



March 2003

Current Events

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

March 18 (Tue) Membership Meeting/ Post-trip party for Monarch and Ski Cooper and Pre-trip party for Big Sky. Place: Fox and Hound, 120th & Dodge. Time: 7:00 pm. Bring pictures to share.

Future Events

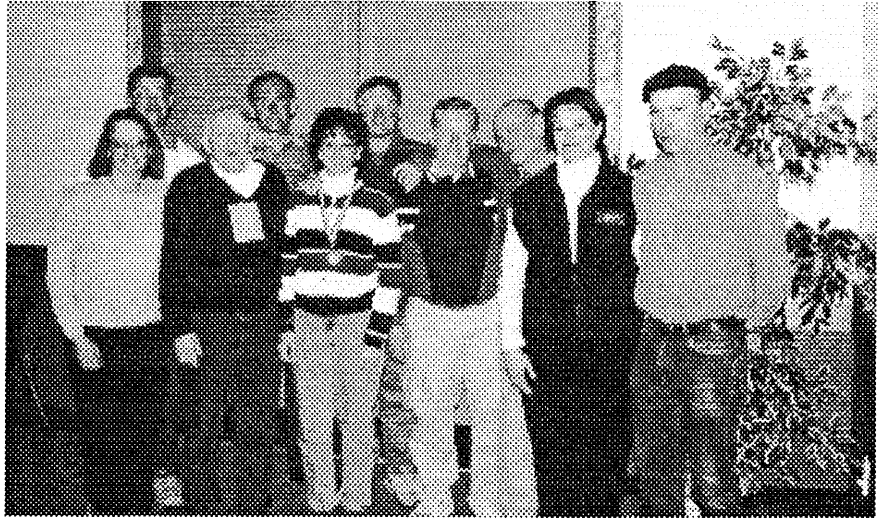
April 1 (Tue) Board Meeting, McCall Press 3219 Leavenworth. 6:00 pm All members welcome.

April 1 (Tue) Membership Meeting/ Post-trip party for Big Sky. Senor Matias, 90th & Arbor. Time: 7:30 pm. Come join us for the Taco specials and bring your pictures to share.

April 22 (Tue) Membership Meeting, Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar. 205 No 76th St. Time: 7:00 pm

Sally Dier, Vice-President Activities

Two Great Trips in February-
Crested Butte and Tahoe



Team OSC at FSA
Crested Butte, February 2003



OSC members sail to Squaw Valley on the Tahoe Queen
Tahoe Trip, February 12, 2003

Lake Tahoe Trip

February 8-15, 2003

A group of 31 Omaha Ski Club members gathered their massive bags together, observing all the airlines' restrictions, and headed for Lake Tahoe. And what a trip this turned out to be! We enjoyed six days of skiing, bright sunny skies and mild temperatures. We arrived in South Lake Tahoe after an hour bus ride from the airport and a food stop at Jack in the Box. We settled into our condos at Lakeland Village then gathered with the Springfield IL Ski Club for a Welcome wine and cheese reception.

The next morning, we enjoyed a day of skiing at Heavenly Ski Resort. Conditions were bright sunny skies and hard packed snow. The views of Lake Tahoe were spectacular. Teri put the camera(s) to use. We returned to the condos where the Omaha Ski Club had a Welcome Party/Spaghetti Dinner. With much help from condo 452 members (Pat, Phil, Tim, Jack, Jim, Pam, Bernie, Teri and Evelyn), we were able to accommodate 32 people. Pat brought the Cruise video that was taken last November. It was most entertaining to watch.

Kirkwood was on the agenda the next day. After minor bus problems, we joined with the Springfield Club for a day of fantastic skiing. Again, we enjoyed bright sunny skies and hard packed conditions. This area was steep and overall could have had more snow, but we were able to find some groomed blue cruisers. We skied hard, while others just slid down the hill. At the end of the day, we gathered at the Battered Beaver for an apres ski and then traveled back to Lakeland. We continued the party in the hot tub with the Springfield group. We were able to get 16 into the small hot tub. Someone even brought a few olives.

Tuesday, we caught the public shuttle to Sierra at Tahoe. This area was smaller and also could have used more snowfall. It was a warm sunny day and the conditions were hard packed. We enjoyed several runs, a long lunch and an early ride back to the condo. Did I say it was a small area? The rock skiing was great!

