



October, 2002

Current Events

Oct 1 (Tue) Board meeting at McCall Press. 3219 Leavenworth. 6:30pm. All members welcome

Oct 8 (Tue) Social gathering at Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar, 205 No. 76th St. Time 7:00pm

Oct 18 (Fri) Haunted House Night. We will meet at The Happy Bar, 601 No. 16th Street at 6:00-6:30pm. After a few refreshments we will visit one or two of the haunted houses in the area. Plan on being with us if you DARE!!!!!!

Future Events

Oct 26 (Sat) Hayrack Ride. Santa's Woods, 3764 Hwy 133 Blair. See inside for more information.

Nov 5 (Tue) Board Meeting, McCall Press 3219 Leavenworth. 6:30pm 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) Wine tasting at Spirit World. More details in next months newsletter.

Sally Dier, Vice-President Activities

We're Off To Another Great Start!

Our trip sign up party was a great success. But if you missed it, all is not lost. All of our trips currently have space available, but a couple are filling quickly. Our trip captains are available to answer any and all questions you may have about our trips. Low key, no pressure, is the way we always do it. After all, our trips are so great this year they sell themselves.

If you missed my article last month, here is a bit of a review of what we are offering. There are six great trips across three different states, with up to twelve different resorts to ski at. Our first trip will be with the United States Recreation Ski Association (USRSA) at Keystone, Colorado, with up to seven great days of skiing available and the opportunity to socialize with other skiers from all across America. Our second trip will be with the Flatland Ski Association at Copper Mountain, Colorado, which includes four fun days with other clubs from around the "flatlands". There will be racing, parties and much more. Next is a trip to Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Trip includes seven days lodging, five days of lifts and all transportation. Great slopes, plenty of casinos, restaurants and shopping will fill up both your days and evenings. Our fourth trip will be at Monarch in Colorado which has special pricing for families (ask the trip captain for details). Just a couple of days afterwards and a short distance away is our fifth trip to Ski Cooper in Colorado, with lodging again at the Historic Delaware hotel. Combine Monarch and Ski Cooper and you could ski up to nine days in a row! Cooper is another great trip for families, but always lots of fun for adults of any age. Our last trip of the year is a joint trip with the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC) along with 100 other clubs from the Midwest for a group trip to Big Sky, Montana. This trip has everything you could want in a trip, seven available days to ski, lots of parties and even a mountain picnic with a view you are sure not to forget.

Many of our tenured members have told us this is best variety of ski packages they can remember in many decades. Don't miss the chance to add this year to your personal memory book. And the prices can't be beat. I've wheeled and dealt with the resorts this year and got some great packages for the buck. Short on cash? No problem. Most trips require a small deposit and payments are spread out over several months. But if you don't sign up now and put down your initial deposit, the available spaces for your trip may be gone. Don't delay, call today!

Ron Bechdolt, Vice President of Trips

**SEE MORE INFO ON THIS YEAR'S TRIPS
INSIDE**

www.OmahaSkiClub.org

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 11th 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.

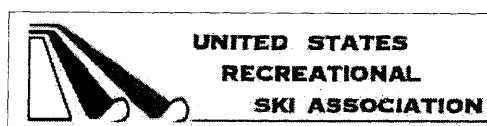
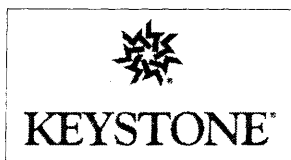
USRSA Nation's Ski Week—originating in 1970, it is America's oldest vacation Ski Week. And the great thing is, you don't have to be a "hot racer" to enjoy it. The race events are designed for skiers of all ability levels. Racers are classified by age (as of November 1), sex, and ability level, so you are always competing against people of similar ability. And they schedule the races well, so there is not a lot of the "standing in line waiting to race" that can happen sometimes. 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. The only catch (if you want to call it that)--due to the deadlines of our lodging contract, we will have to cancel un-filled lodging right after November 1. Which means if you are not on the trip by then, there's a good chance you won't be able to get on later. **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.



