patrick's Day. As it turned out, we were exhausted from the long ride and left the partying up to the amateurs. As they call it here, it was St. Practice Day.

We were up early on Wednesday and drove to Snowbasin. The temperature rapidly rose to the sixties and by 1 PM the conditions were slushy. Phil gave lessons to his nephew Garth and we skied until the slush was too deep for our knees. Beer thirty came quickly and we chose to relax in the hot tub instead.



Later that evening, we joined the Louisville Ski Club members at Bogey's for dinner. The ribs and New York strip steaks were delicious.



Thursday, we traveled to Powder Mountain for another warm, sunny, slushy day of skiing or would you call it slushing? We were joined by some of the Louisville Ski Club members. The snow was well groomed and solid in the morning but rapidly turned to slush as the temperatures rose.



We returned to the hotel for hot tub time then had dinner at MacCool's Irish Pub. The food was delicious and the atmosphere appealing. Nancy accompanied another group for a trip to Salt Lake City for sight seeing and a chance to see the Mormon Tabernacle choir perform.

Friday we returned to Powder Mountain for another day in the slush. It was a bit cooler and we were able to make a few more runs before the melting began. They did an excellent job grooming all those runs. We even challenged ourselves to an extreme run where the slush made it difficult to make turns. After struggling through that, everyone was ready to call it a day.



That evening, Omaha Antelope Island those of you who do island in the Great Salt minute ride to the island on a trolley with our host,



Brandon, who dressed for the occasion. Yes, he did wear that skirt and coconut bra ALL evening. We were greeted with leis and treated to a barbeque dinner complete with Jell-O! I am still trying to find out why Jell-O is significant in Utah.

and Louisville enjoyed a party at hosted by the Davis Area CVB. For not know, Antelope Island is an Lake. It was an educational fifteen



After dinner, we walked along the beach and watched the sunset. Pat went wading in the salty water while others watched the brine shrimp and skipped stones. The band, Mid Life Crisis provided music for dancing. Everyone had a wonderful evening.



On Saturday, we returned to Snowbasin for more sun and slush. The tram to the top of the men's downhill was closed but we were able to ski some of the women's downhill run. We ended the day skiing with Steve. He really was there! We were also witness to Garth going from a wedge to a more parallel ski style.



Although the ski conditions weren't as optimal as we would have liked at this time of year in Utah, the Antelope Island

Party was a huge success. We made some new friends and were very well taken care of by the Hampton Inn Hotel staff and the Davis Area CVB.

Thank you to all the members who made this trip a success: Nancy and Dave Burden, Garth Bullis, Phil Bintz, Pat Connelly, Ben Novograd, Mark Storz, Steve Studt and Teri Hammon. And a special thanks to Brandon Barrett of the Davis County CVB, the staff at the Hampton Inn and the Louisville Ski Club.



Teri Hammon  
VP Trips  
Omaha Ski Club  
Trip Captain

## 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 \_\_\_\_  
Through September 30, 2009:      FAMILY \$25 \_\_\_\_      SINGLE \$22 \_\_\_\_  
After September 30, 2009:      FAMILY \$30 \_\_\_\_      SINGLE \$27 \_\_\_\_

**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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