

March, 2002

Current Events

Feb 28 (Thu) Ski Cooper Trip leaves

March 12 (Tue)

Board Meeting, McCall Press 3219 Leavenworth 6:00pm All members welcome.

March 12 (Tue)

Membership meeting, Post-Trip party for Ski Cooper & Pre-Trip party for Summit Co. Old Chicago in the Old Market at 7:30pm

March 15 (Fri)

Summit County Trip leaves

March 24 (Sun)

Membership meeting, Post-Trip Party for Summit Co. and Pre-Trip Party for Snowmass. Senor Matias. 90th & Arbor at 7:00pm

Future Events

April 2 (Tue) Snowmass Trip leaves

April 9 (Tue)

Board Meeting, McCall Press 3219 Leavenworth 6:00pm All members welcome.



Spectacular Spring Break Trip To Snowmass & Aspen

Imagine endless white slopes, short lift lines and a bubbling hot tub with a cold beer at the end of a great day of skiing. But wait, it gets better. Add to that a mouth watering dinner in Aspen, followed by a stroll around town with your ski buddies. Well, this and more can be yours on our Spring Break trip to Aspen. Yes, scheduled over OPS Spring Break, you can also bring the whole family.

Dates: Bus departs Tuesday evening, April 2 from Omaha. Arrives Snowmass at the Crestwood Condos approximately 7:00 a.m. (changing rooms available there). Lodging is for the nights of April 3, 4, 5, 6. Bus departs Snowmass in afternoon of April 6 and arrives in Omaha approximately 6:00 a.m. the next morning.

Lodging: Lodging is at one of our club's favorite spots, the Crestwood Condo. Spacious two bed, two bath condos with true ski in/ski out service. You can step out of your condo, strap on your skis or snowboard and be on the slopes before the lifts open.

Transportation: Sleeper bus (café style booth seats and tables that fold into bunk beds). After bus fills, drive outs will be accepted, depending upon availability of lodging.

Trip Cost: Ron got us a really special deal on this one. An unbelievably low price of \$425.00 includes transportation, lodging and welcome party. Lift tickets are additional, but we got a great deal on those, too. Full payments are due at this time.

Lift Tickets: With group rates, we will be getting our lift tickets at a low, low price of \$27.00 a day (nearly half price). Tickets are also good at Aspen, Buttermilk and Aspen Highlands.

Other: There will be a catered Welcome Party in the spacious conference room at the Crestwood our first night. An optional trip to Glenwood Springs is in the works for one of the evenings. Glenwood offers great dining, shopping and/or a dip in the soothing hot springs.

Trip Captain: Pat McCall, 345-1881 (H) or 342-8898 (W)

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STEAMBOAT TRIP REPORT

The Flatland Ski Association recently hosted a fun and memorable trip to Steamboat, currently rated as my favorite place to ski. The trip had 22 participants with 5 being new members just this year. As an exciting part of the Flatlands Trip, 4 out of those 5 new members participated in racing events with two of them winning medals. I'd like to especially congratulate Barb and Craig Larson for winning a 2nd and a 5th place respectively in their classes. They were also chosen to then perform on our Master's team, which finished in 6th place out of 8 teams. Great job to all who participated in the racing and I think we made quite a showing considering that we had 22 people compared to some much larger clubs that brought over 100 people. I'd like to thank Bob Todd and Phil Bintz for coordinating the racing portion of the event and helping everything run smoothly.

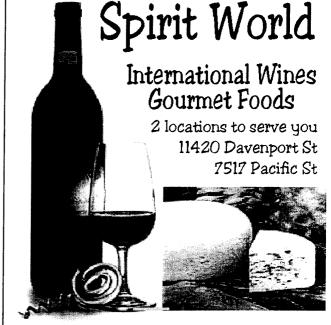
It was also especially gratifying to see the support that two of our other new members were given when nearly the whole ski club showed up to watch Shad Hovey and Mitsuru Yasuda race in the Snowboard Race. I don't think I've ever seen so many cameras in one place shooting a race course. Not only was it exciting to have two snowboarders along this year, it was exciting that both had never raced before but were willing to throw themselves, quite literally, into the challenge.

Thanks everyone for making the extra effort not only to race, but to support the racers and to make a great showing for the Omaha Ski Club, we may have had only 22 people, but we definitely made our presence known.

