



May 2004

Current Events

May 4 (Tue) Board meeting, McCall Press 3219 Leavenworth. Time 6:30 pm All members welcome.

May 23 (Sun) Election

Party/Annual Meeting Time: 5:00 pm until ??????????????????

Where: McCall's House, 1306 So. 35th Ave., Omaha Why: General Meeting to elect 2004-2005 Officers to the board and to discuss matters of the general club business. Pat will be barbecuing the meat. Please RSVP to 345-1881 by May 20th so we can get an idea of how much to make.

Members A-M bring a desert, N-Z bring a salad or vegetable. Pop and iced tea will be provided. Bring your own beer, wine or whatever. Please bring a lawn chair or two.

Future Events

June 1 (Tue) Board meeting, McCall Press 3219 Leavenworth. Time 6:30 pm. All members welcome

June 8 (Tue) Membership meeting, Senor Matias, 90th & Arbor, Time 7:00 pm

USRSA/Banff Canada

February 21-28, 2004

There were 28 members of the Omaha Ski Club that got to enjoy a memorable trip to Banff. The Banff Springs Hotel is a true "Castle in the Forest". A lot of remodeling and additions have been done since we were there 4 years ago.

We had a minor inconvenience at the start of our trip. The Hotel had us coming in on a different date so we were all put up at the "Chateau Lake Louise". A wonderful hotel with lots of ice sculptures on the lake. They had a complimentary party for all of us the evening we arrived.

We skied Sunshine Village and Lake Louise. The snow was good. Many participated in the racing that USRSA offered. The Omaha Ski Club placed 3rd in all four categories. Craig, Tom, Gary, Marty, Jim, Pat C, Mark, Ben, Denny, JP, Bob, El, Andy B, Barb, Gay and Sally all won medals.

There were three persons that took their first trip with the Omaha Ski Club. Anne M's mother Connie B. was a first time skier. She took lessons and by the end of the week was skiing down from the top of the mountain despite having a few bruises. They also enjoyed a day of Dog Sledding. Bob W. and Terry F. were also on their first club trip. Both enjoyed Banff with all the parties and activities that USRSA offered. There were parties almost every night where we were able to socialize and meet people from other clubs. One of our parties was a Mardi Gras theme with everyone wearing beads. There was a pie eating contest. Tom W. from our club was the fastest to find the hidden plastic baby. El S. was a dancing machine. He kept all the girls on their toes including the "Dancing Queen" from California.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the socializing every afternoon in the heated outdoor pool. While we were relaxing and relieving our aching bodies, the pool boys were taking our drink orders.

Several people were able to enjoy a day off of skiing. They shopped on Banff Ave, visited the museum, had lunch and found all their favorite pubs.

Several rooms had their own Jacuzzi's. JP, will you please explain how you got the nickname Bubbles???? Mark S. had trouble locating his skis one night. If only he would have listened to Sally....."the voice of reason".....he could have found them sooner. Pat C and Craig were able to enjoy the powder by spending a day heli-skiing. Ruth, I want to know where you got the bull riding and lasso experience? Is that something Larry taught you?

All in all we had a great trip. Thank you for letting me be your trip captain.

Sally Dier, Banff Trip Captain

**Annual Meeting/Election Party -- Election ballot and Proposed
by-law changes - see inside
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PRESIDENTS CORNER

Where have we been and where are we going?

The 2004 ski season was interesting. The biggest trip of the year was the Canada trip to Banff, closely followed by the New Years trip to Steamboat Springs. The other three trips all went with lower than average numbers this year. The club lost a few members and gained a few new ones, so membership stayed about the same. As we look forward to next year we may not offer as many trips, in an attempt to increase the total number of people going on the trips. This is how next year looks so far. The FSA trip to Steamboat in late January is the only one on the table right now. USRSA is planning a trip to France, which is not big on our list right now. The Chicago ski week in March is going to Banff, not high on our list either since we just went there. We are looking into a possible trip to Glenwood Springs for New Years. This would include cheap skiing at the Sunlight Ski Resort or you could go down valley and do any of the Aspen/Snowmass areas. For our big trip of the year we are looking into the following places: Salt Lake or Ogden in Utah, Whistler in Western Canada, Tremblant in Eastern Canada, Mammoth Mountain in California or Mt

Bachelor in Oregon. We are open for any other suggestions at this time, where do you want to go?

The election party is on Sunday, May 23 starting at 5:00 P.M., at the McCall house. (1306 So. 35th Ave.) Fill out your election ballots. You can mail them before the party or bring them with you if you are planning on attending. You can also fill out the membership forms and pay your dues for the coming season. Dues for the 2004-2005 season have remained the same as last year. There are three spots on the board that will need to be filled. Two that are up for renewal and one that is now open. Sally Dier has resigned from the board citing personal reasons. (Rumor has it that there is a marriage in the works.) Barb Larson also has asked to be replaced as the Membership committee person. As of the last time I talked to Dave, we only have two people running for the board positions. This will leave us short on both the board and in at least one committee position. We need for some of you to step up and help fill these positions or it will be hard to keep the club running smoothly. Let me know if you are interested.

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OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION JUNE 2004 - MAY 2005

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. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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.

ATTENTION MEMBERS: OSC is looking at making an electronic version of the newsletter available, how to do that has not been determined yet, and will be discussed for quite a while yet, but we would like member input on this, so please select one of the following preferences: I would prefer to receive my newsletter 1) by printed copy _____ 2) electronically _____ 3) both _____

SIGNATURE (MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED) _____ DATE _____

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

Memorial Day weekend ski trip - May 28-31, 2004

During eight out of the past nine years, Ben Novograd and Mark Storz have set up a trip to Arapahoe Basin, Colorado on Memorial Day weekend. They'll be going again this year. This is not a club sponsored trip; they're just interested to see if anyone wants to join them.