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

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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

Oct 26, 2002 (Sat) Hayrack Ride

Santa's Woods, 3764 Hwy 133 Blair. We will meet at 6:30pm for a bon fire and weenie roast. The hay ride will begin at 9:00 pm. The club will provide the food, but please bring your own beverage. The cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-12 and kids under 5 are free. Please RSVP to Sally at 493-6056 or e-mail at aspendream@juno.com by Tuesday Oct 22. In the meantime, check out some of the photos from last year's ride.



(Above) Who's under the straw pile? Could it be (maybe, just possibly, Teri? And, does she deserve to be there? Hayrack Ride 2002



(Above) would you ride a hayrack with these people (in the middle of Nebraska, at night, in the dark)? Hayrack Ride 2002



(Above) OSC members relaxing by the bonfire. Hayrack Ride 2002



(Right) Jennifer roasts marshmallows. Hayrack Ride 2002.

PRESIDENTS CORNER

This year's trip sign up party was well attended. Most of the people who came signed up for more than one trip. The night was cool and we were treated to a wonderful sunset reflecting off the water of the Regency lake. The trip captains had a lot of information to give out to anyone interested in their trips. At this time, there is still space available on all of the trips planned for this year. But don't wait too long to put a deposit down if you are planning on going. We will begin cutting back on rooms in November to keep our financial losses to a minimum. The Lake Tahoe, Big Sky, and Keystone trips will be trimmed first because of the air transportation and/or full week lodging costs. We try to hold space as long as we can but all of the resorts have deadlines after which they charge you a penalty for canceling after that.

At the trip signup party the new full color club logo was unveiled on new club tee shirts. The shirts are white with a solid blue logo on the front pocket and a large full color logo on the back. The shirts are offered in all sizes and in five styles. The shirts come in a regular style, long sleeve style, no sleeve style and sweat shirts. Polo shirts only have the blue logo embroidered on the front left side. All shirts come in only white at this time. (See elsewhere in newsletter for order form.) Phil Bintz and Teri Hammon spent a lot of time getting the art for the logo all worked out and they need a round of applause! Fill out an order form and send it with your check to the P.O. Box. Phil will be handling ordering the shirts and letting you know when they are ready. After this first order we will probably only order shirts a couple of times a year because there is a minimum order. We will let you

know in the newsletter when we will be ordering them. We have a supply of regular shirts at this time so you can order one of those without waiting. They will also be available at the monthly meetings and special events.

Last month we had our second annual putt-putt golf outing to Boulder Creek in Millard. Brian Moore had the lowest score. Maybe we should have given him a handicap since he brought his own putter. This year's winner of the traveling trophy was Teri Hammon. She received the traveling trophy from last year's winner, Andy Rabick, for the highest score. After golfing, some of us climbed on the climbing wall that is at Boulder Creek. It is not as easy as it looks. The natural fear of falling manifests differently in each of us.

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**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2002 - MAY 2003**

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

LIST MEMBER INFORMATION - - - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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

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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) _____