Wednesday, we were treated to a paddlewheeler boat ride across Lake Tahoe. This included breakfast and Warren Miller videos. One such scene was a person wiping out, sliding for several feet on their belly. Teri thought it was an instructional video and reenacted the moment while skiing under the lift at Squaw Valley. Thankfully, no one had a camera! Squaw Valley was wide open with many interesting runs. The conditions again were hard packed and the lighting was flat, but we were hopeful that we were going to get a blast of fresh powder for tomorrow's skiing. We gathered back on the boat where we were served dinner. The cash bar was open and the band was playing. Many of us joined with the Springfield group and danced till the boat docked. Mel, was that a pole you were dancing with?

The following morning, we woke up to raindrops falling from the sky. We boarded the bus and headed for Northstar. We enjoyed fresh powder, warm conditions and wet snow falling from the ski. The snow was sticky so a group of us decided it was just right for a snowman. We popped our skis and grabbed the snowballs. In no time, we had created a snowman. We went in to dry off and have lunch, then skied hard the rest of the afternoon. We gathered at Caesar's for a buffet dinner and then several members tried their luck at gambling. Don was our lucky person for the evening.

On Friday our bodies were "toast" as some people called it. This being the 6th day of skiing, many of us slept a little later and skied a little less. We enjoyed fresh powder and beautiful views from Heavenly today. We stopped for many of Teri's photo opportunities and played in the powder. When we were extremely "toast", we went to town and shopped. Some of us found a great BBQ place for dinner while others went to a show. Late this night we somehow managed to pack our bags for the return flight home.

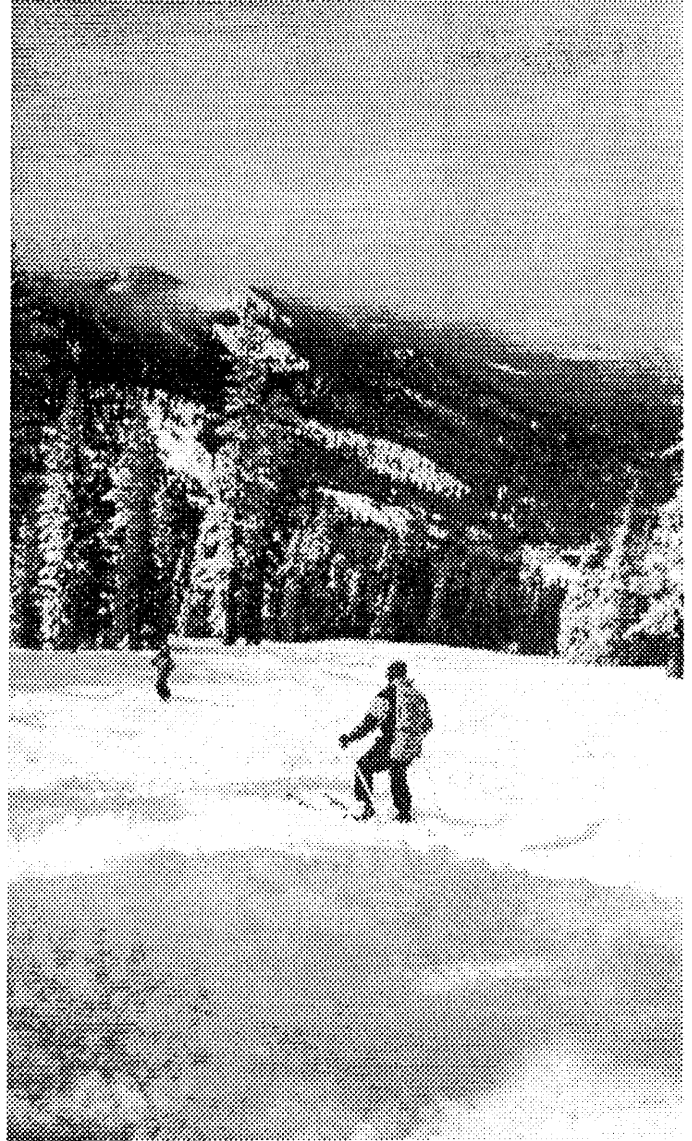
After a slight delay, we headed home. We found the snow we were hoping for here in Omaha (10 inches). Everyone enjoyed the trip and we made some new friends in the Springfield Club. It was mentioned that we should do another trip together in the future. I have only heard positive comments about this experience. I want to thank everyone for their help and for making this trip wonderful and injury free. Omaha Ski Club has a great group of people!

