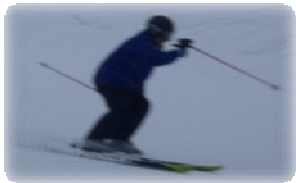
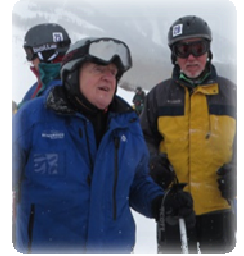


FSA Race

January 2015



The week started out with bluebird skies and short radius turns. We enjoyed the practice on the well groomed slopes. By race day, that had all changed. It became cloudy with heavy, wet snow. The fresh snow was great but the visibility was questionable.



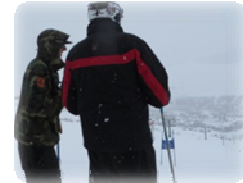
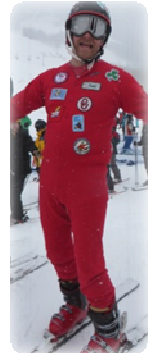
The open race was early in the day on Thursday. Phil Bintz participated in this event. Although he did not place, it is good to compete against others. The open race is open to anyone who wants to run a race course. The cost for doing this is minimal and the scoring is the fastest time across all ages.

The snowshoe Team Relay Race was on Thursday afternoon. Omaha had only one team consisting of Kyle and Dave Burden, Teri Hammon and Joe Reitman. Our team placed last! It was all about the fun since we don't practice snowshoeing during the season. We did have a great time!



Friday, we met at the top of race course on Buckley. After a couple of practice runs down the side, the women were ready to race. Judy and I took our two runs. I had to return to the top of race course and check off racers for the men's challenge races as they approached the starting gate. This year, I kept from losing my voice by giving hugs instead of calling out numbers to line up the racers. I stood in the wet snow through both groups of the men's

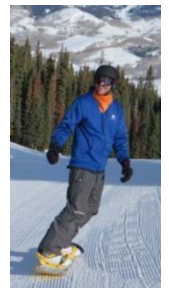
races. I was soaked by the time I came back to the base. It was a great day. I saw a couple of interesting race suits; one in particular was quite colorful! I was told that Todd spent a couple of long nights sewing on patches!



On Saturday, Kyle participated in the snowboard race. He had a great time on his first run which earned him a first place gold medal in his age group. Way to go Kyle!



That evening, during the awards banquet, I was rewarded with a first place gold medal in my age bracket. I was thrilled since I had never received first place. I was honored to place the gold medal around Kyle's neck. He had no idea that he did so well! We want you back next year! Congratulations to all of our racers! This was the first year that we had almost all of our members participate in the races. Omaha placed 7th out of nine participating clubs. Thank you all for making at least one run!





See you next year in
Telluride!

Teri Hammon
FSA Race Chair



The complete list of the race results are posted on our website at

<http://omahaskiclub.org/Race%20results/2015%20FSA%20Race%20Results.pdf>