



May 2015 Update

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Ballots Have Been Mailed

The ballots for the 2015-2016 Omaha Ski Club board election have been sent to all 2014-2015 members. They can be brought to the May 31st election party or mailed in to: Omaha Ski Club, P.O. Box 3104, Omaha, NE 68103. Mailed-in ballots need to arrive at the club's P.O. box no later than Friday, May 29th.

Upcoming Events

May 31st (Sunday) 5 p.m.

Election Party

El Siebert's residence, 3215 Belvedere Blvd

All members (new and old) welcome. The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and lemonade. Bring a side dish to share and BYOB. We'll be holding a drawing for a \$50 trip voucher and all new first-time members will also be receiving a \$25 trip voucher. See the article on page 3.

Directions from downtown Omaha: Take the North Freeway north to 30th St, then take 30th St north to Belvedere Blvd, which is near Kansas Ave, across from Miller Park, then go west (left) all the way up the hill on Belvedere Blvd. It's the ivy-covered house on the left (east, facing downhill) side of the road. It's shown as a white-purple A on the map on the next page.

June 2nd (Tuesday) 7 p.m.

Board Meeting

Hy-Vee #3, 8809 W Center Rd

On the southeast corner of Center Rd and 90th St. All members welcome.

Renewal Members

The Omaha Ski Club welcomes the following renewal members:

Harvey and Loretta Sloup

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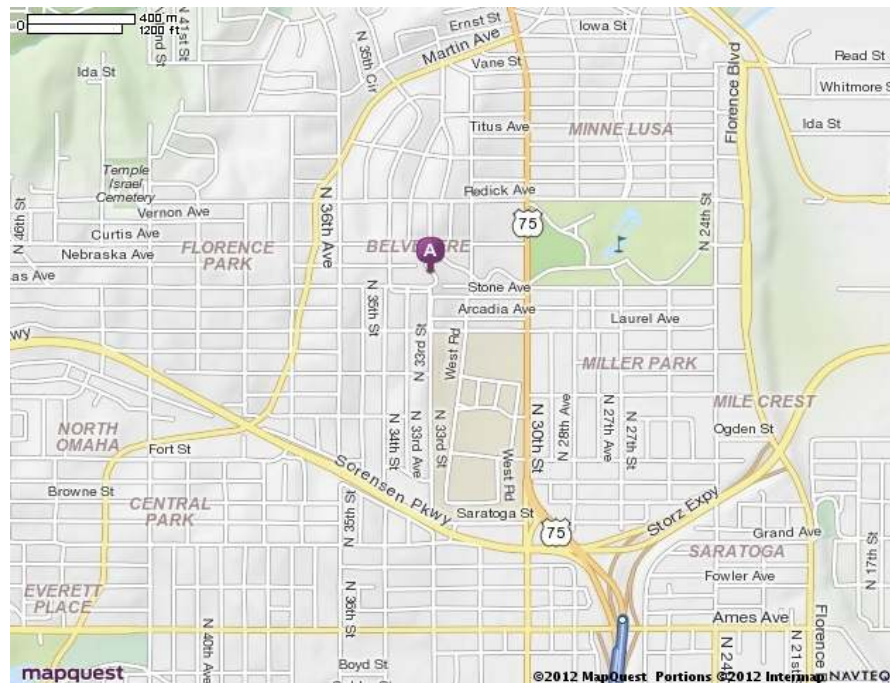
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**Map showing election party location
(White-purple A) 3215 Belvedere Blvd**



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Omaha Ski Club Annual Election Party

May 31, 2015

Members and new members only

3215 Belvedere Blvd

5 PM until??

Bring your ballot and your membership and come out and join us for an evening of fun at the annual election party/picnic/potluck. Our theme will be Hawaiian, so come dressed accordingly (optional). Omaha ski club will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs and lemonade. Bring a side dish to share and BYOB.

It is also time to **renew your membership** for the 2015-2016 season. Once again, we will be holding a drawing for a chance to win a \$50 trip voucher. All you have to do is either mail or bring your membership renewal on or before May 31st (lifetime members excluded) and you will be entered in this drawing. You must be present to win.

In addition, NEW, FIRST TIME members will receive a \$25 trip voucher for your paid membership to be used in the 2015-16 season. It's like getting your membership free!



If you have not considered a position on the board, think about serving for a year on one of our committees or as a board member. At the end of each term, you receive a \$100 trip voucher for board members and a \$50 trip voucher for serving on a committee. Current members with a ballot can add their name to the ballot as a write in.

Come join us!

El Siebert
VP of Activities

Call El Siebert if you are lost at 402 453-9088



Trips Recap 2014 - 2015 Season

I want to take this opportunity to share with you a rather short synopsis of each of the five trips that were offered this season. Before you look at the net gain or loss, be aware that we try to price our trips so that we break even. We are not here to make a profit. Actually, any comps that we receive as a result of having adequate numbers are rolled back into the trip to either lower the price per person or give each person an upgraded welcome party or dinner. Unfortunately, this year, our numbers were far from being adequate. With that said, we did as well as could be expected with what we had.

Copper Mountain Colorado December 10-14, 2014. Cost \$270.00 plus lift tickets. Eight people attended. This trip was bundled with the Cornhuskers ski club due to low numbers. We stayed at the Mountain Plaza condos in Center Village at Copper Mountain. Net profit after expenses was \$120.