The Flatlands trip always follows right on the heels of the USRSA trip, but it was a great show of support for the trip this year to have 22 brave the frigid temperatures of Steamboat, With temperatures some nights getting way below zero, everyone still braved them and skied the powder the first day. More powder was found in the trees, as several experienced the joy of being helped out of interesting spots. Mary Ava described having to dig for her skis and the challenge of trying to get back on her skis when she was in powder up to her knees. And Mitsuru discovered what it was like to be up to his chest in

powder, when he took his board off trying to shimmy out of a deep narrow ravine. They say that Steamboat is known for its tree skiing, well we certainly all experienced fun and challenging runs in and through the Aspens and Evergreens because we knew that there was powder hiding in the trees long after the powder had been skied off other places.

Steamboat also had the Olympic Fever, which we were able to experience first-hand. On Friday night Steamboat had a warm sendoff in the cold for their Olympians. Both past and present



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Olympians from the Steamboat area were honored in an outdoor celebration Friday night. Of special excitement, Mitsuru will be taking back to Japan with him a poster of Steamboat signed by all the Olympic Freestyle Ski Team, thanks to Marty Sigg's generous efforts, a very cool memento from his year in the U.S.

Other news of excitement was that just when we thought Omaha was getting shut out of the prizes, Sue Wilson won a pair of bindings, and then as luck would have it Jim Wilson, her husband, won a pair of skis. I'll be interested to see how they work out who gets to ski on them and when. Perhaps next year they will have a new race event with tandem skiers on one pair of skis. We could start a new trend. Barb Larson also won a polar fleece vest, but I don't think she'll have to share that one.

I was proud of how the club truly made the new members feel welcome and I want to thank everyone for helping make my trip captain job easy, fun and successful. Everyone really seemed to put in extra effort helping everyone out and taking care of everyone. And the best part, to my knowledge: no injuries....yaaay!...

Anne Marquardt, Trip Captain Steamboat

(left) Lunch break at Steamboat



PRESIDENTS CORNER

Two trips down and three to go. It amazes me how fast the ski season seems to go. The rest of the year feels like we are in slow motion. When you are on a ski trip it feels like you just got there and it is time to go home already. I was glad to get back on my skis again for this year's Steamboat trip. My last time on skis last year was a painful experience. After my bad fall, I was a little apprehensive getting off of the chairlift. But like the saying goes, it is like riding a bicycle or a horse, you just have get back up and do it again. I am glad to say everything is working ok, although my style is a bit off. I didn't know I even had a style, I just point my skis down the hill and turn when I have to. What kind of style is that?

Oh well, the FSA Steamboat trip

was a lot of fun anyway. The skiing was pretty good considering the icy conditions on a lot of the slopes. Some people on the trip raced, and did well, while some of us just went to ski. Everyone had a fun time. The nightly hot tub time was wonderful although we maxed out the hot tub a couple of times. Cookies anyone? Good job Anne, I think everyone enjoyed themselves.

As I am writing this there is a fierce winter storm going on outside. Hopefully Colorado received some snow from this storm as it passed through there. Colorado could use a couple of big snowstorms to help them out. The reports I have seen show ski days are off quite a bit. I am not sure it is the lack of snow as much as the poor economy that is the

problem. With all that has happened from 9/11 to the fall of Enron, I think people are sitting tight for the moment. With the Olympics just starting maybe people will feel a little more like a ski vacation after watching all of the exciting events.

There is still space on the remaining trips although the Cooper trip will be closed shortly. The Summit County trip over St. Patrick's day weekend still has space available. My trip to Snowmass is starting to fill up, space is still available, but don't wait too long. A lot of people have told me they are going but unless I have a check I may not have a spot left for you.

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OMAHA SKI CLUB TRIP POLICIES

- 1) Trip captain is the final authority on and during the trip.
- 2) Club members will conduct themselves in a mature manner at all times.
- 3) There will be a \$10.00 charge on any returned check. TRIP SIGN-UP, DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS
- 4) Only members in good standing with dues currently paid to the Omaha Ski Club may sign up for a trip. Children under the age of 19 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on the trip. A trip application for a child under the age of 19 must be signed by a parent or guardian of the child.
- 5) By signing up for a trip a member agrees to pay the Club the full cost of the trip applied for, subject to the provisions for timely cancellation in item 7) below. Each trip will have its own trip deposit and payment schedule to be set by the trip committee. A deposit is required to sign up for a trip. Failure to meet the payment schedule may result in automatic cancellation from the trip subject to the cancellation fee in item 7) below.
- 6) When a trip is full the trip captain will start a waiting list. To be placed on the waiting list a member must fill out and sign a trip application and pay the standard deposit for that trip. Waiting list members must meet the payment schedules when moving to the confirmed lists.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