Teri Hammon
Trip Captain

Glimpses from the Tahoe Trip----February 8-15, 2003



(Above) Teri Rock Skiing



(Above) Powder Bumps at Northstar

(Below) Breakfast on the Tahoe Queen



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FLATLANDS SKI ASSOCIATION

Copper Mountain Trip

January 29th –February 1st 2003

Wednesday, our first day skiing, was a great day. The temperature was very comfortable for skiing, snow conditions were packed and groomed to corduroy, and club members caught up with each other during the day. Members of the Omaha Ski Club gathered in Barb and Craig Larson's room at the Best Western Lake Dillon Lodge Wednesday evening for a Welcome Party. Joining them for the gathering were Mary Ava Gossman, Denny Lewis, Teri Hammon, Ben Novograd, Mark Storz, Elvin Siebert, Pat Connelly and Edward Fox, an old friend and former member of the Omaha Ski Club. Everyone enjoyed the pizza, especially the cinnamon dots with gooey frosting, they were delicious. It was a great evening of eating, relaxing, visiting and arranging the next day of skiing.

Thursday, Edward Fox escorted the entire group on a mountain tour. Pat Connelly's cousin Brian, a new Omaha Ski Club member, and his friend Kevin also joined us. This group of 13 skiers stayed together for several runs. It was a blast. There is proof of this group skiing together as the "photo op" picture was taken to show for it. Later in the afternoon, entertainment was provided by the Nordic Ski Team, (Cross-Country Ski Team), consisting of Barb and Craig Larson, Mark Storz, and Phil Bintz. Most of these participants had forgotten how "easy" it is to lock on a pair of skinny skis, skate and glide up a hill, try to remain upright on the downhill and sprint on the flat to the finish. Teri was able to get a few action shots and then some inaction shots of people on the ground in various positions. Craig did that whole course with one broken pole! He's really good. This was a good exercise in stamina after skiing hard all day. The Club has some new members that Cross-Country ski; we sure could have used them on this trip. Where were you, we needed you? When the team recovered, we attended the FSA Welcome Party with hors d'oeuvres, socializing and a silent auction.

Friday was Race Day. We met early for the racing. After a couple of warm up runs, we were ready. Teri and Phil were gate judges on the men's course and Bob Todd helped on the women's course. Denny Lewis and El Siebert experienced racing for the first time and completed the course. El needed a little encouragement after he tumbled on his first run. Craig Larson who had just experienced a "spectacular" yard sale provided the extra encouragement. Not only did he catch his tip on the gate and lose his skis, poles, hat and goggles, but stood up and ran backwards down the hill before he finally came to a stop when he hit the ground. It was the best wipeout on the men's course. He deserves the gold! His second run was completed with a great time. We had lunch and did some easier skiing. To end the day, the race chairs from each of the clubs had a sumo wrestler obstacle course. Each race chair put on an inflatable sumo suit and helmet. They started the course by sliding under a pole, getting up, running a course and returning under the bar to the finish line. It was hilarious. Just seeing them in those outfits was entertaining. Later we went to the Back Country Brewery in Frisco for dinner.

Saturday, the Master's team (Phil Bintz, Pat Connelly, Barb and Craig Larson and Bob Todd) raced. We were met later this day by Kerry Barnes, one of our club members who is now living in Littleton, CO. After enjoying lunch together, we made a few runs before retiring our skis. The group attended the FSA Awards Banquet later that evening. Barb Larson was awarded 3rd place in her age class. The Omaha Ski Club took 7th place overall in points. Perhaps next year we will be able to move up in our ranking. The more people from our group that participates in the races, the more points we obtain. This is a fun trip as we have a chance to meet people from 7 other clubs that participate in a fun environment of recreational skiing and racing. Next year during the last week in January 2004, FSA has scheduled the event at Winter Park Colorado. Thanks to all who participated this year.

On Sunday, everyone headed home. Our trip captain Barb, wanted to extend her vacation a little while longer, and is now recovering from a ruptured appendix and emergency surgery. And no Don, it wasn't the salmon.

Barb and Craig Larson, Copper Mountain/FSA Trip Captains

OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2002 - MAY 2003

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

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DATE _____ SIGNATURE (MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED) _____
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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Well guys, we are half way through this years' ski season. Three trips down and three to go. This year we sent small groups to both USRSA and FSA. We did very well in the races but because of our small numbers, we did not score high in the group standing. It is really hard for us to compete with the bigger clubs but our small number of skiers did place high in all the divisions we race in.

Congratulations to all of you who received medals for racing.

