

March 2014 Update

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2013-2014 Ski Season's Trips Completed

All three 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 2014-2015 season, until May 31, 2015. See page 7 for a membership application.

Two Board Positions to Be Filled at This May's Election We NEED your help!

The terms of two of our board members, Dave Burden and Ben Novograd, expire at the end of May. They have both served two successive terms (4 years total) on the board, which is the maximum allowed under the club's bylaws, and cannot run for the board again this year. Their board positions will need to be filled at this May's election. Any current member can run for a board position. Anyone interested should contact Phil Bintz, at 402-630-4753 (president@omahaskiclub.org) or Ben Novograd at 402-291-5704 (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 first week of May. Ballots will be mailed during the second week of May. NOW is the time to become more involved in your club. The secretary position allows you the opportunity to listen and learn what the Board does. The duties of each position were reviewed in prior newsletters last year. Won't you join us?

Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your membership for the Omaha Ski Club 2014-2015 season. We will have two drawings: one for a \$50 trip credit certificate and the other for a free membership at the May 31st election party. Your membership application and payment must be received prior to the Election Party and you must be present to win. We'll also have another drawing for a \$25 trip credit certificate for anyone who turns in a membership application and payment who is a first-time new member. A membership application is included as page 7 of this newsletter.

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Upcoming Events

April 1st (Tuesday) 6:00 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 9th (Wednesday) 6:30 p.m.

Chinese Dinner

China Buffet, 737 N 114th St.

On the east side of the Miracle Hills mall, a little NE of 114th and Dodge St.
Everyone welcome.

May 6th (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.

May 8th (Thursday) 6:45 p.m.

Seafood Dinner

Shuck's Fish House and Oyster Bar, 1218 S 119th St

On 119th St one block south of Pacific St. Phone # is 402-827-4376.
Everyone welcome.

May 31st (Saturday) 5 p.m.

Election Party

El Siebert's residence, 3215 Belvedere Blvd

Everyone welcome.

June 3rd (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.

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FSA Race Committee

I wish to thank those of you who raced while we were at Steamboat. It was a busy week for the race committee and all of the people that volunteered to help with the race course, staging and numerous other duties. I was thankful for the extra day on Sunday. It was a beautiful bluebird day. Phil and I enjoyed the relaxation.

As the FSA Race Chair, I would like to explain our duties during the week. First, all of you sign a waiver to race. You are then placed on a list and “seeded”. During the summer race committee meeting, we draw numbers as to which order the Omaha club will race. We were number one this year, so we were able to begin the races in the first position. Your seed order is the order you will race in your age category. In addition to making sure everyone has a position and a waiver signed, we review the results of the races and make sure everyone that made a run is recorded. There are three opportunities to race. First, a person can race against all others in the open race. A member pays for two runs down the race course. These count for NASTAR medals. The next race is the Men’s and Women’s Challenge Races and the Snowboard Challenge Race. In these races, you are racing against others in your age/gender group. You help the club gain overall points when you complete the course. If you should obtain one



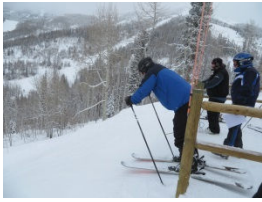
of the top three spots in your category, you win more points for your club. I won’t go into the scoring and point system for FSA due to the complexity of the overall scoring. The third race is the team race, more commonly known as the snowshoe race. The top three winning teams of this race also get points for their club. There is one more race that is for members who have not raced before and have not medaled on the NASTAR course or have changed disciplines (skiers who are beginning to snowboard) that is the Novice race. If you participate in this race, you will also gain a point for your club. Although we have not placed in the first or second place overall point totals over the past several years, there was a time when we did.

Another function of the Race Chair is to sell raffle tickets. We sell these tickets for donations to a charity of our choice during the week. This year, we chose STARS which is Steamboat’s Adaptive Recreational Sports program. Omaha Ski Club was able to donate \$89 toward this cause. The overall donation from the Race Committee was \$1186. There was more donated during the raffle at the welcome party in addition to our donation. On Saturday, the race chairs do a “fun” race among themselves to determine which club has a chance for a prize. We are looking at this for the future so that everyone who donated would have a chance to win the prize, and not only the club that won the race chair race. If anyone has watched us do this “race”, it is more difficult than you can imagine. The resort that is hosting us chooses the course, so we are not aware of what we will need to do. Todd from OKC is so fast; we will never have a chance to win this one!



One additional function of the Race Chair is to offer nominations for the Judy Cup Award and the Dave Vannett Race Director’s Cup to the Race Director to present to the Board. The Judy Cup Award is presented to persons who have made exemplary contributions to FSA, demonstrating service and or sportsmanship in the Flatlands’ tradition. This year, Phil Bintz and Ron Lueck (Columbia) received this award for their contributions to FSA over the many years that they have served. Phil went on his first FSA trip in 1988 and has attended each and every FSA week since then for the past 26 years! He has served many positions on the FSA Board of Directors over the years and is present at almost all of the races. Congratulations Phil! The Dave Vannett Race Director’s Cup is presented to an individual, group or FSA Club that had a significant achievement at each year’s FSA week.

This could be fastest average times, highest average points per person or special race achievement. There were no specified guidelines at its inception, so the story of this award changes year to year.

