



## June 2016 Update

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### 2016-2017 Board and Committee Positions Update

Ben Novograd is replacing Steve Grunberg as the club's secretary.  
Steve Grunberg is replacing Phil Bintz as the club's FSA representative.  
Phil Bintz is replacing Teri Hammon as the club's race chairman.  
Teri Hammon is taking over as the FSA race director for 2016-2017.  
All other board and committee positions are unchanged from 2015-2016.

### Upcoming Events

**June 23rd (Thursday) 7:00 p.m.**

**Omaha Storm Chasers Baseball Game  
Werner Park, 12356 Ballpark Way, Papillion NE**

A little N of Rt 370 between 120th and 126th St.  
Individual ticket prices range from \$9 to \$25. Infield box seats are \$15.  
See the Omaha Storm Chasers ticket site for details. Game starts at 7:05.  
This is on Thirsty Thursday, featuring \$2 Bud beers and \$1 Pepsi drinks.  
Everyone welcome.

**July 9th (Saturday) 3:30 p.m.**

**Board Meeting  
Lake Manawa Sailing Association  
812 Commanche St, Council Bluffs, IA**

Before the potluck party. All members welcome.

**July 9th (Saturday) 4:00 p.m.**

**Potluck Party at the Lake Manawa Sailing Association  
812 Commanche St, Council Bluffs, IA**

Richard and Judy Gray have invited us to the Lake Manawa Sailing Association area on Saturday July 9, beginning at 4 pm. We will have a sheltered picnic area. The club will furnish ice, paper plates, napkins, and utensils. Bring your own meat for grilling, drinks, and a side dish to share for a potluck dinner around 6 pm. Boating and swimming are possible activities. Bring appropriate clothing for your activities. Richard and Judy will provide the sail boat rides.

Directions: Take I-80 east to Council Bluffs, exit 3 (Lake Manawa) then go right (south) a little over one mile on the South Expressway which becomes Piute St and then right (west) ¼ mile on Commanche St.

Everyone welcome. RSVP will be helpful to El Siebert 402-453-9088 or [elsiebert@cox.net](mailto:elsiebert@cox.net).

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**August 1st (Monday) 7:00 p.m.**

**Board Meeting**

**Hy-Vee #3, 8809 W Center Rd, Omaha**

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

**August 2nd (Tuesday) 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Lauritzen Gardens "Tempo of Twilight" Concert**

**100 Bancroft St, Omaha**

Enjoy the Rhythm Collective Band at Lauritzen Gardens, in their Tempo of Twilight concert series on Tuesday evenings between 6 and 8 pm.

Lauritzen Garden members are free and others are charged \$10.

Bring lawn chairs, food and beverage. Dinner special is available at the Garden. Questions call EI at 402-453-9088. Everyone welcome.

**August 15th (Monday) 6:30 p.m.**

**Japanese Dinner**

**Blue Sushi Sake Grill, 14450 Eagle Run Drive, Omaha**

In the shopping center on the NW corner of 144th St and Eagle Run Drive.

Enjoy the tastefulness of Sushi and the friendship of ski club members.

Come earlier to get better seating. Look for Ski Club members or ski pole flags. Questions call EI at 492-453-9088. Everyone welcome.

**September 6th (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.**

**Board Meeting**

**Hy-Vee #3, 8809 W Center Rd, Omaha**

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

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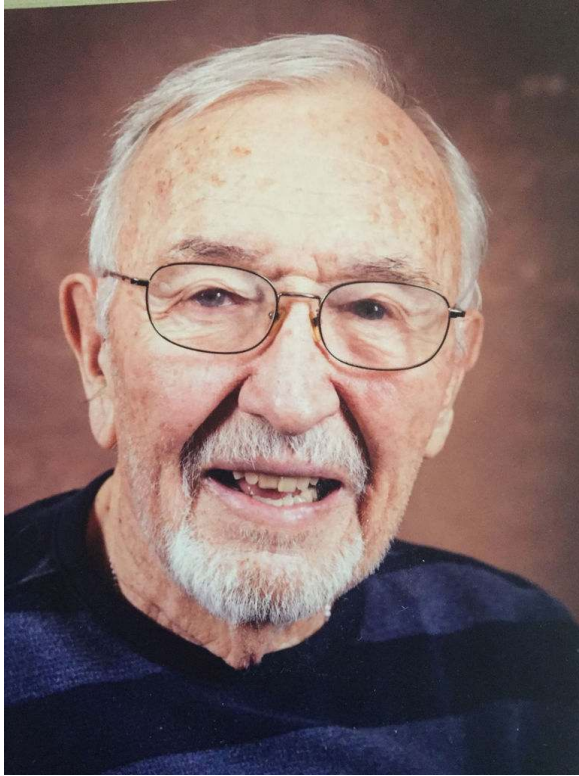
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# Don Hammel



It is with great pride that we remember the life of Omaha Ski Club past president and life member Don Hammel. Don was heavily involved with the Omaha Ski Club in the 1950's through the 1970's. After giving up his positions on the OSC board, he would still make most of the Club events until his later years. Don and his wife Ruth attended many of the Club's early trip in the sleeper-bus era.

