



April 2015 Update

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2014-2015 Ski Season's Trips Completed

All five 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 2015-2016 season, until May 31, 2016. 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) or our secretary, Steve Grunberg at 402-319-1349 (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 this month.

Ballots to be Sent During the Middle of May

The ballots for the 2015-2016 Omaha Ski Club board election will be sent via regular first-class mail about May 15th. They can be brought to the May 31st election party 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 29th.

Upcoming Events

May 5th (Tuesday) 7 p.m.

Board Meeting

Hy-Vee #3, 8809 W Center Rd

On the southeast corner of Center Rd and 90th St. All members welcome.

May 31st (Sunday) 5 p.m.

Election Party

El Siebert's residence, 3215 Belvedere Blvd

All members (new and old) welcome. The club will provide hamburgers and hot dogs and soda. Bring a side dish to share and BYOB.

June 2nd (Tuesday) 7 p.m.

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New Members

The Omaha Ski Club welcomes the following new members:

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The Omaha Ski Club welcomes the following renewal members:

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In Remembrance . . .

We regret having to announce the passing of long time Omaha Ski Club life member Dave Lawler. Dave was an OSC member for over 30 years, with most of those years spent in service to our Club. In the days before we all had email, Dave would spend time every month laying out the hardcopy first draft of our newsletter, including processing photos, proofing text, making copies, manually addressing and labeling all copies, and finally driving the zip-code sorted bundled newsletters to the downtown post office. As a member of the Bar association in Iowa, he would provide an endless number of hours helping to keep the Club in proper legal standing and preserve our non-profit status. Dave was awarded an Omaha Ski Club life membership in honor of his unselfish contributions to our Club. Dave was also a long time ski patroller and instructor at the Mount Crescent Ski Area. Dave will be greatly missed by our club.

Here is Dave's complete obituary:

David J. Lawler Jr., 64, of Council Bluffs, formerly of Clare and Fort Dodge, Iowa, passed away April 10, 2015, at his home.

David Joseph Lawler Jr., was born September 15, 1950, in Fort Dodge. He attended St. Matthews School in Clare and graduated from St. Edmond High School in 1968. David graduated from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan., attended the University of Iowa - College of Law, received his law degree and was admitted to the Iowa Bar. After serving as a clerk for former Supreme Court Justice David Harris, David moved back to Fort Dodge and opened his own practice.

David eventually moved to Council Bluffs and worked for the Legal Services of Iowa before returning to private practice. He was a ski instructor and worked as ski patrol at Mount Crescent. David collected model railroad trains and participated in RAGBRAI for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, David J. Sr. and Irene (Meyers) Lawler.

David is survived by his siblings, Ellen (Jack) Cottrell, of Fort Dodge, Rev. Bruce Lawler, of Larchwood, Iowa and Marcia (Pete) Cooper, of Lee's Summit, Mo.; and 5 nieces and nephews, Carl Cottrell and Marianne Stepanian, of Watertown, Mass., Carrie and Matt Becker, of Las Vegas, Nev., Will and Lea Petrie, of Kansas City, Mo., Teresa and Jason Satchell, of Overland Park, Kan., Katherine Petrie, of Lee's Summit, Mo.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 20, 2015, at St. Matthew's Church, Clare. A visitation will be one hour prior at the church. Burial will follow at St. James Cemetery, Clare. Memorials may be left to the St. Edmond Catholic School System.

CMSC Chicago Week

Mt Bachelor Oregon

February 21-28, 2015



Our week began with an early flight from Omaha to Salt Lake City where we enjoyed a three hour layover. From there, we traveled to Portland. When we arrived, we joined with some of the other CMSC clubs and boarded the Crater bus to Sunriver. Plenty of time to sit back, relax and enjoy the ride. Just as we settled in for the ride, the bus' fire alarm began to sound. We stopped near Mt Hood. The bus driver was on the phone trying to reset the alarm. The other bus also stopped and waited for us. Our bus leader and the bus driver were calm. We had a great group on our bus. The stop didn't bother anyone too much and after about an hour, the driver pulled the fuse and reset the alarm. We were on our way. Next stop, Sunriver! We arrived at Sunriver just in time to put our luggage in the rooms and attend the Welcome Party at the Great Hall. There were eleven of us from Omaha (well, only ten at this time-Mark missed his flight) on this great adventure.

