



## March 2013 Update

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### 2012-2013 Ski Season's Trips Completed

All four of this season's trips have been completed. In accordance with section 4.C. of our bylaws, membership applications received will now be valid through the 2013-2014 season, until May 31, 2014. See page 8 for a membership application.

### Three Board Positions to Be Filled at This May's Election

The terms of three of our board members, Phil Bintz, Teri Hammon and El Siebert, expire at the end of May. This leaves three board positions to be filled at this May's election. Any current member can run for a board position; anyone interested should contact one of two people: our president, Phil Bintz, at 402-630-4753 ([president@omahaskiclub.org](mailto:president@omahaskiclub.org)) or our secretary, Ben Novograd at 402-291-5704 ([secretary@omahaskiclub.org](mailto:secretary@omahaskiclub.org)). The club bylaws require us to prepare and distribute the election ballots to current members by two weeks before the election party; to do this, we need candidate information by the end of April. Ballots will be mailed during the first week of May.

### Bike Rides to Resume in April

As in past years, weather permitting, we'll be resuming the Sunday morning club bike rides in April. Rides won't be scheduled on days with a high likelihood of rain or high winds. The rides are usually on local bike trails, typically between 20 and 30 miles long. Later in the season, we also periodically join the Thursday evening taco ride on the Wabash Trace trail from Council Bluffs to Mineola. Bike ride messages are sent by email to all club members in the local area several days before each ride. This timing allows planning for weather conditions. The club will also again be participating in several large charity-sponsored bike rides, such as the Ride for Sight, Wear Yellow Ride, Rollin to Colon, Omaha With Lights, Corporate Cycling Challenge, and the Wish Ride. These rides are usually announced one to two months in advance. They typically have a range of ride lengths from 10 to over 100 miles, entry fees of \$20 to \$30, and are usually not rescheduled for bad weather. Email announcements for charity bike rides will usually be sent around five weeks in advance to give people time to register for them.

### Membership Renewal Contest

It's time to sign up for the Omaha Ski Club 2013-2014 membership year. We will have a \$50 trip voucher drawing (two to be given away) for those who submit their application at or before the May 19th election party. Membership applications submitted by mail before that date will also be entered in the drawing. A membership application is included as page 8 of this newsletter.

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## Upcoming Events

**April 3rd (Wednesday) 7 p.m.**

**Board Meeting - Wohlner's Grocery and Deli, 2287 S 67th St**

On 67th St a little N of Center Rd. All members welcome.

**April 16th (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.**

**Korean Dinner**

**Korea King, 4719 S 96th St**

In the shopping mall at the SE corner of 96th and L St.  
Everyone welcome.

**May 2nd (Tuesday) 7 p.m.**

**Board Meeting - Wohlner's Grocery and Deli, 2287 S 67th St**

On 67th St a little N of Center Rd. All members welcome.

**May 19th (Sunday) 5 p.m.**

**Election Party**

**El Siebert's residence, 3215 Belvedere Blvd**

Everyone welcome. See the article on page 3 for details.

**June 4th (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.**

**Board Meeting - Wohlner's Grocery and Deli, 2287 S 67th St**

On 67th St a little N of Center Rd. All members welcome.

## New/Renewal Members

The Omaha Ski Club welcomes the following new/renewal members:

Karen Bragg

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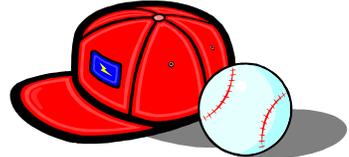
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# Annual Election Party

May 19, 2013

5:00 PM until ??

Save the date! El Siebert has opened his house to our membership and friends again this year. The election party will have a baseball tailgate party theme. Wear your favorite team jersey or baseball cap and bring a side dish (vegies, salads or desserts) for all to share. The club will furnish the hot dogs and hamburgers, chips, baked beans and soda or ice tea. BYOB if you wish. This is a great time to turn in your membership applications for the 2013-14 season and vote for your choice for the new Board of Directors (members-only will receive their ballots in the mail prior to the party. Bring them with you or mail them back **BEFORE** the party) There will not be any extra ballots at the party.