Skiing on Memorial Day weekend has several advantages:

- Snow conditions can be surprisingly good. We have video taken on past trips. The lower part of the mountain can get slushy in the sun, but the upper portion often has powder. On some of the past trips, new snow has fallen on Memorial Day weekend.
 - Crowds and lift lines are almost nonexistent.
 - Most or all of the mountain is still open. It's got a high altitude (10 to 12 thousand feet) and northern exposure, so the snow takes longer to melt than other ski areas. Arapahoe Basin is the last Colorado ski area to close for the season, usually in late June or on the fourth of July.
 - Lift tickets are fairly cheap - about \$35/day.
 - Lodging at Keystone (about 6 miles away) is relatively cheap and readily available. The cost will depend on how many people participate.
 - Frostbite is not a problem. The probability of hypothermia is also reduced. On a sunny day, it's feasible to reduce the number of layers of outerwear worn.
 - The attitude is relaxed and laid back. No glitz, glamour or pretentiousness. Just skiing and snowboarding.
 - This year, the ski area is having a "beach party" with live music and their 3rd annual brewpubs festival on all 3 weekend days - Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the 29th through the 31st. This will be their biggest party of the year.
 - Other activities are also available for nonskiers at Keystone - horseback riding, mountain biking, hiking and golf. Some of these are included at reduced rates in the form of activity passes with lodging at Keystone.
- Bottom line - you get plenty of skiing and partying for your \$ and time. It's a good value.

This will be a drive out trip. Lodging at Keystone will be on Friday the 28th, Saturday the 29th, and Sunday the 30th. They'll be staying at Keystone, about 6 miles away. Mark and Ben will be making lodging reservations and payment for lodging will be through them. The plan is to drive out Friday, the 28th, ski Saturday, Sunday and part of Monday, and drive back Monday evening, the 31st - Memorial Day.

For more info contact Ben Novograd at 291-5704.

Proposed By-law Changes

The OSC Board has voted to submit a number of proposed changes to the OSC by-laws to the OSC membership. These changes will be brought up for vote at the Annual Meeting/Election Party on May 23, 2004. The language of the changes is lengthy, but a summary of the changes follows. The full text of the changes is available on the OSC website, and the text of the proposed changes, and also a copy of the current bylaws, is available from OSC Secretary Jennifer Pedersen.

The changes cover three major categories: Membership, OSC Board, OSC Board Committees, plus a number of "technical" changes which are primarily just cleaning up wording of various sections. Summary of major changes follows:

Membership: It is proposed to revise the classes of Membership from three to six, the new classes are as follows: Associate, Reciprocal and Promotional.

Associate Membership: this a new concept, to allow OSC to affiliate with other organizations with similar social/recreational aims, that are also IRS tax-exempt organizations (organizations specifically in mind are the Omaha Sports Club and the Omaha Christian Single but other similar organizations could also qualify). Members of those organizations would be able to participate in OSC trips and social activities, upon approval of membership and payment of (reduced) dues, but would not have voting rights or other OSC membership rights. The other organization would also have to also a similar membership classification.

Reciprocal Membership: Several, if not all, of the FSA clubs offer reciprocal memberships to members of other FSA clubs, allowing members of other clubs to go on those clubs' trips without additional payment of dues. OSC should offer such a membership also, as some of our members have used this service. Reciprocal members of OSC would have no other membership rights other than to go on trips, would pay no dues to OSC, and again would only be available to members of clubs who also offer similar benefits to OSC members.

Promotional Membership: OSC has occasionally offered "free" memberships as a way to promote membership. These members have full membership rights and do not have to pay dues, although the memberships only last for the current club year. This membership class is not officially authorized in the OSC bylaws and should be if it will continue to be offered.

OSC Board: two changes are proposed regarding the Board, both regarding terms of office:

- 1) the requirement that the Board must officially approve the resignation of a Board member is deleted, the resignation would be effective upon official receipt by OSC;
- 2) a term-limit is again imposed, which is two full elected terms plus any partial term (immediately preceding the first elected term) which the board member was appointed (and filled out) -- this was in the bylaws for many years, but was deleted in the mid-1990's

OSC Board Committees: added "Website" committee as an official position, since it requires duty and responsibility on both the part of the board and on the part of our "Webmaster."

Jennifer Pedersen, OSC Secretary

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PRESIDENTS CORNER (continued)

The idea of doing a Colorado raft trip of some kind has been talked about for a couple of years. During the Snowmass trip a few weeks ago, Mark Storz, Ben Novograd and I got to talking about it. We talked about putting together some type of adventure weekend. The idea is to go high, low and in between. What does that mean? Well, we are going to put something together that includes: climbing/hiking one of Colorado's 14 thousand foot peaks, river rafting in Browns Canyon, and possibly doing an extended trip into Wind Cave in Colorado Springs. There could also be side trips to see the Royal Gorge, Seven Falls and other interesting sites in the area. We are looking at a tentative date for doing this of June 17 thru June 20th. If you are interested in doing something like this, e-mail or call me to reserve a spot. We don't have details yet, but we will let you know as we go. At this time, this is not a club trip but if we get enough people interested we can make it one. This is something we are going to try out and if it goes well we will plan trips in future years going to other places. This will truly be an adventure weekend with lots of activities to do. Most likely over a four day period, with a Wednesday night drive out. We'll bring the bicycles along in case the weather does not cooperate for any of the planned activities.

Summer club activities will be announced either in the newsletter or by group e-mail as soon as we get any thing set up. We are open for any ideas if you want to do something. Remember the next ski season is only eight months away.

Dragons rock!

Pat McCall President, OSC

