



November, 2002

## Current Events

**Nov 5 (Tue) Board Meeting, McCall Press** 3219 Leavenworth. 6:00pm  
All members welcome.

**Nov 5 (Tue) Social Gathering** at Senor Matias, 90th & Arbor. Time 7:30pm. Come join us for the Taco specials.

**Nov 26 (Tue) Wines of the World Wine Tasting.** Spirit World at 75th & Pacific. Come hear Denny's spiel and taste some fine wines.  
Time: 6:00pm. Cost is \$12 per person. Please RSVP and pre-pay to Sally at 493-6056 or [aspendream@juno.com](mailto:aspendream@juno.com) by Nov 22.

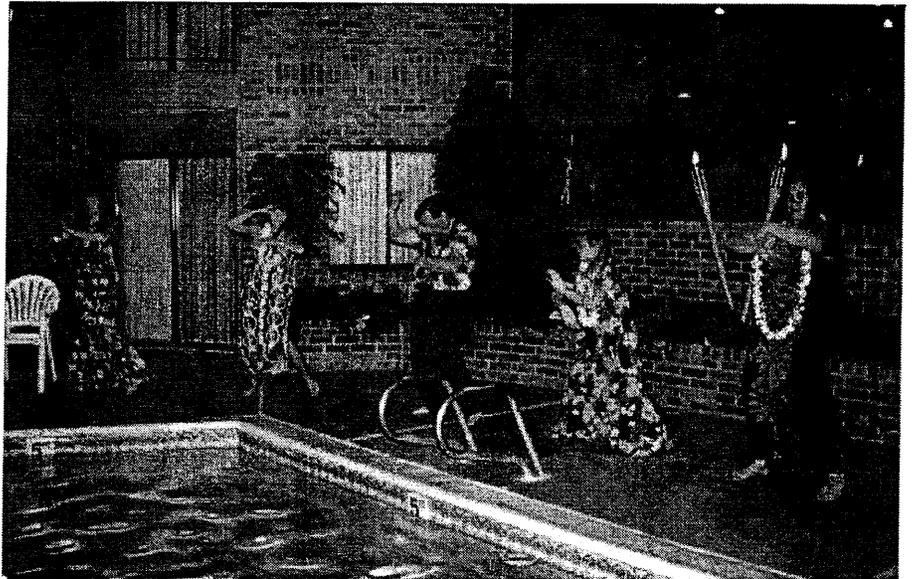
### Future Events

**Dec 3 (Tue) Board Meeting, McCall Press** 3219 Leavenworth. 6:30pm.  
All members welcome.

**Dec 8 (Sun) Omaha Ski Club Holiday Party.** Fox and Hound at 120th & Dodge. 6-9pm. Please bring a plate of cookies to share and look for us in one of the side rooms. Menus will be available for those wanting a bite to eat.

Sally Dier, Vice-President  
Activities

**Memories from last ski season—time to think about this year!**



Hawaiian Dancers at the luau co-hosted by OSC at Park City/USRSA in January, 2002. This year USRSA will be at Keystone in January 2003



Shad in the FSA Snowboard race at Steamboat in February, 2002. This year FSA will be at Copper Mountain in late January/early February 2003.

**THIS YEAR'S BIG TRIPS ARE FILLING UP FAST--SEE INSIDE FOR MORE INFO**

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# Keystone/Vail Colorado      USRSA Nation's Ski Week

## January 12-19, 2003    \$595.00

**Keystone**-long a favorite of Omaha skiers. Three mountains, interconnected back to back. 1739 skiable acres, 2,900 vertical feet, 12,200 feet at the summit, 20 lifts including two gondolas. Great varied terrain-13 % easy, 36 % intermediate, 51 % very difficult-groomed cruising runs, bowls, tree skiing-two terrain parks, one half-pipe. One of Colorado's most extensive snowmaking systems ensures skiable slopes even in shaky snow years (and they've been getting snow out there already for several weeks). And for those who are interested, Keystone has one of the most complete "Kid's" programs around.

**Vail**-what can you say? This year SKI Magazine again ranks it as the Number 1 Resort in North America (for the 11<sup>th</sup> time in 15 years). 5,289 skiable acres, 3,450 vertical feet, 11,570 feet at the summit, 33 lifts including one gondola (and they have improved lift capacity in the Back Bowls this year). Astounding variety of terrain: Front side, 28 % beginner, 32 % intermediate, 40 % expert; Back Bowls: 13 % intermediate, 87 % expert; Blue Sky Basin: 47 % intermediate, 53 % expert. HALFPIPE? Plenty of snowmaking, increased for this year.

