

April 2020 Update

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Ballots to be sent during early May

The ballots for the 2020-2021 Omaha Ski Club board election will be sent via regular first-class mail in early May. They can be brought to the election party or mailed in to: Omaha Ski Club, P.O. Box 3104, Omaha, NE 68103.

Time to renew your membership...

In accordance with Article II, section 4.C. of our bylaws, membership applications received will now be valid through the 2020-2021 season, until May 31, 2021. Memberships increase by \$5 after September 30th. See page 5 for a membership application.

Two Board Positions to Be Filled this May

The terms of two of our board members, Ben Novograd and Joe Reitman, expire at the end of May. This leaves two board positions to be filled at this May's election. Any current member can run for a board position; anyone interested should contact one of two people: our president, Phil Bintz, at 402-630-4753 or our secretary, Ben Novograd, at 402-291-5704. The club bylaws require us to prepare and distribute the election ballots to current members by two weeks before the election party; to do this, we need candidate information by the end of April.

Upcoming Events

All social gatherings and parties during the rest of April and early May have been canceled to comply with the Nebraska Department of Health's restrictions on gatherings of 10 or more people. We will schedule future gatherings and parties, to include the election party, when these restrictions are lifted. The May board meeting is also being held as a conference call to avoid coronavirus issues.

May 5th (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting
Conference Call

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

Phil Bintz
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VICE PRESIDENT TRIPS

Teri Hammon
(402) 680-0971(H)

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Hillary Stickler
(850) 982-6940(H)

SECRETARY

Ben Novograd
(402) 291-5704(H)

TREASURER

Joe Reitman
(712) 574-7717(H)

Renewal Members

The Omaha Ski Club welcomes the following renewal members:

Jamie and Simon Lewis

Janet Tuttle

COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP

Dave Burden
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NEWSLETTER

Ben Novograd
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RACE

Phil Bintz
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FLATLAND SKI ASSOC. Rep.

Teri Hammon
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Teri Hammon
(402) 571-4517 (H)

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Ben Novograd
(402) 291-5704(H)

Big Sky Montana

March 10-16, 2020

Six members of the Omaha Ski Club traveled to Big Sky, a trip of about seventeen driving hours. We arrived on Tuesday and checked into Buck's T4 Lodge. The lodging was wonderful. We had large rooms, comfy beds and a large breakfast buffet daily. There were two large outdoor hot tubs and a commons area in the lodge. There was also a bar and restaurant on the premises. We



made reservations for dinner on Sunday.

That evening, we enjoyed the hot tubs and went to Riverhouse Grill for dinner. They had great fried chicken and BBQ. It was a local's place with good food and cheap drinks.

In the morning, we drove to the ski area. It was cloudy and the snow was good. They had several inches of new snow the previous day. The sun broke through in the afternoon and we were able to get some great shots of Lone Peak. We skied all day and only covered about a third of the mountain. It had been several years since I had been here, and it was new to a couple of the members. The new lift, The Ram Charger, had heated seats, carried eight passengers and had a bubble to protect you from the elements. Once the bar was down, it locked and automatically released at the top. Next season, they will replace the Swift Current Lift. We finished the day with a ride in a cart, pulled by a truck, to the parking lot. After returning to the lodge, we relaxed in the hot tub and then we were off to the Welcome Party at the Lone Peak Brewery. They had great food. We had the bison steak rice bowls and jambalaya.

Thursday, we had sunny skies and mild temperatures. There was a little fresh snow overnight. Jamie and I toured the Big Sky side of the mountain with a Mountain Host. We learned that the runs Pomp and Lizette were named after



Sacajawea's children. There are also geothermal areas on the mountain. Mr. K's run is named in honor of Everett Kircher, the founder of Boyne USA. Lone Peak is part of the Madison Mountain Range. We enjoyed learning about the mountain and exploring different runs. We had to try the trees of Lizette and the moguls in the Ambush Glades. We finished the day in the glades and returned to relax in the hot

tub. Later that evening, we found a little place called Milkie's Pizza and Pub for dinner. It was a "hole in the wall" local's bar with burgers, pizza, calzones and some interesting people.





Friday, it was partly cloudy and chilly. There were more people than during the week. We explored the runs on Moonlight Basin and stopped at the yurt at Madison base area for lunch. It was a great day to ski. The views are fantastic from the top of the mountain. We finished the day and relaxed in the hot tub, visiting with a family from Wisconsin. We discovered that Vail Resorts and Alterra Resorts were closing for a week due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19). Nothing about Big Sky...yet. We liked the rice bowls so much, we returned to the Lone Peak Brewery for the Salmon rice bowls.



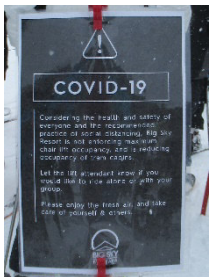
Saturday, we checked the website and the mountain was still open. Let's go ski! We were blessed to see a herd of Elk crossing the road in front of us. Beautiful creatures. It was cloudy, cold and snowing. We enjoyed the snow, the trees and all the vertical we were tracking! That evening, we returned to the Riverhouse for dinner.



Sunday, we got the bad news. Big Sky was closing today. With all the other resorts closed, this was probably our last day for the season. A sad day indeed. It could have been worse! We had snow, fresh powder and in the afternoon, the sun came out! We had fun on this last day. We were tired at the end of the day. Took Ambush Glades for the last run and took time to thank God for this beautiful day with



great friends! We went back to the lodge, relaxed in the hot tub and went to get ready for dinner only to find out that the restaurant had closed. We decided to try Ousel & Spur Pizza Co. They had wonderful beet salad and pizza.



Monday, we loaded the car and went to grab breakfast. It was "grab and go" only, no buffet. As we traveled back to Nebraska, we were unsure of what was going to happen due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19). The horror stories were coming from China and Italy. Many groups had overseas trips cancelled. The schools, retail stores, businesses, restaurants, and bars were closing. People were told to maintain social distancing, six feet apart, and to stay home. Travel bans were in place and the airports were deserted. It was very quiet when we came home, traffic in the morning was light and the stores were out of toilet paper!



I want to thank those of you who made this trip a success. It was a great way to end the season even though we were to ski some more this season. There will be more great days next year. I want to warn everyone that this is a very bad virus. Protect yourself, wash your hands, stay home and tell your family and friends that you care about them! This too shall pass! Stay safe and healthy!



Teri Hammon
Trip Captain

**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2020– MAY 2021**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW ____ RENEWAL ____

FAMILY \$25 ____ (\$30 if paid after September 30th, 2020)

SINGLE \$22 ____ (\$27 if paid after September 30th, 2020)

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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