



May 2008 Update

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2008-2009 Board Election Results

Evelyn Hans and Jim Tills were elected to the 2008-2009 Omaha Ski Club board at the May 18 election party. They'll be replacing Sally Hammond and Phil Bintz, whose terms on the board expire at the end of May. The 2008-2009 board will hold its first meeting at the beginning of June.

\$100 Trip Credit Certificate Winner

Andy Bohn was the winner of the raffle held at the May 18 election party for a \$100 Omaha Ski Club credit certificate. Congratulations!

June 3rd (Tuesday) Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Feta's, Miracle Hills Mall

NE of 114th and Dodge St. All members welcome.

June 12 (Thursday) Social Gathering

6:30 p.m. – Rick's Café Boatyard

345 Riverfront Drive. Everyone welcome.

July 1st (Tuesday) Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Feta's, Miracle Hills Mall

NE of 114th and Dodge St. All members welcome.

July 9th (Wednesday) Social Gathering

6:00 p.m. – Upstream, in the Old Market

Look for us upstairs. Everyone welcome.

Renewal Members

The Omaha Ski Club welcomes the following renewal members:

Ron and Pat B.
John C.
Ryan and Barbara C.
Teri H.
Andy R.
Len and Chris S.
James S.

Renewals received at the May 18 election party will be listed in the June newsletter.

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membership application.**

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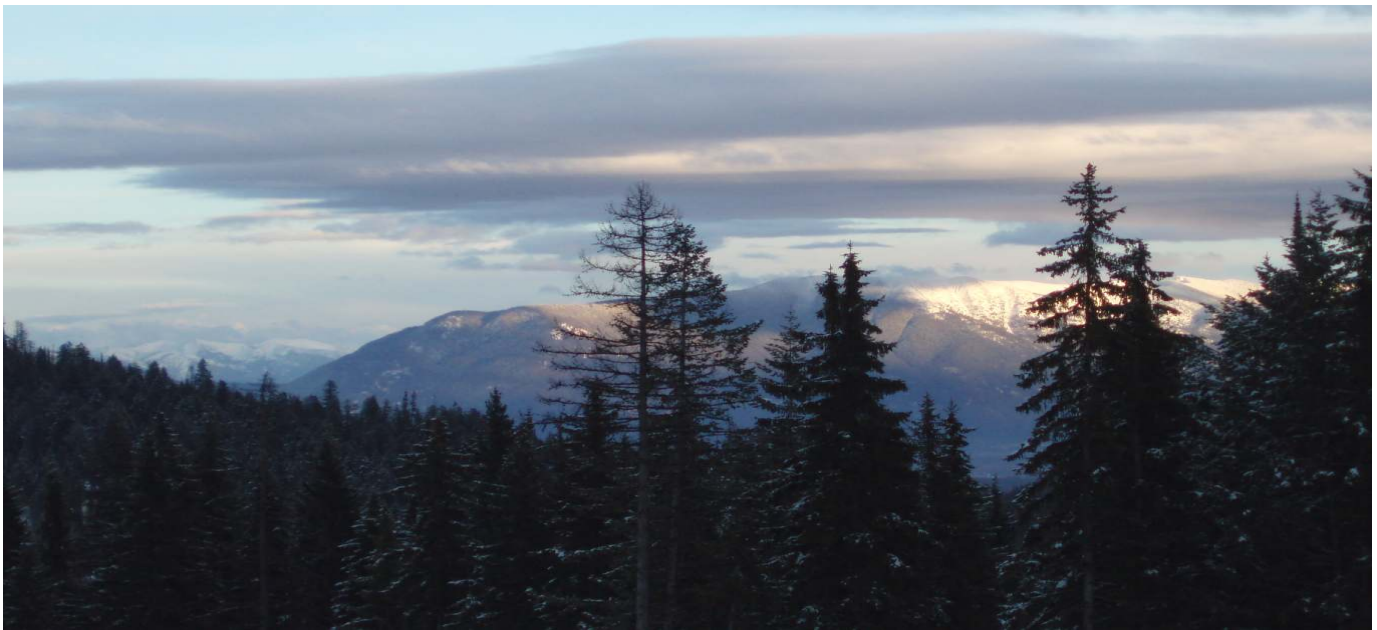
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Dear friends,