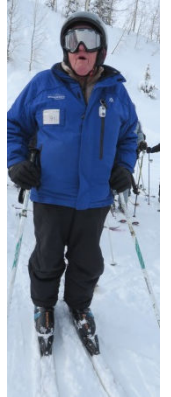


Overall, Omaha placed 8th in total points. In the Women's Challenge, Teri Hammon placed third in her age group and received a Silver NASTAR medal for her time. No other women from our club raced during this race. In the Men's Challenge race, El Siebert placed 7th in his age group, Bob Waltermire placed 8th and Andy Rabick 12th in their age group, Tom Wehling and Dave Burden placed 14th and 17th in their group, Steve Grunberg and Brian Moore placed 16th and 26th in their age group, Phil Bintz placed 4th in his age group and received a Bronze NASTAR medal for his time and Lamont Wright and Joe Reitman placed 8th and 9th in their age group.



Two teams participated in the Relay Race. Our first team-Kim Lee, Eric Horn, Dave Burden and Joe Reitman placed 7th overall. The second team-Tom Wehling, Teri Hammon, Lamont Wright, Patty Wright-was not counted as the first team had a better time.

We did not have any participants in the Novice Race or the Snowboard Race. Phil Bintz received a Silver NASTAR medal in the Open race. The results of the individual races will be placed on the website.



I hope you will join us next year when FSA will be at Crested Butte. Perhaps you will take a run down the race course or try your luck on the snowshoe team.

Have a great summer!



Teri Hammon
FSA Race Chair



Big Sky Montana February 21-28, 2014



Seventeen members of the Omaha and Cornhusker Ski Clubs joined the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC) for a week in Big Sky MT. Our adventure began Friday evening, the 21st, with a flight out of Omaha. In Denver, we waited for a plane to arrive from Detroit. Some of the people from the Thunderbird club were on that flight. There were many delayed or cancelled flights due to the winter storms throughout the country. We got on the bus at Bozeman and stopped at the store for supplies. We arrived at Big Sky at 3:30

am Saturday morning, the 22nd. The morning started with breakfast in the Huntley Lodge dining room with a buffet breakfast complete with an omelet table and a Belgian Waffle station. After breakfast, we started with a mountain tour. The Swift Current lift was closed so we took a tour of the mountain to the south. Our guide said that Big Sky had acquired other areas, Spanish Peaks to the south and Moonlight Basin to the north, making it the largest ski area in the US with 5750 acres of skiable terrain. It also has the largest vertical drop with 4350 ft.



Sunday the 23rd, it was snowing and we went to Moonlight Basin to explore this area. It was there that we found a run we called Teri's Ditch. We also found some nice powder in the Horseshoe Cutoff. We had lunch at the Madison Base Area then finished our day with a few more runs. That evening, we attended the Welcome Party in the Huntley Dining Room.



Monday the 24th, we skied in the Thunder Wolf High Speed Quad area and then went over to the Spanish Peaks for a couple runs. On our way back, we proceeded to the race course at Chet's Knob for the fun race. It was a fun and simple course. After we took our 2 runs, we went to lunch at the Huntley Dining room. We had sub sandwiches, chips, salad and soup. We skied till 3 PM then went to Whiskey Jacks for our après ski party. There I found that I finished 1st in the 50-54 bracket. I was surprised. For dinner, we went to Moose River Hummers and then went to Carabineer Lounge at The Summit.



Tuesday the 25th, it was snowing again. We explored areas off the Ramcharger lift and a couple runs on Spanish Peaks. From there, we headed to the Challenger lift to ski the Zucchini patch. After a few more runs, we gathered for the Après-Ski at Lone Peak Café.

Wednesday the 26th, some of us went to the top of Lone Peak via the tram since the sun finally was shining. It was a small 15 person tram. The ride was about 4 minutes long, however the wait was about 30-45 minutes. The view from the top was spectacular. It was a great day to take photos. For those who had not been to the area before, we were finally were able to see the mountain. Some of the group took the day off to go to Yellowstone. It was a beautiful day to see Old Faithful and explore all the sites that the park had to offer.



That evening, most of us took the bus to Bucks T-4 for dinner. They had a wide selection of food, from bison steaks, salmon, ribs, meatloaf, pork chops and many other choices. It was an enjoyable evening.



Thursday the 27th, we went back to Moonlight Basin and tried to find runs that we hadn't skied yet. Big Sky is a huge place that would take 2-3 weeks to cover. Brian invited us to join him to ski the trees for the remainder of the day. It was fun stopping for photos and enjoying the scenery. That evening we had our Dinner Banquet at the Huntley Dining Room. The theme was Mardi Gras. Many of the members were dressed in colorful outfits with all the trimmings. It was

announced that CMSC Week 2015 will be at Mt Bachelor February 21-28, 2015. Steak and salmon were served for dinner. After dinner, there was a door prize drawing. Teri's name was drawn for a pair of sunglasses from Viking Ski Shop. There were many great prizes given away. Following dinner, the music and dancing began. Even the water buffalo was decorated.



Friday the 28th, it was snowing again. The bus left Big Sky at 3:30 AM. Our flight was to leave at 7 AM but we finally got off the ground at 8:30 AM. We arrived in Omaha 1:30 PM without any further flight delays.

It was a good week, fresh snow, fun parties and great friends. Thank you all for making this a great trip! See you next year at Mt Bachelor!



Trip Captains
Phil Bintz &
Teri Hammon



**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2014 – MAY 2015**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW ____ RENEWAL ____

FAMILY \$25 ____ (\$30 if paid after September 30th)

SINGLE \$22 ____ (\$27 if paid after September 30th)

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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