Our third trip this year was to Lake Tahoe. Thirty one of us arrived to bright sun and hard pack conditions. We skied a total of six full days. That was a lot of skiing for some of us old folks. I know I was toast by the end of

the week. Trip captain, Teri Hammon, put together a busy but fun-filled trip. There were no serious injuries, but a lot of tired skiers by the end of the week. We joined up with a ski club from Springfield, IL. We skied with them at a couple of the resorts. They turned out to be great dance partners on the boat ride back from Squaw Valley.

The Springfield people were really surprised at how friendly our club was. I heard more than one of their people say that they had been on trips with other clubs that would not even talk with them. They have already said that they would love to do another joint trip with us sometime soon. That is a great

compliment to get from another club. Well done everyone, I think we made some new long term friends in Springfield, IL. The Springfield club is member of the Chicago Association that we just joined. Word about our friendly group will be spread among the other members of the Association. This should make it easier for us to plan future group trips with other clubs in the Association.

Our next two trips will be leaving soon, (if they have not already left). The Monarch trip is leaving with a small number of skiers. Some of these people will then go on to Cooper later in the week. Both of these trips should

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Omaha Ski Club Flatlands Race Results Copper Mountain, CO, February 2003

Place	Bib	Name	R Time	B Time	R HDCP	B HDCP	Best HDCP	Medal
Women's D (50-59)								
3	56	Barb Larson	37.43	36.42	40.40	35.14	35.14	SILVER

Men's C (40-49)								
16	117	Phil Bintz	29.05	31.04	29.63	29.50	29.50	SILVER
35	124	Ben Novograd	37.26	38.78	66.27	61.79	61.79	
36	131	Mark Storz	DNS	40.12		67.38	67.38	

Men's D (50-59)								
14	168	Craig Larson	DNF	28.60		41.79	41.79	SILVER

Men's E (60-69)								
8	232	Bob Todd	30.17	31.25	35.41	54.93	35.41	SILVER
9	238	Pat Connelly	30.77	33.30	38.11	65.10	38.11	SILVER
25	247	Deny Lewis	36.53	37.71	63.96	86.96	63.96	BRONZE
34	243	El Siebert	42.56	DNF	91.02		91.02	

Masters Race Omaha 7 th Place							Best Time
408	Barb Larson	41.84	DSQ	49.75			49.75
416	Craig Larson	35.91	35.75	28.53	32.02		35.75
424	Bob Todd	40.17	39.86	43.77	47.19		39.86
432	Pat Connelly	43.69	42.48	56.37	56.87		42.48
440	Phil Bintz	38.94	39.73	39.37	46.71		38.94
Total							198.87

X-Country Omaha 6 th Place	
Craig Larson	1:16:52
Barb Larson	2:51:06
Mark Storz	4:17:53
Phil Bintz	5:36:20

OVERALL RESULTS

Place	Club	X-C	Men-----						Women-----						Masters	Open	Snow	Total
			A	B	C	D	E	F	A	B	C	D	E	F				
1	KCS	365	72	83	342	422	287	96	0	0	223	61	0	32	350	5	5	2342
2	WCH	500	65	83	225	342	199	77	50	0	181	0	50	40	315	35	15	2176
3	TOP	450	58	71	202	277	169	66	45	32	163	61	43	32	228	0	25	1902
4	CRN	405	0	0	277	380	145	66	56	27	0	88	43	0	205	20	25	1737
5	OKC	266	50	0	164	308	258	86	0	0	201	0	56	0	283	20	20	1710
6	TLS	328	0	0	308	202	199	0	0	0	146	79	0	32	254	0	5	1553
7	OMH	295	0	0	182	249	232	0	0	0	0	71	0	0	184	0	0	1214
8	COL	0	50	64	250	224	145	0	0	27	132	0	0	0	168	5	10	1074

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President's Corner (continued)

be a lot of fun. Our last trip, to Big Sky, is also set to go. Those people going will get another chance to impress the people from Chicago. Our hope is to do more trips in the future through the Chicago Association. We will have to wait to see what they are offering for a big west trip next year.

What about the April Steamboat trip? The board has decided not to offer a late season trip this year. We have offered six good trips this year and a lot of people used up their cash and vacation time. I did not receive much of a response from people wanting to go on this trip. Colorado is in one of the worst droughts in their history. The current snow pack in Steamboat and most of the other resorts in Colorado is way below normal. With the low interest and the low snow pack, there will be no spring trip in April this year. We will try again next year.

Just a friendly reminder, we are still looking for people to run for the board. Elections are in May. If you are planning on running let us know so we can get you on the ballot. This is your club and we do need your help to keep it running smooth.

Dragons rock !

Pat McCall
President, OSC

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