Don was involved in two of the most significant events in Omaha Ski Club history. Don and his ski club buddy, Bill Jacobus, got tired of the Club's short rope-tow ski hill in Omaha's Hummel Park. They spend an entire weekend scouting the Missouri River bluffs for something better. They found a much larger hill north of Crescent, Iowa and convinced the farmer who owned it to let the Omaha Ski Club relocate its ski hill there. As Paul Harvey would say: Now you know the rest of the story. Also, in the 1960's the Omaha Ski Club sub-leased the Dallas-Fort Worth Ski Club bus for a ski trip to Colorado. The bus was customized by the DFW club to convert bus seats into bunk-beds. Don sent the blue-prints of that bus to Doyle Busskohl, owner of Arrow Stage Lines in Norfolk, NE, and they started converting their entire bus fleet to sleeper-buses in the winter to support the 30+ annual ski trips of the Omaha Ski Club.

After giving up his downhill skis, Don started doing weekend cross-country ski trips up to Minnesota. His love for jazz music took him everywhere in Omaha where they played jazz. He never played a musical instrument, but he could sure listen to jazz.

The Omaha Ski club will miss this Omaha Ski Club pioneer and life member.

## Full Obituary:

Hammel, Donald H. Jul 22, 1925 - Jun 11, 2016 Don Hammel was born on July 22, 1925 in Lyons, NE and died on June 11, 2016 in Lincoln. Formerly of Omaha/Ralston, Don was a jazz lover, retired realtor, Korean War veteran, and former president of Omaha Ski Club. Preceded in death by wife, Ruth. Survived by daughter, PK Hammel of Madison, Wisconsin; sons, Paul (Nancy) of Lincoln, NE and Bill (Elise) of Anchorage, AK; six grandchildren. A Celebration of Life/music get-together will be held on July 2nd. Details later. Memorials to the Central Asia Institute or John Neihardt Foundation. HEAFEY-HOFFMANN-DWORAK-CUTLER BEL AIR CHAPEL 12100 W. Center Rd. 402-391-3900 [www.heafeyheafey.com](http://www.heafeyheafey.com)

# Volunteer Opportunities for Skiers

I had a great opportunity to attend the Outlook Nebraska, Inc. ONI Visually Impaired Community Resources Fair that was held at the Westroads shopping center this year. This was the first event like this to make the public more aware of all the resources that our community has available to the blind and visually impaired. I was surprised at some of the new inventions that are available. One brochure caught my attention because it had snow and skis on the cover! I learned about a program that provides skiers, such as we have in our area, a great volunteer opportunity to share our talents and enthusiasm with others!

Every year, the Black Hills Regional Ski for Light (BHSFL) holds a week-long event at Terry Peak for blind, visually impaired and physically challenged individuals. The week-long program provides a break from the constant attention of dealing with blindness or mobility problems while the program also builds confidence and the wonderful feeling of independence that is often lost to the blind and physically challenged as they meet the challenges in their lives. With the help of people like Ward and Kathy Kinney of Fontenelle tours and Arrow Stage Lines, the participants of the program work together each year to raise money to provide round trip bus travel from Omaha to Deadwood and back at an extremely reasonable price. The bus will make stops across Nebraska to pick up interested participants. Travel on the bus is not limited to Nebraskans. Arrangements would be made through Fontenelle Tours.

The event is a week-long event each January that offers lodging, meals, entertainment, all ski equipment, lift tickets, sleds, snowmobiles, all in-city transportation and a banquet ticket for each participant at the cost of \$200 for the week (not including bus transportation). Financial aid may be available to qualified individuals to reduce the cost to \$100 for the event, but does not pertain to the bus transportation. Fundraising has been able to considerably offset the cost of the bus. Many participants from past events comment that it is great fun and very addicting!

The event takes place the last full week of January every year. This year's event is January 21-27, 2017. It is a great opportunity to volunteer to be a ski guide for a blind skier or assist as a volunteer in other ways during the week. Unfortunately, this is the same week that FSA holds their event.

If you know of a blind, visually impaired or physically challenged individual that may be interested in this event or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Karen Lemmon [klemmon@bbcwb.net](mailto:klemmon@bbcwb.net) or (308) 667-2054 or Warren Bennett (308) 991-8212. They are the co-coordinators for BHSFL Bus across Nebraska. For Bus information contact Fontenelle Tours (712)366-9596. For more information on the Black Hills Ski for Light, visit their website: [www.bhsfl.org](http://www.bhsfl.org).

(This article is intended to be for information and does not constitute an Omaha Ski Club Trip. If you wish to participate individually or you know of someone in the community that would benefit from this great event, please contact the sponsors directly)

Teri Hammon  
Vice President of Trips  
Omaha Ski Club

**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
JUNE 2016 – MAY 2017**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS:    NEW \_\_\_\_    RENEWAL \_\_\_\_

FAMILY \$25 \_\_\_\_ (\$30 if paid after September 30<sup>th</sup>)

SINGLE \$22 \_\_\_\_ (\$27 if paid after September 30<sup>th</sup>)

**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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