7) Unless otherwise listed in individual trip information, cancellations prior to 60 days before the trip departs will

- result in a cancellation fee of \$50.00; cancellations less than 60 days before the trip departs will result in a cancellation fee of \$100.00 if the trip goes full, or liability for the full cost of the trip if the trip does not go full. Any cancellation fees or penalties may first be deducted from payments the member made for the trip.
- 8) Transferring from the waiting list on one trip to a confirmed list on another trip will be done with no cancellation fee. Refusal to move from the waiting list to the confirmed list will constitute automatic cancellation subject to the cancellation fee in item 9) above.
- 9) If a trip is cancelled by the club, all money paid to the club by a member for that trip will be refunded.
- 10) All members on the waiting list when the trip departs will receive a full refund.
- 11) No refunds will be made until after the trip returns.

BUS TRIPS

- 12) Smoking on buses is prohibited.
- 13) Any time the bus stops en route to its destination, passengers leaving the bus will do so at their own risk.
- 14) The Omaha Ski Club will not provide alcoholic beverages for any bus trip. If any members wish to consume alcoholic beverages on the trip, they can do so at their own expense, and assume all risks and liabilities associated with such consumption.

OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION JUNE 2001 - MAY 2002

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St. Patrick's Day Weekend in Summit County

Join us for an inexpensive yet great skiing and snowboarding trip to Summit County, Colorado where you can ski and board at Breckenridge, A-Basin, Copper Mountain and Keystone. This is a perfect trip for those of all ages, married, singles, and families. For those of you who like to party for St. Patty's day, what better place than Summit County.

Dates: Lodging nights are 15, 16 and 17 of March. Get an extra day of skiing in and stay overnight in Denver on the 14th, ski all day on the 15th.

Lodging: We will be staying at the Alpine Inn in Frisco, Colorado. This is a fairly new hotel, only 7 years old. Rooms have two queen-size beds and a bath. Both a pool and hot tub are easily accessible.

Trip Cost: The fee for this trip covers lodging and ski club administration fees. Your travel expenses, lift tickets, food and incidentals are not covered. Room costs depend on the number of people per room and is dependent on finding others who want the same accommodations. PLEASE NOTE: THE LODGING WE ORIGINALLY BOOKED IS FULL, AND BRIAN IS TRYING TO FIND ADDITIONAL ROOMS. ANY ADDITIONAL LODGING WILL BE ON A SPACE-AVAILABLE, SPACE-FILLED BASIS. WE WILL NOT BOOK ROOMS WE CANNOT FILL. CALL BRIAN TO BE SURE YOU HAVE A SPOT. Below are the approximate room rates we expect to have available, based on a 3-night stay:

Persons per room	Trip Total
2	\$170.00-180.00
3	\$120.00-130.00
4	\$90.00-100.00

Payment Schedule: Total amount due now.

Lift Tickets: Lift tickets at the four major resorts typically cost \$55-65 a day at the ticket window. Many club members purchase them on the way up at the King Supers Supermarket in Denver. It knocks off about \$5-\$10 per ticket.

Trip Captain: Brian Moore is running this fun trip. He tells us there is (or may be) always room for one more person. Give him a call at 871-4256.



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USRSA RACE RESULTS

OMAHA SKI CLUB

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Pacesetters Race

BIB	NAME	Time1	Time2	Time3	Time4	HDCP1	HDCP2	HDCP3	HDCP4	HDCP	HDCP
83	Marty Sigg	22.36	23.37	21.41	21.31	71.08	72.35	67.27	59.51	59.66	65.95