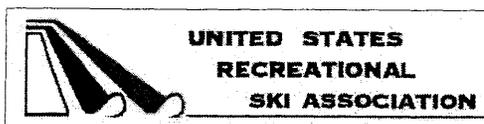
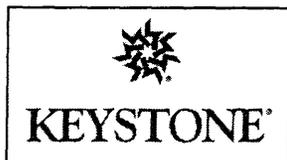
**USRSA Nation's Ski Week**-originating in 1970, it is America's oldest vacation Ski Week. And the great thin is, you don't have to be a "hot racer" to enjoy it. The race events are designed for skiers of all ability levels. Racers are classified by age (as of November 1), sex and ability level, so you are always competing against people of similar ability. Then there's the "Wax Race," where you just try to go as fast as you can go through a speed trap. In keeping with the idea of races for all levels, there are many classes of skiers-enough that they give out over 900 medals. And even if you're not into all the racing, the trip includes 4 apres-ski parties with food, music, drinks and dancing (the Hawaiian Luau co-hosted last year by the Omaha Ski Club is reported to have been one of the best parties in a long time). Also, a great awards banquet is optional at extra cost.

**This all adds up to a great trip this year for OSC.** Our package includes two bedroom, two bath condos at the original Keystone (Mountain House) base, within walking distance of the lifts, with indoor pool, hot tub and sauna. You get the full USRSA package, including the races, the apres-ski parties, a souvenir T-shirt and a ski-week pin (as mentioned, the awards banquet is extra). In addition, OSC will also have our own welcome party. The primary USRSA activities will be at Keystone, but the package includes 2 days of skiing at Vail. Discount lift tickets will be available, we are waiting for final details on cost (but probably not more than \$175.00 for a five-day ticket, good for two days at Vail). And of course, Keystone tickets are also good at Breckenridge and A-Basin.

Since Keystone is an easy drive from Omaha, this is a drive-out trip, which gives you the convenience of leaving and returning when you want, and car-pooling to make for inexpensive travel costs. Also, although Keystone has an extensive shuttle system, you will have a vehicle to use "getting around" while you are there, giving you convenient access to tons of great restaurants and nightlife in the Keystone-Dillon-Silverthorne-Frisco area..

This is about the most affordable and value-packed week of skiing OSC has offered in a long time-and would be hard for anyone to top any time. Unfortunately, we have deadlines that **we have to order our discount lift tickets by November 1, and we will have to cancel un-filled lodging November 10, with no guarantee we can get either lift tickets or lodging after that.** We are trying to get an extension on the lift ticket deadline, but there is no guarantee we will be able to do that. Which means if you do not get signed up right away, there's a good chance you will miss out on this great deal. **So-DON'T DELAY-SIGN UP TODAY.**

For more information, or to sign up, contact Trip Captain Dave Lawler, 712-328-9278, [daveljr@juno.com](mailto:daveljr@juno.com).



# Overview of Trips for 2002-2003 Ski Season

## **KEYSTONE, CO – USRSA**

**\$595**

**January 12-19**

Seven Nights Condo Lodging, USRSA & OSC Welcome Party, 4 Aspre Ski Parties, 4 Races (all skill levels), Souvenir T-shirt, Souvenir Ski Week Pin, Hot Tub at Condos, Optional Awards Banquet, Discounted Lift Tickets Available, Drive Out Trip.

Trip Captain: Dave Lawler

daveljr@juno.com

328-9278

## **COPPER MOUNTAIN, CO - FSA \$295**

**Jan. 29 – Feb. 2**

Four Nights Lodging at Frisco Best Western, FSA Welcome Party, OSC Welcome Party, Awards Banquet, Racing: All skill levels, Indoor Pool and Jacuzzi, Drive Out Trip

Trip Captains: Craig and Barb Larson

Craig.J.Larson@cox.net

991-6997

## **LAKE TAHOE, NV**

**\$995**

**February 8-15**

Seven Nights Lodging at Lakeside Village Condos, Round-trip Air and Ground Transfers Included, 5 Day Lifts Included at Four Different Resorts, Welcome Party, Continental Breakfast, Hot Tub at Condos, one mile to casinos (free shuttle).

