

February 2004

Current Events

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

Feb 10 (Tue) Winter Park Post-trip Party and Banff Pre-trip Party. Senor Matias, 90th & Arbor, Time 7:00 pm

Future Events

Mar 2 (Tue) Board Meeting, McCall Press, 3219 Leavenworth. Time 6:00 pm. All members welcome.

Mar 2 (Tue) Post-trip party for Banff and Pre-trip party for Summit Co. Old Chicago at 76th & Cass St. Time: 7:30 pm

Sally Dier, Vice-President Activities

Blasting Away Down the Slopes at Steamboat

Wow, what a New Years we had! Twenty eight OSC members flew down the slopes over the New Years Holiday. Well, some flew, some floated, some glided and some of us bumped and tumbled our way down. A good time was had by all! We started our fun on December 31st with some skiing, some arriving and all celebrating in an evening get-together. We were even joined by an OSC member currently residing in Steamboat. Some of you may remember Dave Powell. What a charmer! Then we had 3 more days of skiing with fresh powder each and every one of them. We even returned on relatively clear roads! Luck was on our side.

We learned many new things about each other. We found out that our group included a quilter, a corgy lover, a swimming champ, and a Jack connosieur. You can figure which attribute applies to whom. We also found that we had a member of mystery on the trip. A person with many hidden facets. Here are a few of the membe's traits. See if you can guess who:

- 1) Wears a colorful southwestern bandana as a part of ski attire.
- 2) Is a UNO whiz.
- 3) Appreciates giraffes and other tall blondes.
- 4) Never met a black diamond that he/she didn't like.

Any ideas? Check with me to see if you are correct.

Now back to Steamboat. The powder was wonderful -- like gliding through marshmallows! The scenery was awe-inspiring! The company was great! The food was waistband expanding! The fun was unending!

Hope we can all ring in 2005 with as much fun! Happy New Year!

Jennifer Pedersen, Steamboat Trip Captain

Spots still available on Summit County and Snowmass trips - - see inside

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Join us for this great bus trip to Snowmass, Colorado, during the first week of April. The trip will include bus games to make the ride go faster. A Welcome party the first night. There are four nights lodging with 4½ days of skiing available. After skiing, you can join in the daily hot tub parties or just lounge around the pool deck and get an early start on your tan. You can ski any of the four ski resorts in the Aspen valley. The bus leaves on Friday night, April 2, at 6:00 p.m. and will return on Thursday morning April 8 at around 6:00 a.m. Send in your \$50.00 trip deposit before January 1 to guarantee a spot on this great spring ski trip. For those of you with kids, this trip is over the first part of the OPS spring break week. Treat your kids to a ski trip to one of the best ski areas in Colorado. Trip price is \$385.00 plus lift tickets. Contact Pat McCall for further information. (402) 345-1881 or work (402) 342-8898



(Left) At the top of the Gondola at Steamboat:

Mark Storz, Fred Bover, Park Blaine, Pat McCall, Kerry Barnes, Cynde McCall, Dave Powell, Pat Connolly, Teri Hammon, Joel Hart, Brian Moore, Ben Novograd, Jennifer Pedersen

(Below) Happy New Year from Steamboat

Back row: Andy Rabick, Chris Keating, Mark Storz, Joel Hart, Pat Connolly, Kerry Barnes, Ben Novograd, Dennis McMahon, Dave Powell, Spencer Jacobs

Front row: Pat McCall, Brian Moore, Phil Bintz



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PRESIDENTS CORNER

What a great trip to start off the new year with. I'm talking about the Steamboat New Years trip. Twenty eight hearty souls arrived early News Years Eve (a few a day earlier) for some great skiing. We skied hard and then partied into the night. The Comfort Inn Motel went over and above in helping our club out on this trip. They had offered to supply the usual wine and cheese for our party. What they gave us was far better than box wine and there was enough cheese and food left that we had another party on the last night. A great place to stay while in Steamboat, clean rooms, good breakfast, warm pool, and the hot tub was actually hot. I think every one had a wonderful and exciting ski trip, that is everyone except me. I managed to fall on the third day and tear some lower leg muscles. Quite painful but not life threatening. Just bad enough to keep me from skiing another powder day. I always seem to get hurt just before it snows, maybe next time I should wait until after it snows to go skiing. The ride home was uneventful, that is until we got to the Platte River bridge, then the road was icy and snow packed. Just a reminder that we were back in Nebraska. You drive six hundred miles and the last twenty five are the worst. Go figure.

As for the rest of this years trips; our next trip, which is the annual FSA race trip to Winterpark, is set to go at the end of the month. A new group of people are now running FSA and they have worked hard to make this a fun and exciting trip. The races will be run as usual, but they have added some extra clinics and practice time. This, along with a new scoring system, should help our club score more points. Maybe we will move up in the standings this year. FSA has been one of our yearly trips for years but, our numbers have been down for this trip the last couple of years. I hope that with this new group of people running things, this trip will once again become one of our bigger trips each year.

Our third trip of the year is going to Banff, Canada. Twenty eight of our club members will be joining up with other clubs from across the country for this Annual USRSA race week. There will be daily racing and nightly parties. Also, for those of you going, the views will be awesome. One of those few remaining ski areas with the old time flavor. Should you choose not to ski, (why on earth would you do that?) there are many things to do in the area. Just about every winter sport or activity you can think of. I hope you all have a wonderful skiing experience.

The last two trips of the year still have space available at this time. The Summit County trip will give you the option of skiing any of the eight ski resorts in the Summit County area. This is a cheap trip with the potential for some of the best skiing of the season, if the snow keeps coming down like it has been. As of this newsletter, Colorado is experiencing some of the best early snows in the past fifteen years. Lets hope for a record year of snow fall.

The last trip of the year will be to Snowmass, Colorado. One of my favorite places to ski. We will once again be staying at the Crestwood condos. Ski in/out, or as close as you can get, depending on which side of the hill you come down. With a large outdoor hot tub and heated pool there will be some great après ski parties. These will be something you won't want to miss, as they have been memorable in the past. There is still plenty of space on this trip, but we will have to start canceling extra space on the first of February. If we don't have at least twenty-eight people signed up by then we will probably make this a drive-out. Should we decide to drop the bus you can back out of this trip before February 1st and still get all of your money back. So, don't wait to send in your trip app and money. After February 1, we may not have any space left for you. See trip article in this newsletter for dates and prices.

Dragons rock!

Pat McCall, President, OSC

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Dave Lawler of changes.



As the trip captain for the Steamboat Springs New Years trip, I wish to extend a special word of thanks to the entire staff of the Comfort Inn at Steamboat Springs, especially Michael Watt, the Director of Sales, Keith Eddy, the Facilities Director and Kevin Ripley, Vice President of Operations. The facilities were great! Comfy rooms (pets allowed), roomy pool, jetty hot tub, and a good breakfast to start the day were all readily available. The hotel was also kind enough to cosponsor our New Years get together and provide a venue besides. OSC really appreciates all of these kindnesses and if you are looking for a place to stay in Steamboat, we highly recommend the Comfort Inn.

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