The ski season has ended for most us. Now is the time to start planning and making deposits for trips for next year. I would like to get your ideas for places you would like to ski. As a member of the Omaha Ski Club, you help decide where we plan trips. I gather those ideas and present them to the Board for final approval. If you do not tell me where you want to go, the choices that are made may not be where you would like to go. This is the time to speak up, If you did not get a chance to fill out a trip survey at the election party, please contact me at dragonsrock@cox.net for a copy.

I also wish to thank the trip captains, Pat McCall, El Siebert and Ben Novograd for all their hard work and planning to make their trips successful. I appreciate all the help to make these trips possible.

Do you know....what a trip captain does?

- Make sure each signed up member has a **trip application** filled out completely
- Make sure each member is a **paid member** (this is verified with the membership chair)
- Make sure each member has their **payment to you as scheduled** (schedule is determined by when trip payments are due)
- Maintains **the emergency contact list** for members of their trip (information is on the trip applications)
- **Coordinates** air, transfers, lodging with VP Trips.
- Assigns rooming for hotel or condo pillows (**rooming list**)
- Plans and coordinates **welcome party** while on the trip (budget determined by number on trip)
- Turns in **final accounting** after trip returns (forms provided)
- **Attends board meetings and social functions** to promote the trip and update the board of numbers, payments due, problems, etc. (the more people you get, the larger the stipend you receive)
- **Writes an article for the newsletter when their trip returns**

Any member can be a trip captain. If you are interested and going to go on the trip, I can help you get started.

If you want more information, contact me at dragonsrock@cox.net

Thank you all for making this season a success and I look forward to another great season next year!

Teri Hammon

VP Trips

Omaha Ski Club

Whitefish MT Trip March 12-19, 2008



Skiing, St. Pat's Day party, a new ski area to explore, good friends, fresh powder, photo opportunities, a Birthday party, a time to relax were some of the reasons 26 members of the Omaha Ski Club took an early flight to Whitefish MT for the week. Initially, I was skeptical when the arrangements for the and I was told that the was a 50 passenger plane.

luggage and numerous unhappy people crossed my that's all they were, thoughts that never materialized. uneventful flight to Kalispell and a with all of our



short bus ride luggage to The Morning spacious, slope side condos with ski-in, ski-out accommodations.



flights were made connection flight Thoughts of lost mind. Luckily We had an from the airport Whitefish Resort. Eagle condos were

available for those who would be taking a day or two away from skiing. We welcomed 2 new members to our group, Ralph and Michelle Murdock. Everyone had a chance to relax and plan for several days of fun.

After settling in, we were given a welcome party by the resort. Chesley Davis and a mountain host spoke about the mountain, which areas to ski at certain



Thursday morning we woke to bright blue skies, mild temps, fresh groomed trails and no waiting at the lifts! What...no powder!!! We had to learn how to ski that corduroy all over again. The perfect weather afforded us the opportunity to explore the entire mountain. The mountain hosts gave us an informative tour and then we split off and did some exploring of our own...in search of powder...ahhh. There were many places that had untracked areas. We practically had the mountain to ourselves.

Teri passed out green bandanas that were worn by the members. These became our lift tickets. The lift operators waved us through the line.

Big Mountain reminded me of Steamboat with the "snow ghosts" as you neared the top. We found a polar bear, a mother and child and many other unique shapes. The mountain had varied terrain, 94 marked runs and 3000 skiable acres. Most mornings were foggy with snow showers, just enough powder to make the first few runs soft. The summit elevation was only 6817 ft, which prevented many of the high altitude symptoms. The Summit House served as the meeting place for lunches on most days.