Sunday, we were up early for breakfast at Homestead. It was a beautiful, sunny day and we were excited to get on the bus and travel to Mt Bachelor. When we arrived, we were greeted by mountain hosts who told us where things were and took us on tours of the mountain. It was fun being here again. This was a first for most of our members. The snow was well groomed and hard packed. There had not been fresh snow for a while. In fact, they had rain which left the mountain looking like it was encrusted in ice. The Outback, Northwest and Summit lifts were not open. We enjoyed the spectacular views of the mountain and surrounding areas. We finished our ski day, went back to the condos and got ready to go into Bend for the evening. Well most of us. I decided a nice long nap was in order. Others went on the Pub Crawl and enjoyed the taste of Bend!



Monday, we went to breakfast in the Great Hall. We again loaded into buses to Mt. Bachelor for another great day of skiing. The conditions did not change. It was a nice day and we had found every run at least once. We returned to Sunriver early to prepare for an evening at the High Desert Museum. What a wonderful evening of socializing, learning, eating and drinking and more drinking. We were given tours of the museum, fed a large amount of lasagna, entertained with music and a presentation about the Peregrine Falcon and birds of prey. After dinner, we indulged in Marionberry cobbler and socialized. It was a nice evening.



Tuesday, we met at the Great Hall for breakfast before getting on the bus to Mt Bachelor. The conditions were the same but the Summit and Outback lifts were open! This gave us new terrain to play on. It wasn't fresh powder, but it was fun. We met on Midway for the "Fun Race" We took our two runs on a course that was set for experts! Rick, the photographer for CMSC, stated that there were many words uttered about the course. Many of us didn't make the gates. Those who did race did so carefully. Our race organizer left the gate placement to the mountain staff. I only suggest that the next race with CMSC be a "fun" race. After we finished skiing, we met at Pine Martin Lodge for an après ski party. We socialized and had appetizers, and then we skied down to catch the buses. That was a sweet last run! Later that evening, we found a quiet restaurant at the main lodge for dinner while others went on the lava cave tours.



Wednesday, most of our members went to Crater Lake for a snowshoe tour. They enjoyed a warm, sunny day to view the beautiful lake. Those who didn't go, enjoyed a walk through the village at Sunriver and Marionberry ice cream cones. It also included a short afternoon nap. It was nice just to relax, enjoy the surroundings and visit with new friends.



When everyone returned from their adventures,

we took the bus downtown to explore Bend and have dinner. The sushi at Five Fusion was delicious. We also had a lesson in using chopsticks. We ended the night with a quick tour through McMenamins Old St. Francis School.

Thursday, we started the day with breakfast and a bus ride to the mountain. We were well rested and enjoyed a full day of skiing. The Outback lift was open as was the Summit. The Northwest lift was broken and was not running. It was overcast and we were anticipating a little snow for Friday. We finished the day and went back to prepare for the farewell party. We dressed in our Hawaiian attire and gathered at the Great Hall. The fire dancers performed, we mingled for a while and then were seated for dinner. Following dinner, we were entertained by the Hokulea Dancers. It was a beautiful performance by many talented dancers. After the performance, Ed Gordon presented the race results. Congratulations to Kim Lee and Pat Connolly for first place in their age groups.



Friday, we met for breakfast. We will truly miss these buffet breakfasts. We got on the busses and went to ski. There was fresh snow on the mountain! We made a couple of runs then headed for the trees and untracked powder! It was heavenly. We had great fun and like all vacations, it had to end. We said goodbye to Mt. Bachelor and returned to Sunriver. A group of us went to Sunriver Bar & Grill for dinner and returned to our rooms to pack. The luggage had to be out by 5 AM.