Trip Captain: Teri Hammon

dragonsrock@msn.com

571-4517

## **MONARCH, CO**

**\$210**

**March 1 - 4**

Four Nights Lodging at Monarch Mountain Lodge, OSC Welcome Party, Discounted lift tickets available, Hot Tub and Pool, Drive Out Trip

Trip Captain: Ron Bechdolt

vp-trips@omahaskiclub.org

498-8969

## **SKI COOPER, CO**

**\$140 & up**

**March 6 - 9**

3 Nights Lodging at the Historic Delaware Hotel (with various room configurations available, OSC Welcome Party, Hot Breakfast Included, Hot Tub, Drive Out Trip

Trip Captain: Sally Dier

aspendream@juno.com

493-6056

## **BIG SKY, MT**

**\$1,095**

**March 22 – 29**

Seven Nights Condo Lodging, Round Trip Air and Ground Transfers Included, 4 days lift ticket included (additional day discounts), Chicago Metro Ski Council (CMSC) Welcome Party, OSC Welcome Party, Mountain Picnic, Farewell Party, Racing (all skill levels),

Trip Captains:

Ellen Forster & Michelle Hargis ellnfrstr@aol.com or MchllHrgs@aol.com

731-6245

# COPPER MOUNTAIN COLORADO FSA FLATLANDS SKI ASSOCIATION

January 29-February 2, 2003

Copper Mountain is a great place to have fun on the snow. Over the past few years Copper Mountain has invested nearly \$400 million, in what is the largest single ski area improvements in the state of Colorado. Their projected opening day is November 2, 2002. To guarantee the snow experience they have added 110 acres of coverage bringing the total acreage to 380 acres of terrain that has snowmaking capabilities. The vertical drop is 2,601 feet with a peak elevation of 12,313 feet. There are 22 lifts to take you to 118 runs that can satisfy your daily desire. One six person, high-speed lift, (called the Super Bee), four high-speed quads, and 17 miscellaneous triple and double chairs and beginner lifts to comfortably ease or whisk you up the mountain. Many other services are available including lessons and programs for pre-kindergarten to the over the hill gang. For snowboarding enthusiasts there are two Halfpipes and two Terrain Parks.

Flatlands Ski Association (FSA) trip includes an FSA welcome party, snowboard and ski racing with an awards banquet on the last evening. An Omaha Ski Club (OSC) welcome party will also be provided. This is recreational racing, no black and blue marks allowed. Recreational racing is for everyone and all ability and skill levels. Funny thing how it challenges one to turn left and turn right and go straight. Last season was my first experience with this trip. It was great. This was a trip with a variety of skiing. Ski with the friends and then ski in the gates. This left me with a need to go back for more.

This is a drive out trip, which includes four nights lodging at the Frisco Dillon Best Western complete with hot tub and pool. The lift ticket prices are as follows:

	FSA Rate	Regular Rate
Daily Rate	36.80	57.00
3 of 4 day Ticket	107.40	156.00
4 of 5 day Ticket	133.60	196.00
5 of 6 day Ticket	159.00	245.00
6 of 7 day Ticket	186.00	294.00

Copper Mountain and Frisco are easy to find and not far off the main road. Drive out trips mean one can leave and return whenever one so desires. Car-pooling is an option for those that would like to share travel costs. Having your vehicle there will give you convenient access to many restaurants and pubs from Copper Mountain to Keystone with Dillon, Frisco, and Silverthorne in-between. There is extensive shuttle service available as well, so there is no reason to sit around.

The Copper Mountain trip costs \$295.00 plus lift tickets. Pretty good price for a Colorado ski trip. For more information, or to sign up, contact Trip Captains Craig and Barb Larson, at 402-991-6997, [craig.j.larson@cox.net](mailto:craig.j.larson@cox.net).



OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

JUNE 2002 - MAY 2003

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW RENEWAL FAMILY \$25 SINGLE \$22

LIST MEMBER INFORMATION - - - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Table with 5 columns: FIRST NAME, M.I., LAST NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, SEX. Rows 1-6.

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

HOME PH. WORK PH.

EMAIL (check this box if ok to publish e-mail address in club directory)

COMMENTS

REFERRED BY

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.

DATE SIGNATURE (MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED) MEMBERSHIP NO. BD. TR. NL.

TRIP APPLICATION

(Required for each individual on the trip) (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)



Trip Destination Trip Dates

FIRST NAME M.I. LAST NAME DATE OF BIRTH SEX

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

HOME PH. WORK PH.

E-MAIL CELL PH.