Put your name in the drawing for a chance to win a \$50 trip credit for next season (two to be given away). The drawing will be at 7 PM. **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

Come out and join us!

Location: 3215 Belvedere Blvd  
Please RSVP to El Siebert 402 453-9088  
Or email: [vp-activities@omahaskiclub.org](mailto:vp-activities@omahaskiclub.org)



**New First-Time Members Only**  
If you are new member joining our club at or before the election party, you will receive a \$25 voucher that can be used on one of our trips next season.

# North Lake Tahoe Adventure

March 2-9, 2013



Nineteen members from three different clubs joined together for an adventure to North Lake Tahoe. This was Omaha Ski Club's first attempt at bringing our Flatland

Ski Association reciprocal members on one of our trips.

We had two members from Topeka Ski Club, eleven members from Cornhusker Ski Club and six members from Omaha Ski Club. It was fun meeting new people and socializing with all.



We arrived in Reno without delay and boarded the bus that transported us to the Cal Neva. Although most of us packed light, skiers do have a lot of luggage. This was piled between the seats and in the overhead bins, not leaving too much room for the passengers. It was a half hour drive to the hotel. Later that evening, we enjoyed a welcome reception in one of the banquet rooms at the



hotel. Information was given to the members and we had a chance to relax and roam about the hotel. There was a bar, dining room with beautiful views of the lake, a small casino area, a very cold hot tub and exercise room. I returned to our room



and found the roof leaking and had to transfer to another room. The hotel was a bit dated but the rooms were very clean and comfortable.



The next morning, we took the shuttle to Squaw Valley. It was snowing and at times the light was flat but the fresh snow was very nice. Later in the afternoon as it warmed up, the snow was very sticky and even slushy at the base. We enjoyed lunch at the Gold Coast while Ann and Wayne had a private lunch elsewhere. At the end of the day, we caught the bus back to the hotel. We tried to relax in the hot tub but hypothermia set in and we jumped into the sauna to warm up. We all had dinner on our own. A group of us went to the Biltmore across the parking lot and found great T-bone steaks and burgers.



Monday, we skied at Alpine Meadows. It was a bright, sunny day with warm temperatures. The skiing in the morning was great with the fresh groomed runs. As the temps rose, the snow quickly became mushy toward the lower parts of the mountain. We enjoyed lunch out on the deck. At the end

of the day as we were waiting for the bus, Wayne comes walking

toward us with the bandaged thumb. He had fallen on it and it was a bit swollen but that didn't slow him down. He said, "I can still grip the pole with it" and he skied the rest of the week. We



returned to the hotel, skipped the hot tub and took a hot shower instead. It was back to the Biltmore for the spaghetti special that night. Several members took the tunnel tours at the hotel. There was a lot of history in this area.





Tuesday we took the bus to Homewood. It was windy today. Homewood is protected from the winds by Mt Ellis. The skiing was great and the views were very scenic. We had periods of sun and clouds and by later in the afternoon the wind had picked up. My favorite area was Sherwood Forest. It was an area with many trees that were covered with green moss. It gave it a glowing green look. The snow was melting off the needles almost as if it was raining. It was pretty as the



sun glistened through the branches. Homewood is a small area with only one lodge open for lunch on weekdays. We left enough time to enjoy a drink before catching the bus back to the hotel. We tried the hot tub and it was very warm. The hot shower felt good. We all gathered at the Biltmore and were seated in a private dining area for the

“special” which was prime rib for \$9.95. I had asked for reservations for the 19 of us the previous night since I wanted them to have enough prime rib. We were not



disappointed. The slab of prime rib was huge, accompanied by veggies and baked potatoes. It was delicious. “Look up Jerry!” says Jim as he takes a picture. It was very funny. All of the ceilings were mirrored and the photo reflected these two looking up.