[OSC USE ONLY] MEMBERSHIP NO. _____ BD. _____ TR. _____ NL. _____

OMAHA SKI CLUB LOGO MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

ITEM	SIZE	QUANTITY	PRICE EA	TOTAL
TEE SHIRT (logo-small on front, large on back) Sizes 2X and larger add \$2.00			\$10.00	\$
TEE SHIRT (LONG SLEEVE) logo-small on front, large on back. Sizes 2X and larger add \$2.00			\$12.00	\$
TEE SHIRT (SLEEVELESS) logo-small on front, large on back. Sizes 2X and larger add \$2.00			\$10.00	\$
SWEATSHIRTS logo-small on front, large on back. Sizes 2X and larger add \$2.00			\$15.00	
POLO SHIRT logo embroidered on front. Name personalization add \$5.00. Sizes 2X and larger add \$2.00.			\$25.00	\$
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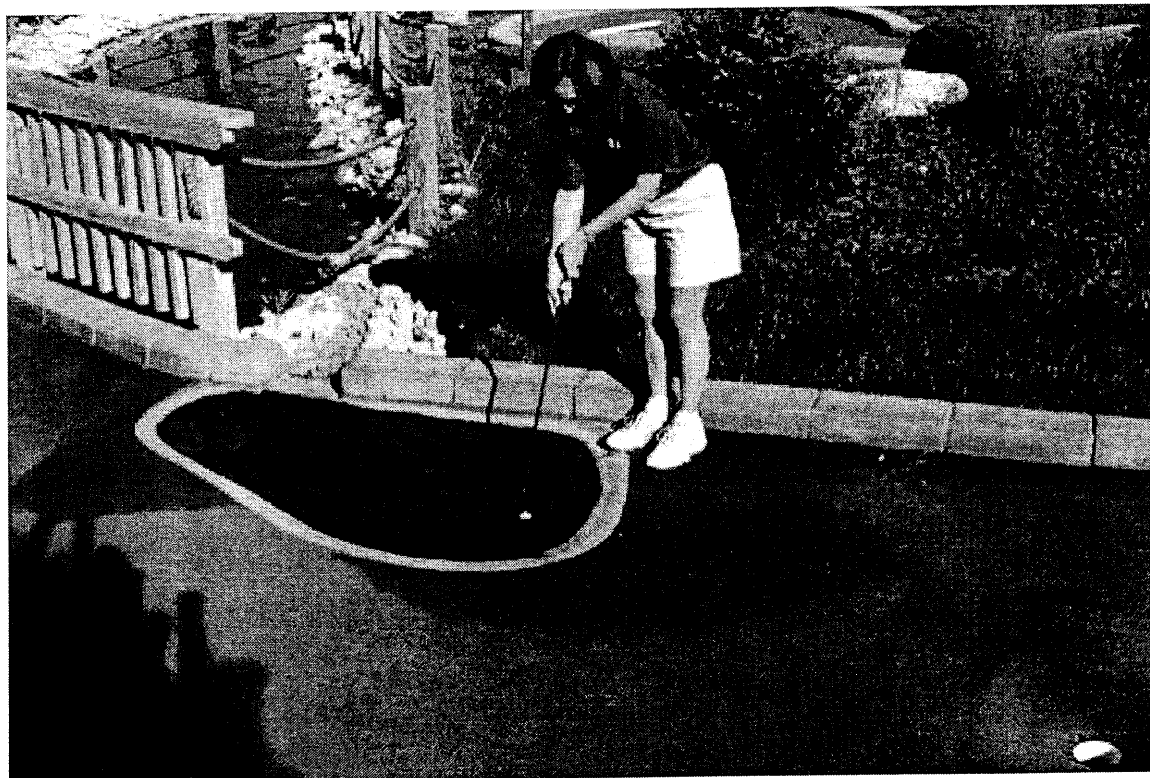
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(Left) At Putt-Putt Golf at Boulder Creek, Teri shows why she won the "Silver Putter" award (which means she had the highest score overall) at Putt-Putt golf last month. (That is a pond she is hitting out of, in case you can't tell). Hmmm. Usually, in golf, the lowest score is supposed to win-??

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Moving?

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President's Corner (continued)

Everyone overcame their fear and made it to the top at least once. My son, Sean, doesn't count, he is part monkey and climbs like one. Being a teenager he has no fear dying yet. After climbing some of us took a little batting practice. No major league hitters in this group. A lot of foul balls and pop ups. All in all an enjoyable night was had by all.

October should be a fun month. We have a hayrack ride and spook house visit planned. Last year's hayrack ride was a lot of fun. We will again be cooking hot dogs and smoores over the camp fire. As for the ride, there was not a lot of hay left on the racks at the end of last year's ride thanks to a couple of ladies in the group. I won't mention any names, (Jennifer and Teri) but pay back could be interesting! It was also discovered last year at the haunted house that Sally hates snakes. Sally, how are you with spiders? We will be sure to send her through first this time! Join us for some fun and laughs, you won't be disappointed.

Bahnsens' will be having a Fall sale on October 26th. We would like any members who can, to come out and help man a table to promote the Omaha Ski Club. This will be a good chance for us to talk to a lot of people who probably don't even know the club exists. Call me at 342-8898 or 345-1881 if you can spare some time to help us out.

The Winter season is just around the corner. Hopefully there will be lots of snow for us to ski in this year.

Ski Dragons rock!

Pat McCall

President, OSC

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