Crested Butte Colorado Flatlands Ski Association (FSA) January 25th - February 1st, 2015. Cost \$145 for 7 nights lodging, 5 day lift tickets and all FSA activities. 13 people attended. We stayed at the Grand Lodge at the base of Crested Butte. The accommodations were very nice and we had a good welcome party at the Avalanche Bar and Grill. Participation was low. Net loss was \$143.28.

Mount Bachelor Oregon CMSC trip February 21-28, 2015. Cost \$1450. This included 7 nights lodging at Sunriver Resort and 5 day lift tickets. Great CMSC activities throughout the week. Participation was low. 11 members attended. I felt this was due to the location, bussing to and from the mountain and 3.5 hour transfers from Portland Airport. Net profit was \$136.

Mammoth Mountain California March 14-21, 2015. Cost \$1,075. This included seven nights lodging and 6 day lift tickets. No transportation was included in the cost of the trip. 5 people attended. We stayed at Juniper Springs Resort. It was a very nice place to stay and would have been ski-in, ski-out had the snow conditions been better. As it was, the temperature was warm and the conditions were spring-like. We made the best of the week and also explored June Mountain while we were there. It is very difficult to get air from Omaha to this area for a reasonable price. Net profit \$4.31.

Beaver Creek Colorado March 31-April 5, 2015. Cost of the trip was \$430 plus lift tickets. 6 members attended. This trip included five nights stay at The Charter. The accommodations were nice though we had to use a shuttle due to the warm temperatures and no snow. Low participation. Net loss \$2606.42. This was due to the inability to further decrease the number of condos below 3 without penalty.

The major problem we have had throughout this season was low participation. We were unable to offer low prices and discounted lift ticket prices due to the numbers being below the group level which is usually 20-24. When trips are planned, we initially plan for 20 members. Our pricing corresponds with this number and we try to get group rates for lift tickets. Most resorts need 20 people to give discounted lift ticket rates. With many of our members having four-packs, season passes or their own condos, the numbers that we have for trip planning purposes is decreased.

Solutions to these problems include:

- increasing the number of members in our club to increase member participation on trips
- encouraging younger members to join us for trips
- offering shorter trips
- putting more people together in condos which would decrease the price per person
- offering less variety and only going with other clubs or councils where they decide where we are going
- offering fewer trips
- Marketing the club which would include brochures at businesses, word of mouth, friends bringing friends, friends bringing strangers, being positive and encouraging others to go on trips

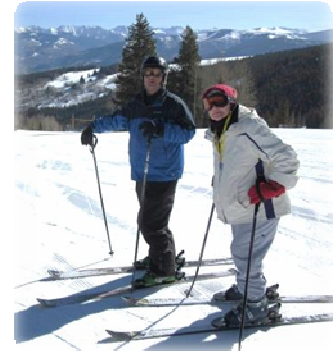
These are just a few items I'm throwing out there for you to ponder as you look at the future of our club. The Board wants to be able to gather your input and offer you great trips that you want to participate in. As a trip planner, I like to gather member's suggestions as to where they would like to go and try to plan trips accordingly. Often times we have no choice in where Flatlands Ski Association or CMSC schedules their trips, but we do have choices in early season and later season March and April trips. If anyone has any suggestions for places they would like to go send me an email at dragonsrock@cox.net.

I want to thank everyone who went on a trip this past season. Despite the low participation, we offered a variety of trips and we had fun on each and every one of them! This is *your* club and *you* do have input as to where we go and what activities we plan. One way to have a voice is to become involved, attend the social gatherings, attend the board meetings and go on a trip once in a while. Let your voice be heard. *Make your club work for you!*

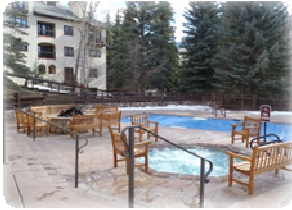
Teri Hammon
Vice President of Trips
Omaha Ski Club



Beaver Creek Trip March 31-April 5, 2015



Six members of the Omaha Ski Club braved the summer conditions for the last trip of the season. It was very warm when we arrived, the flowers were blooming and the snow was melting fast. We stayed at The Charter in two-bedroom style condos. The lodging was nice as were the indoor and outdoor hot tubs. The property is ski-in, ski-out during the high season with snow. This year was too warm and we shuttled to the lift. We did enjoy walking around, exploring the village area without our heavy coats.



Each morning we had a buffet breakfast included with the trip. Then we went to ski until it became too slushy. The conditions were good until around 1 PM. We had fun with what was available.



The first night, we went to dinner at the restaurant at The Charter. The food was good and the prices reasonable. A couple evenings, we fixed burgers and spaghetti for dinner. It was a family style trip!



I would like to welcome Dale Weinstein, a new member who joined us on this trip. He joined Ben, Janet, Mark, Phil and Teri for the drive out trip to Beaver Creek. Thank you all for making this a fun trip!



Teri Hammon
Vice President Trips



**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2015 – MAY 2016**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW ____ RENEWAL ____

FAMILY \$25____ (\$30 if paid after September 30th)

SINGLE \$22____ (\$27 if paid after September 30th)

MEMBER INFORMATION - - - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

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

Home Phone: (____) _____ Alternate 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 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.

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

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

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