Wednesday morning we woke to howling winds and blowing snow. We checked the weather and wind gusts could be in excess of 50 mph! We had the option of going to Diamond Peak or taking the day off. We had started with a count of 10 going but that number quickly dwindled down to four. Pat, Phil, Ben and Teri decided to go try it. We are glad that we did. It was excellent powder and well protected with trees. There was only one area, the ridge, where the wind was blowing so hard that you had to pole to get going forward. It made for an interesting run. There were a few periods of sunshine that the lake and the basin valley were visible. We had lunch and skied the rest of the day.



Luggi’s run was the best! (It was a dedication to Luggi Foeger, the founder of Diamond Peak).



We returned to the hotel and again tried the hot tub. It was scalding hot. Back to the hot shower for me! Later that evening, a few of us tried the Soule Domain bistro. The food was very tasty and the homemade ice cream with berry sauce was delicious.





Thursday was a fun day at Sugar Bowl. We had about a 45 minute bus ride up Donner's Pass to the ski area. It was snowing and there was fresh powder everywhere! Most of us had taken yesterday off to rest and had fresh legs for this great day. This area also has a lot of history related to the Donner Party and also the railroad. The one run, "Tunnel 41" is over the railroad tunnel. The Palisades are also here. Phil got some photos of people coming down to the cliffs. Steve, was that you? That evening



we all had dinner on our own. I skipped the hot tub and took a nap.



Friday we had a short bus ride to Mt Rose. We took the mountain tour to get a feel for the area. It wasn't long before the enticing powder in the trees called us. We skied hard and tried some of the more challenging areas where the name included the word chute. The one we tried wasn't nearly as steep as the steepest one called "El Cap" with a 55 degree slope. Phil and Pat just had to go.



Pat commented at the nearly as bad if you had just came down". I am glad it That evening, we



end of the day, "it wasn't didn't look up to see what you think they call that "the no fall wasn't a repeat of Kirkwood and you are both in one piece. gathered in the Lakeview Dining room for our farewell



dinner. The week has gone by fast. We enjoyed Macadamia Nut Crusted Salmon and Pork Tenderloin for our entrees. We socialized and talked about the weather which was a storm that was to hit Denver. So far, the

flights still show they are on time.



Saturday at 7 AM, the flight from Denver to Omaha is cancelled. I am on the phone on hold for 45 minutes trying to get a human at Southwest. Finally get someone and am told that we won't get a flight out until Monday! Ugh! We load the bus and go to the airport. We are able to get a flight from Reno to Las Vegas then to Chicago Midway landing at 11:30PM. We would stay at Midway and get our boarding silver lining that we had to this night. It was one less hour



passes in the morning. It was a "spring ahead" with the time that we would have to spend in the airport. I was



first in a long line, along with my group of 15, complete with baggage, waiting for the ticketing desk to open at 4:30AM. We got the boarding passes that we needed and went for breakfast and then to the comfy chairs for a nap. We boarded the plane and landed at Eppley around 10 AM on Sunday morning. It was snowing and blowing when we landed and I later heard that planes were being diverted due to weather at

Eppley. I am glad we made it before we were diverted. I was happy to be home and really happy that everyone made it back to Lincoln safely.



I want to thank everyone for making this a successful trip. I have heard very positive comments. It was a great time and I hope we can do this again next season. Wayne, I hope your thumb gets better quickly. Rest your knees and other joints if this applies and keep in shape for the next trip. Thanks to each of you for a great trip and a special thank you to Steve and Patsy for the help!



Teri Hammon  
Trip Captain



Front: Patsy Meyer, Tom & Rebecca Starr, Wayne & Ann Simpson, Hollis Anderson  
Back: Phil Bintz, Steve Meyer, Jerry Luedke, Teri Hammon, Steve Nimic, Bill Shoemaker, Jim Crook, Barb Wittmer, Pat Connelly, Dave Burden, Ben Novograd, Bill Berger and Kathy Campbell.

**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
JUNE 2013 – MAY 2014**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW \_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_  
Through September 30, 2013: FAMILY \$25 \_\_\_\_ SINGLE \$22 \_\_\_\_  
After September 30, 2013: FAMILY \$30 \_\_\_\_ SINGLE \$27 \_\_\_\_

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

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

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate 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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