EMERGENCY CONTACT: Name Phone

I Prefer to Room With OTHER INFO

THE OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBER SIGNING THIS APPLICATION AGREES AS FOLLOWS:

The member has read the OSC trip policies on the reverse side of this application and understands and agrees to be bound by them as a condition of participation in this trip. The member further agrees that the club, its directors or committee chairmen shall bear no financial responsibility to members in the event of a delayed departure or return of a trip, or for cancellation of a trip except as provided in items 7 through 10 of the trip policies, nor shall they be liable for any bodily injury, property damage, loss of personal property, or death sustained by or caused by any member on a trip. Those individuals causing property damage at the lodges, condos, busses, ski areas, etc. shall bear the full legal and financial responsibility for the damages. It is a condition of membership in the club that any individual shall be deemed to have accepted these responsibilities and limitations of liability as a consideration of joining the club and participating in this trip.

SIGNATURE DATE

[osc use only] deposit: amount paid date ck or rcpt no

# PRESIDENTS CORNER

There is a chill in the air and the leaves are starting to fall. What does that mean? Ski season is just around the corner. All of this year's trips still have space available, but don't delay too long if you are planning on going. We will be cutting back on both rooms and air transportation on all trips shortly. To guarantee you a spot on these trips we need a check for the current amount due and a signed trip application. After the cut off dates we may not be able to get space back and if we do it may cost more money. Contact the trip captain for the trip or trips you want to go on, they can tell you what the current status of their trip is.

Ron Bechdolt and other members of the board have worked hard

this year to put together a package of trips that everyone will enjoy. It took a lot of work but I think we accomplished it. Show your newsletter to friends and co-workers. Maybe you can talk them into going on one of our trips with you.

Enough about the ski season. So what is happening now?

Our weekly bicycle rides are still going on but as the temperature drops so do our numbers. Why would the cold bother skiers? Isn't that what layering is all about?

October's social meeting at Buffalo Wild Wings was well attended. We signed up a few new members and talked about the club to a couple of other people

there.

On Friday, October 18th, 13 hearty club members got together at the Happy Bar. We then walked over to the Mystery Manor spook house for some frightful fun. It was scary for some but I found the sensory effects in a few places really spooky. The lighting or special effects challenged your mind to keep focused on where you were going or on what was happening around you. A spooky good time was had by all.

A number of club members are planning on being at Bahnsen's for their Fall sale on October 26th. We talk to as many people as we can about the club. It should be a

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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.

## LAKE TAHOE TRIP (February 8-15, 2003)

Join us for a ski adventure in Lake Tahoe! Enjoy 5 days of skiing: **Heavenly (2 days), Sierra at Tahoe, Kirkwood and Northstar with an optional day at Squaw Valley.** This is a great week of skiing and socializing for the low price of \$995.00. Your cost includes lodging, airfare, ground transportation and shuttle busses to the various areas. We are planning an optional day to Squaw Valley. Take the boat across the lake, catch a shuttle bus to Squaw and ski all day. On the return trip, we will take the paddleboat back, complete with cash bar, live entertainment and dancing. If you are interested in this option, the additional cost is \$83.00.

**Time is running out...** This trip is filling fast. If you will be going on this trip, you need to get your deposit to Teri Hammon (dragonsrock@msn.com, 571-4517) no later than November 22<sup>nd</sup>. After this time, if you plan to go, you will be put on a waiting list. There are no guarantees that we will be able to get more rooms or airfare. We must cancel the remaining spots by the end of November. All payments, including the option, are due by December 1<sup>st</sup>.



(Above) A good day of skiing. Park City/USRSA, January 2002.



(Above) Relaxing in the hot tub at the condo. Steamboat/FSA, February 2002.



(Right) A taste of Hawaii in Utah. Park City/USRSA, January 2002.

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**Moving?**

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**President's Corner (continued)**

perfect time to spread the word about our club to prospective members.

You may or may not get this before the Hayrack ride on October 26th, but I'm sure all of those who attend will have fun. The weather is supposed to be cool so everyone will of course layer on the clothes. (Skiers are supposed to know how to do that!) This will be great, more places to stuff hay into. After last year's ride there was not very much hay left on the racks. I'm still trying to get it out of my hiking shoes.

Sign up early for the Wine Tasting at Spirit World on November 26th. Denny Lewis is the owner and a fellow club member. He gives a great talk about how wine is made and the characteristics of the different varieties. Then we get to try a number of wines to taste the differences in each type.

That is enough BS for one issue. Come out and join us for some fun at one of our club events. As always! Dragons Rock!

Pat McCall

President, OSC

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