We woke up very early Saturday morning to 4-5 inches of fresh snow and we were getting on a bus to go home! I would have loved to have the snow a couple days earlier. We had a 3+ hour bus ride to Portland. It was a scenic drive and great company which made it go quick. We arrived at the airport and without delay we were on our way to Salt Lake City. After a three hour layover and a good dinner at Pei Wei, we arrived home.



In a rare moment, I caught the CMSC photographer, Rick Drew, resting on the steps before the next event. He had a busy week documenting all of our great memories.



A photo of the trip leaders from most of the CMSC groups that attended this year's event. A special thank you to Mary Kreinbring and Vicki Schutz for organizing the week and to Scott Appleman (AppleCore Sports) our tour operator. It was a well-organized, great week!

Join us next year when CMSC will be at Whistler February 27-March 5, 2016. Thank you to the 11 members for making this a successful trip! It is always fun to meet new friends and party the week away with CMSC!



Teri Hammon
Trip Captain



A view from the top of the Summit Lift



Steve Matheson and his shadow



The Great Hall



Mammoth Mountain March 14-21, 2015

Five members of the Omaha Ski Club attended the fourth trip of the season to Mammoth Mountain, California. Unlike the other organized trips that are offered, this one was booked with lodging and six day lift tickets and find your own way out there! The reason this happened was that one member was almost there from Oregon, one was flying from CO, one was in San Francisco and the other two decided to drive out. We all arrived around the same time despite the different travel

arrangements. When we arrived, the sun was shining, temps were in the 70's and the trees and flowers were blooming. Most of the snow had melted around Juniper Springs Resort as well as on a majority of the mountain.



Five of the six days we spent skiing at Mammoth Mountain. The conditions were spring like, hard groomed in the morning and slush around noon. The morning ride up the Eagle lift showed us two dirty trails to the lift, otherwise the area was pretty sparse for snow cover. On Thursday, we drove to June Mountain, which is also owned by Mammoth. Our lift tickets were interchangeable. The entire area from the base to the top of the lift was brown! I questioned whether they had ANY snow. We rode the lift up a very steep slope to get to the snow. Once there, the conditions were good and we enjoyed the area. We had lunch in the lodge with fantastic views of the valley below. When we were ready to leave, we had to download on the same lift we came up. Oh no! I am glad Phil didn't get bruises on his arm from my grip. I will never forget THAT ride. Straight down and slow!



On the first day at Mammoth, we worked our way across the mountain. It was warm and windy with the wind increasing throughout the morning. Several of the lifts went on "hold" status. We went in for lunch, and then took a bus back to the condos. One day, there was a 2 hour delay due to a power outage from Bishop to Mammoth Lakes, including the mountain. Construction workers in Bishop had cut a power line. We enjoyed skiing what runs we could and the views from the top were great!



A couple of evenings, we had family style dinners at the condo. On night we had lasagna and the other evening we had hamburgers. The remaining days, we dined at Slocums, Grumpy's and the Mogul

in town, and the Stockyard restaurant in the Village. The restaurants were abundant, the food was good and the service was above average. Pricing wasn't too bad either.



Juniper Springs Resort was a nice place to stay. There were three outdoor hot tubs and a pool. The condos were nicely decorated and spacious. It was unfortunate that the Eagle Lodge side of the mountain did not receive its usual snowfall and most of the area was closed so we had a short walk to the lift instead of ski in, ski out conditions. The Sunday that we left, they closed the Eagle lift for the season and future guests had to shuttle to the main lodge area.



Overall, it was a good trip. We had fun and enjoyed skiing at two areas that we had not visited in the past. Thank you to all of you for making this a successful trip!

Teri Hammon
Vice President of Trips



OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2015 – MAY 2016

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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