



# March 2021 Update

[www.omahaskiclub.org](http://www.omahaskiclub.org)

## Three Board Positions to Be Filled this May

The terms of three of our board members, Phil Bintz, Teri Hammon and Hillary Stickler, expire at the end of May. This leaves three 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. Ballots will be mailed during the first week of May.

## Upcoming Events

All social gatherings and parties through the end of March and April have been canceled due to coronavirus concerns. The April board meeting is also being held as a conference call to avoid coronavirus issues. The May 2021 election party has been canceled; the election will be held by mail. We anticipate restarting social gatherings and parties this summer after most of our members have been vaccinated.

April 7th (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.

**Board Meeting**  
**Conference Call**

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**PRESIDENT**

**Phil Bintz  
(402) 630-4753 (H)**

**VICE PRESIDENT TRIPS**

**Teri Hammon  
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**VICE PRESIDENT ACTIVITIES**

**Hillary Stickler  
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**SECRETARY**

**Ben Novograd  
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**TREASURER**

**Steve Grunberg  
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# Membership 2021-2022 Season

It is that time of year again. The season has ended for skiing, well at least the ski club's season. It was a challenging year for trips. And here it is, a year later and Covid is still around! Hopefully by next season, everyone will be vaccinated!

Now is the time to send in your membership for this coming season. You do get a small break if you mail it in to us by the September 30<sup>th</sup> increase. Along with your membership form, please sign the Covid waiver. This is required again this year, not only for trips, but for social gatherings as well. We do plan to start getting together soon!

I am planning trips for next year. Telluride is a go with FSA January 22-27, 2021. I am also thinking of Utah, Copper Mountain early, maybe Winter Park.... etc. I NEED your ideas. Send me a quick email as to where YOU WANT the club to go. Send to [dragonsrock@cox.net](mailto:dragonsrock@cox.net). I really want to hear from you!

Again, send in your membership form and Covid waiver for next season. These can be found on our website at [www.omahaskiclub.org](http://www.omahaskiclub.org). We are not having an Election Party this year, but you will also receive a ballot. Your membership and waiver can be sent with the ballot if you want to save postage.

I hope to hear from your soon!

Teri Hammon

VP Trips

## COMMITTEES

### MEMBERSHIP

**Dave Burden**  
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### NEWSLETTER

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### RACE

**Phil Bintz**  
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**Hillary Stickler**  
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**Teri Hammon**  
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**Ben Novograd**  
(402) 291-5704 (H)

# *Trips*

As this season draws to a close and warmer weather is melting the snow, I need to start planning for next season. Hopefully, COVID-19 will be coming to an end in the near future too and we can get back to having social gatherings and acting normal again, whatever that means. It sure has been an interesting year. I remember, we were in Big Sky MT a year ago when everything closed down.

Telluride was a fun trip. I miss skiing and I miss my friends. We are going back to Telluride next year! I know I gave you dates but.... like all things this last year, they have changed. Next year, Telluride trip will be from January 22-27, 2022. We are trying to get lodging at the Mountain Lodge again. It will be 5 nights lodging and 4 days skiing. 80 years old and over ski for free. Seniors are discounted and those under 65 pay and have fun. Hopefully, the masks, social distancing and limited numbers in restaurants and bars will be gone, but I won't guarantee it. We will always have the "wash your hands" which is what we all do all the time! I hope you will join us. I will be accepting trip applications and deposits starting in May.

Memberships will be due in May. Please sign a COVID-19 waiver and mail it with your membership. It will be required again this year for all members, not only for trips, but for club social gatherings also. We hope to start gathering again in June or July. Many people will be vaccinated and I hope we can see one another soon.

That brings me to why I am writing yet another newsletter article, because I like to keep everyone informed. Seriously, I do, but I would like your input as to where do you want to ski next year in addition to Telluride? Copper, Winter Park, Steamboat, Utah? I would like to know where you want to go ski. Drop me an email with your suggestions at [dragonsrock@cox.net](mailto:dragonsrock@cox.net).

I hope everyone is healthy and ready for the warmer days of Spring. I hope to squeeze in a few more days of skiing before the snow is gone.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Teri Hammon  
VP Trips

## Chairlift invented in Omaha, Nebraska



Union Pacific engineer (not the train kind) James Curran came up with the design for the ski chairlift in 1936. He was inspired by hook-equipped banana conveyor systems that loaded cargo ships in the tropics. The first chairlifts were installed at a ski resort in Sun Valley, Idaho, in 1936 and 1937.

**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
JUNE 2021 – MAY 2022**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW \_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_

FAMILY \$25\_\_\_\_ (\$30 if paid after September 30, 2021)

SINGLE \$22\_\_\_\_ (\$27 if paid after September 30, 2021)

**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. \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Omaha Ski Club, P.O. Box 3104, Omaha, NE 68103-0104



**WAIVER/RELEASE FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES INCLUDING COVID-19  
June 2020 – May 2022**

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. **COVID-19 is extremely contagious** and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

In consideration of being allowed to participate on as a member or guest (“Releasor”) of the Omaha Ski Club and related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, understands, and agrees that:

1. Participation in Omaha Ski Club events, trips and/or other gatherings includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist;
2. Participation in Omaha Ski Club events may potentially bring Releasor in close contact with other individuals and locations including, but not limited to, ski resorts which have been known sources of exposure to COVID-19;
3. **RELEASOR KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUMES ALL SUCH RISKS**, both known and unknown, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES** or others, and assumes full responsibility for Releasor’s participation in Omaha Ski Club events, trips and/or other gatherings;
4. Releasor on behalf of him/herself and on behalf of Releasor’s heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, **HEREBY RELEASES AND HOLDS HARMLESS** the Omaha Ski Club its officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, volunteers and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event, (“Releasees”) **WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH**, or loss or damage to person or property, **WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE**, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IF FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.**

Name of participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Participant signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed \_\_\_\_\_:

**FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)**

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child/ward including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against communicable diseases. Furthermore, my child/ward understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities. I for myself, my spouse, the child/ward’s other parent(s) and child/ward do consent and agree to his/her release provided above for all the Releasees and myself, my spouse, the child/ward’s other parent(s) and child/ward do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for any and all liabilities incident to my minor child’s/ward’s presence or participation in these activities as provided above, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE**, to the fullest extent provided by law.

Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed \_\_\_\_\_: