



February 2003

Current Events

Feb 4 (Tue) Board Meeting, McCall Press 3219 Leavenworth. 6:00pm All members welcome.

Feb 4 (Tue) Post-trip party for USRSA and Pre-trip party for Lake Tahoe. Senor Matias, 90th and Arbor. Time 7:30pm. Bring your pictures to share.

Feb 25 (Tue) Post-trip party for FSA Copper Mountain trip and the Lake Tahoe trip and Pre-trip party for Monarch and Ski Cooper. Delta House, 108th and Maple at 6:30pm.

Future Events

March 11 (Tue) Board Meeting, McCall Press 3219 Leavenworth. 6:30pm All members welcome.

March 18 (Tue) Post-trip party for Monarch and Ski Cooper and Pre-trip party for Big Sky. Place TBA

Sally Dier, Vice-President Activities

Keystone/Vail/USRSA 2003

15 OSC members made it to the first trip of the year, the annual USRSA Ski Week at Keystone. Everyone seemed to have a great time, the weather (except for Wednesday) and the skiing were perfect..

Sunday we checked in to our condos and registered for the USRSA events. The condos were very nice, they were two-bedroom units but were bigger than most three-bedroom units I have seen, lots of space, probably 1200 square feet, and very nicely furnished. And, only a short walk to the lifts at Keystone.

The first day of USRSA, Monday, was a typical glorious Colorado ski day. Blue skies (most of the day, some clouds late), temps at the base in the 50's, on the mountain in the 30's-40's. And the bonus, appreciated even more by those of us who drove out early (about half) was that Saturday into Sunday most of Colorado got 6-8 inches of new powder, just right for great skiing both Sunday and Monday. Monday was the USRSA qualifier race, which most of our club participated in, everyone did fine. The USRSA welcome party that night was very nice, plentiful hors'douvres, some free drinks, music and dancing, and just a nice chance to see friends from years past.

Tuesday was the first of two "Vail" Days, when USRSA planned an en masse trip to Vail. Again the weather was gorgeous, and the snow was excellent-Vail had definitely gotten more snow than Keystone, and it was in great shape. That night we had our club welcome party. Ruth Rahn and Gayle Ross, with the invaluable assistance of Ruth's husband Larry, helped us put on a wonderful spread of roast beef, ham, turkey, cheese, baked beans, several salads and a special cake for dessert (thanks to Larry for that). No one went away hungry, and all those who wanted to, took food home with them. Even better, a pleasant evening of socializing was enjoyed by all.

Wednesday dawned cloudy with a forecast of morning snow showers and partly-cloudy in the afternoon. About 8:30 in the

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Still one spot open for Tahoe-see inside

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Keystone/Vail/USRSA 2003 (continued)

morning it began snowing, and by 9:30 was snowing HARD, and very windy. By 11:30, when half the group was trying to run the slalom race, it was snowing so hard you could hardly see three gates ahead of you. It got so bad they cancelled second runs after maybe 10 % of the skiers had made them. Wax race was supposed to be that day but was postponed until Thursday. But the snow did make for great free skiing, except that the wind was almost blowing us back up the hill.

That evening was the primary USRSA party, a Mexican feast that happened to be across the street from our condo. A fantastic spread of fajitas and related food, all the margaritas (or whatever) you wanted, music, dancing and prizes. Definitely a fun time. Check out the USRSA web page (www.skiusrsa.com) for some very interesting pictures of the chili pepper dance contest.

8 inches of new snow made yesterday worth it on Thursday. Partly cloudy and cooler, but great skiing, lots of slopes nicely groomed, and lots of deep powder in Keystone's back areas. This was scheduled to be the day for the giant slalom race, but for those whose slalom race the day before was called, they ended up deleting the entire previous day's results. So those people, instead of getting two GS runs, got one GS run and one slalom run. After all that, they did the wax race--people went as fast as 55 mph. Congratulations here especially to Randy Ellis, who beat his 25-something years younger son Tod by a half-mile per hour.

Friday was the second official "Vail Day" for USRSA. All the races were over, so pretty much everyone went over to Vail again. It was cold, probably no more than 10 degrees up on the mountain, but the sun shone most of the time and the snow was in great condition. That night was the final USRSA apres-ski party, the hors-d'oeuvres kept getting better all week.

Saturday was another "free day" for skiing, we went lot of different places, including Keystone, Breckenridge, Vail and Beaver Creek (our tickets were good at all four areas). Saturday night was the USRSA banquet/awards party. It was a very nice time, the food was great as it had been all week. We did well with the awards, 10 of our members raced, winning a total of 27 medals between them. OSC finished 5th in the Qualifier Race, 6th in the Slalom, and 5th in the Giant Slalom, and 5th Overall. That is an exceptional job considering how low our numbers were this year. Thanks to all who participated and contributed (not just to the race, but to the trip overall).

Dave Lawler, Keystone/Vail/USRSA Trip Captain

Omaha Ski Club Keystone/USRSA 2003 Results

Name	Qualifier Race	Wax Race
Randy Bohn	Bronze	(Did not race due to injury)
Pat Cleveland	Bronze	Bronze
Pat Connelly	Bronze	Bronze
Randy Ellis	Bronze	Silver
Tod Ellis	Silver	Silver
Dave Lawler	Bronze	Bronze
Ben Novograd	Bronze	Bronze
Mark Storz	Bronze	Bronze
Mike Wehling	Silver	Silver
Tom Wehling	Silver	Bronze

Slalom Race

Mens Skill 10 Legend	Mens Skill 10 Veteran	Mens Skill 9 Legend	Mens Skill 6 Open
(No one placed)	2 nd Ben Novograd 4 th Dave Lawler	2 nd Pat Connelly	3 rd Tod Ellis

Giant Slalom Race

Mens Skill 10 Legend	Mens Skill 10 Veteran	Mens Skill 9 Legend	Mens Skill 6 Open
2 nd Randy Ellis	2 nd Mark Storz 3 rd Ben Novograd 4 th Dave Lawler	1 st Pat Connelly	2 nd Tod Ellis

Omaha as a club was fifth in the giant slalom, sixth in the slalom, and fifth overall, out of thirteen clubs total.

..Scenes from Keystone/Vail/USRSA 2003



Welcome Party Cake
(with special thanks
to Larry Rahn)

Keystone/Vail/USRSA

January 2003

Mark Storz and Dave
Lawler waiting to race
in the Giant Slalom.

Keystone/Vail/USRSA

January 2003



OSC Slalom and Giant
Slalom Place/Medal
Winners

Keystone/Vail/USRSA

January 2003

Still Time....But Just Barely

For five years now I have been writing a February article reminding members that time is running out to sign up for trips. Well, folks, it's February again and I'm all out of new ideas to make you rush and sign up for a trip. Of course, really little work is needed on my part now. This was an exceptional year for trips. We are doing seven trips total, including several locations we have not been to in years. Participation is at an all time high and the OSC board is pleased to see our club is growing and that members want and are going on more trips. Without your participation, there is no way we could offer seven trips in a year. YES, SEVEN! Some of us can remember the year not so long ago we only did two trips. Our club is alive and well and it's really great to see all the new faces at our social events. But we need more! Let me take this moment to challenge each of you to bring in more members. We need a broader membership to offer some really unique and faraway trips, like Canada and Europe. We're almost there, but it takes lots of people to make it happen.

Great news for those who have not yet signed up or those that want to get one more trip in this year!!!

We still have one or two slots open on the **Monarch** trip. As I have other commitments and cannot go, Brian "Monarch" Moore will be taking my place as trip captain. Thanks Brian! Where is Monarch, what does it offer? Here is Monarch's web site: www.skimonarch.com. And here is where we are staying: www.monarchmountainlodge.com

Ski Cooper, run again this year by our Sally Dier who always does a fantastic job, still has spots left. We booked nearly the entire Delaware Hotel in Leadville, but we need to give back any rooms we don't need in just a couple of weeks. It's hard to get those rooms back, so get going, and send that trip application right now! Here is their web site: www.skicooper.com and where we are staying www.delawarehotel.com. Call Sally at 493-6056 to save your spot.

Lake Tahoe has just one spot left. Hurry, call Teri Hammon today at 571-4157 to find out how you can go on this trip. This will probably be our top trip, as far as the number of members going, all season. Not to be missed!

Although our **Big Sky** trip is full, we can still probably get you in. Because we are going with the Chicago Ski Council, there are many other clubs attending and some of them have spots they need to fill. If you want to go, give Ellen Forester a call at 731-6245 and she'll let you know if we can get you in with another club. You'll attend all functions with us, but your lodging will just be with another club. Don't worry, they don't bite! Big Sky is truly big...take a look: www.bigskyresort.com

Plans are in the works for an early April trip to **Steamboat**. Great year end skiing at great year end prices. See Pat McCall's article for more information.

Lastly, I want to thank **Dave Lawler** for a great job as trip captain for our USRSA Keystone trip. Also a big thanks to **Craig and Barb Larson** for all their hard work with the FSA Copper Mountain trip and wonderful coordination. Hey, club members, next social event when you are looking at all the great post-trip pictures, please take a moment to thank these folks. Without them, we would have no trips.

Ron Bechdolt, Vice President-Trips

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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
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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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) _____
[OSC USE ONLY] MEMBERSHIP NO. _____ BD. _____ TR. _____ NL. _____

TRIP APPLICATION

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



Trip Destination _____ Trip Dates _____

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

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

We are well into this year's ski season. Two trips have already gone and the Lake Tahoe trip is about to leave. It always surprises me how fast the ski season goes once we get to it. Of course that is because it is only four months long. Colorado has had some good early season snow this year which helped get their season off to a great start. Those people going to Lake Tahoe will find snow bases over 100 inches in most if not all of the places they will be skiing at. Most of us will have to brush up on our powder skiing. With the fabulous views and the abundant snow fall this should be a really great trip. Looking at the other trips: Monarch still has a few spots left. We changed trip captains for this trip. Brian Moore is now the trip captain, so contact

him for further information on this trip. The Cooper trip also has space available. This trip is one of our most economical trips of the year. It is a great trip for the whole family. Cooper is a place where you can turn the kids loose and not have to worry about them getting lost. My family has always enjoyed our trips with the club there. Contact Sally Dier for any information on this trip.

As I said in last months' newsletter, we are putting together another late season trip. This years' spring fling trip will be going to Steamboat Springs, CO. At this time we do not have a final price. This trip will go early in April. It will include three nights lodging, (Thurs, Fri, and Saturday) three or four ski days,

(Thurs, Fri, Sat, and/or Sun). Sunday you could ski Steamboat for part of the day and then start home, or you could check out early and drive to Winterpark for a day there before driving back. As soon as we get a final price for this trip we will send out a group email with all of the information about the trip. We should be able to get cheap lift ticket prices this late in the year. At this time we need to know how many of you are interested in this trip so we can reserve enough rooms. Send me an e-mail at skidragons@cox.net if you plan on going. This will give us some numbers to work with. Then send a \$50.00 deposit and your trip application to the P.O. box to

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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.

RENEGADE OSC MEMBERS STAGE MINI-TRIP TO STEAMBOAT

Steamboat Springs, CO (AP) Six members of the notorious Omaha Ski Club were spotted at Dos Amigos Bar and Grill in Steamboat on Jan 11th. Locals suspect all six (several are shown in photo below) were conspiring to have fun on a non-club sponsored ski trip. Earlier that day four of the six were spotted throwing themselves off a cliff on the East Face of Mt Werner and screaming hideously as they plummeted through deep powder in an Englemann spruce forest, but witnesses would not confirm their identities. Club officials back in Omaha believe the six were Andy Rabick, Ben Novograd, Mark Storz, Brian Moore, and Tom and Mike Wehling. It is rumored Rabick and Moore were in Steamboat most of the week. Novograd, Storz, and the Wehling boys were later seen at the USRSA trip in Keystone.



Renegades (in every sense of the word) Anc Brian and Mark at Steamboat, January 2003

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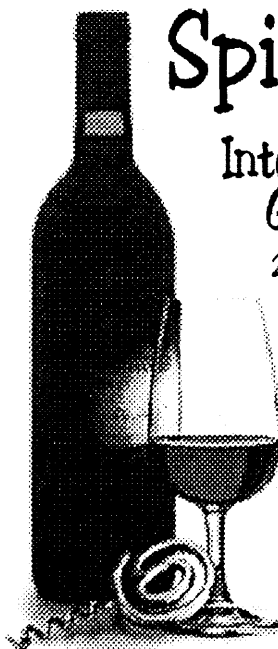
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President's Corner (continued)

yearly club trip has always been well attended. As you know spring skiing can be some of the most challenging of the season. Early morning ice to afternoon slush, and everything in between. The days usually start out cold but warm up nicely. If you happen to get lucky and one of those late season snow storms dumps a foot or two of fresh powder you will get one of those ski trips you only dream about. Come out and join us for the last fling of the year.

Looking ahead to this summer. We will once again be doing our Sunday morning bicycle rides as soon as the weather breaks. With a number of new trails opening in the area we can offer a nice mix for the weekly rides. We still plan on playing volleyball Wednesday nights. (We need some of you ladies to come out and help us out.) The team played really well by the end of the season last year. This is a fun night to get together with other club members and have a few laughs. This is not a blood and guts league, we are all out to get a little exercise and have fun. Time and place will be announced in later newsletters. We are also looking into the possibility of putting together a golf league. We would probably play one day a week, either at one course or travel to different courses each week. More information on this in the next newsletter. There might be a possible river raft trip early in the summer. We have talked about this for a couple of years but we always waited too long to set it up. You have to do this trip early in the summer when there is still plenty of water in the rivers. Information on this trip will be in future newsletters.

In closing, remember elections for the board are coming up so think about running for one of these positions and help the club out.

Dragons rock but snow snakes bite! Be careful out there skiing.

Pat McCall President, OSC

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