Qualifier Race by class

CLASS	BIB	NAME	COUNCIL	CLUB	TIME	HDCP	PLAC	E POINTS
50 - 54 F	194	Terri Johnson	FLAT	OMAH	32.06	140.33	8	1
45 - 49 F	141	Merry Johnson	FLAT	OMAH	28.17	120.25	12	0
40 - 44 F	128	Ellen Forster	FLAT	OMAH	40.50	216.65	8	1
35 - 39 F	42	Ann Marquardt	FLAT	OMAH	28.51	113.24	3	4
65 - 69 M	195	John Porter	FLAT	OMAH	25.16	88.61	11	8
60 - 64 M	165	Patrick Connely	FLAT	OMAH	16.68	25.04	1	12
60 - 64 M	83	Marty Sigg	FLAT	OMAH	23.37	72.35	7	6
60 - 64 M	102	Andrew Rabick	FLAT	OMAH	26.28	93.81	10	3
55 - 59 M	146	Harvey Sloup	FLAT	OMAH	27.06	111.57	16	6
55 - 59 M	184	Don Hammond	FLAT	OMAH	34.92	161.77	19	4
50 - 54 M	57	David Lawler	FLAT	OMAH	23.61	76.59	15	10
45 - 49 M	230	Mark Storz	FLAT	OMAH	26.56	98.65	18	8
45 - 49 M	104	Benjamin Novograd	FLAT	OMAH	27.16	100.29	19	7
45 - 49 M	187	Brian Moore	FLAT	OMAH	29.01	117.47	21	6
40 - 44 M	58	Phil Bintz	FLAT	OMAH	20.22	51.23	6	6

Slalom Race by class

CLASS	BIB NAME	LEAG CLUB	TIME1	TIME2	HDCP	PLC	PTS	MDL
SKILL 5 OPEN M	58 Phil Bintz	FLAT OMAH	51.13	52.97	77.99	1	5	1
SKILL 7 VET M	57 David Lawler	FLAT OMAH	40.25	41.94	82.04	3	8	3
SKILL 7 LEG M	83 Marty Sigg	FLAT OMAH	37.93	37.81	71.01	2	9	2
SKILL 8 LEG M	195 John Porter	FLAT OMAH	24.52	25.13	99.67	1	9	1
SKILL 9 VET M	230 Mark Storz	FLAT OMAH	25.69	DNS	109.20	3	10	3
SKILL 9 VET M	104 Ben Novograd	FLAT OMAH	26.79	27.53	118.16	7	6	
SKILL 9 LEG M	102 Andrew Rabick	FLAT OMAH	25.57	26.45	108.22	1	10	1
SKILL 10 VET M	187 Brian Moore	FLAT OMAH	29.30	28.66	133.39	1	10	1
SKILL 10 VET M	184 Don Hammond	FLAT OMAH	DSQ	36.49	197.15	5	2	5
SKILL 10 OPEN F	128 Ellen Forster	FLAT OMAH	35.71	36.73	175.75	6	1	

Giant Slalom, by class

CLASS	BIE	NAME	LEAG CLUB	TIME1	TIME2	HDCP	PLC	PTS	MDL
SKILL 1 OPEN M	165	Patrick Connely	FLAT OMAH	104.21	100.62	71.74	3	3	3
SKILL 5 OPEN M	58	Phil Bintz	FLAT OMAH	92.73	92.06	57.13	1	5	1
SKILL 7 VET M	57	David Lawler	FLAT OMAH	45.62	45.21	74.69	7	6	
SKILL 7 LEG M	83	Marty Sigg	FLAT OMAH	42.91	43.37	65.80	1	10	1
SKILL 8 LEG M	195	John Porter	FLAT OMAH	24.13	24.25	90.75	3	3	3
SKILL 9 VET M	230	Mark Storz	FLAT OMAH	24.03	DNS	89.96	1	11	1
SKILL 9 VET M	104	Ben Novograd	FLAT OMAH	26.99	26.89	112.57	7	5	
SKILL 9 LEG M	102	Andrew Rabick	FLAT OMAH	25.13	25.45	98.66	6	2	
SKILL 10 VET M	187	Brian Moore	FLAT OMAH	28.93	30.09	128.70	2	8	2
SKILL 10 VET M	184	Don Hammond	FLAT OMAH	30.95	29.34	131.94	3	6	3
SKILL 10 OPEN F	42	Anne Marquardt	FLAT OMAH	28.24	28.59	121.49	2	8	2
SKILL 10 OPEN F	128	Ellen Forster	FLAT OMAH	36.35	35.80	180.78	5	2	5

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Wax Race, by medal

BIB	NAME	COUN CLUB	MPH	MEDAL
42	Ann Marquardt	FLAT OMAH	38	Bronze
128	Ellen Forster	FLAT OMAH	30	Bronze
147	Michael Wehling	FLAT OMAH	48	Gold
58	Phil Bintz	FLAT OMAH	47	Gold
150	Allan Cleveland	FLAT OMAH	46	Silver
140	Andy Bohn	FLAT OMAH	45	Silver
148	Tom Wehling	Open Open	45	Silver
230	Mark Storz	FLAT OMAH	44	Silver
83	Marty Sigg	FLAT OMAH	44	Silver
102	Andrew Rabick	FLAT OMAH	43	Bronze
165	Patrick Connely	FLAT OMAH	43	Bronze
104	Ben Novograd	FLAT OMAH	41	Bronze
57	David Lawler	FLAT OMAH	41	Bronze
187	Brian Moore	FLAT OMAH	38	Bronze
184	Don Hammond	FLAT OMAH	32	Bronze