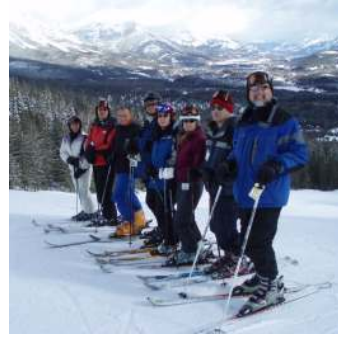
A couple evenings we took the shuttle to town for dinner at the Great Northern Grill. During the week, several of us went shopping. Mary and Teri stopped to use the facilities at a bar called Bulldog Saloon on one of the trips around town. If you are ever back to Whitefish, be sure to take your rest break at the Bulldog Saloon! The town was quaint and several blocks long. We were at a disadvantage not having our own vehicles since the last shuttle up the mountain left downtown at 9:40 PM. On Sunday, 12 of us packed into a 12 passenger van and headed north to Fernie, British Columbia. We needed to add yet another new area to our list. After a short detour, we arrived at Fernie. We put on



our gear and were picked up by the shuttle to be taken to the base area. The shuttle was a horse drawn wagon. It was very quaint. Fernie was a bit hard packed and in need of more powder (we truly are becoming spoiled by this wonderful season we had). Every area has something to offer though. The lodge was older and felt like a blast from the past.



The ski school instructor was Minnie Mouse and the children wearing various animal and insect costumes. Our group had a good time at despite the late start. We finished Canada with dinner and returned to Whitefish. Passing through customs was uneventful. The customs agent was a Husker Huskers!



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Patrick's Day Party started with a club get together at our condo. Everyone in their best green apparel went to dinner at Ed & Mulley's. The bartender our group and everyone had a great time.



We enjoyed waking up late on Tuesday morning using the fog as an excuse. Many of us used this last day to explore all those places that we hadn't skied. This mountain was awesome. Glory hole and the trees, North Bowl Face, Gray Wolf and the snow ghosts made this a memorable trip for 26 members of the Omaha Ski Club.



It wasn't over yet. We had one more celebration. Gay celebrated another year younger with a little help from her friends.



Happy Birthday!

Overall, Whitefish was a success. I want to thank everyone for all the help with the shopping, food preparation and miscellaneous stuff that made this trip successful. It is fortunate that we did not have any major injuries, only illnesses. A few people were recovering from flu and Ruth was able to join us.

As I close, I want to share a photo that I took one day while at Big Mountain. It was so appropriate for our times.

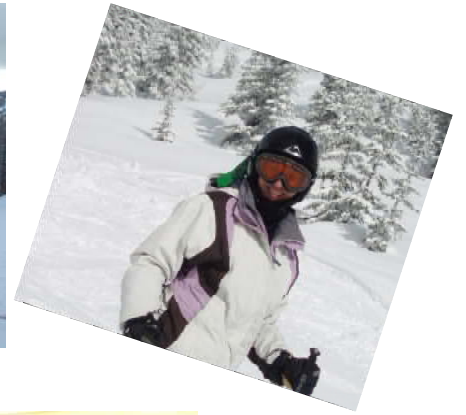
God Bless America!



A few photos from

the trip.





Teri Hammon
Trip Captain

**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2008 – MAY 2009**

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

MEMBER INFORMATION - - - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Work Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone :(____) _____

Email Address: _____

Check this box if you are 21 years or older. For family membership, list all dependent minors on back of application.

If new member, how did you hear about the club? _____

Ski/Snowboard destinations you're interested in: _____

Activities you're interested in: Biking ____ Bowling ____ Dinners ____ Other _____
(please list)

Other Interests: (please list) _____

NOTE: BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION I RELIEVE THE OMAHA SKI CLUB, INC. (OSC) OF ANY RRESPONSIBILITY OR 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.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____
(Must be signed and dated)

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