Team OSC at the awards banquet

Club Results by race

QualifierPLACE CLUB POINTS

- 1 Kansas City 301
- 2 Wapatules 266
- 3 Great Lakes 146
- 4 Vand Bakke 126
- 5 Omaha 82
- 6 Gemuetlichen Enzianer 72
- 7 Pack Rats 56
- 8 Recreation 48
- 9 Oakland 41
- 10 Newport 31
- 11 Reno, NV 29
- 12 Las Vegas 28
- 13 JPL 25
- 14 Edelweiss 21
- 15 Sandia 16
- 16 Blitzsnell 15
- 17 Antelope Valley 14
- 18 Huzzah 9
- 19 Balboa 2

Slalom PLACE CLUB POINTS

- 1 Kansas City 225
- 2 Wapatules 193.5
- 3 Vand Bakke 102
- 4 Omaha 76
- 5 Great Lakes 69.5
- 6 Gemuetlichen Enzianer 63
- 7 Recreation 33
- 8 Newport 26
- 9 Pack Rats 25
- 10 Oakland 16
- 11 Las Vegas 14
- 12 Antelope Valley 12
- 13 Reno, NV 11
- 14 JPL 9
- 14 Sandia 9
- 16 Blitzsnell 7
- 17 Huzzah 4

Giant Slalom PLACE CLUB POINTS

- 1 Kansas City 242
- 2 Wapatules 182
- 3 Vand Bakke 94
- 4 Omaha 69
- 5 Great Lakes 60
- 6 Gemuetlichen Enzianer 55
- 7 Recreation 38
- 8 Pack Rats 36
- 9 Newport 25
- 10 Oakland 19
- 11 Las Vegas 13
- 12 Sandia 10
- 13 JPL 9
- 13 Reno, NV 9
- 15 Balboa 7
- 16 Blitzsnell 6
- 17 Antelope Valley 3

Final Combined Club Results

PLACE	POINTS	CLUB_NAME	COUNCIL	PLACE	POINTS	CLUB_NAME	COUNCIL
1	75	Kansas City	FLAT	10	13	Oakland	BAYA
2	60	Wapatules	MILW	11	8	Las Vegas	INLA
3	40	Vand Bakke	INLA	12	5	Reno, NV	SIER
4	33	Great Lakes	INDI	13	4	Antelope Valley	INLA
5	29	Omaha	FLAT	13	4	Sandia	ROCK
6	24	Gemuetlichen Enzianer	NEWE	15	3	JPL	INLA
7	20	Recreation	LOSA	15	3	Blitzsnell	INLA
8	18	Pack Rats	PORT	17	2	Huzzah	CENT
9	15	Newport	ORAN	17	2	Balboa	ORAN

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In this month's Ski Magazine, there is an article about altitude sickness. All of us experience AMS (Acute Mountain Sickness) to some degree on every trip we take to the mountains. Any time you rapidly ascend over 8.000 feet or above your body responds to the decrease of oxygen. This lack of oxygen causes the membranes in the lungs and brain to leak, causing headache, nausea, shortness of breath and sleep disturbance. The good news is that your body will adjust to this condition, the bad news it can take up to a year for this to happen. So what do we do for a short week-long trip. The best remedy is to drink lots of water, before and during your trip, and get lots of rest. I did say water, limit your intake of caffeine and alcohol. Alcohol is a depressant and will slow your breathing, making it harder for your lungs to get enough oxygen. AMS is a mild condition, but you must be aware of more serious conditions such as HAPE (High Altitude Pulmonary Edema) and HACE (High Altitude Cerebral Edema). These two forms of altitude sickness can be fatal if not treated promptly. Although HACE happens more often at altitudes over 10,000 feet, HAPE on the other hand can happen any time. Symptoms for HAPE are the same as for AMS but include a severe cough with frothy pink phlegm. If you or someone in you group develops this you need to seek medical attention immediately. There is no way to tell how bad you will get AMS, every trip will be different. I hope this will help some of you recognize that you are having symptoms of AMS and can take steps to limit its effects. This should make your ski trips more enjoyable. Ski fast but ski safe!

Snow dragons rock!

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