

May 2024 Newsletter

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Ballots have been mailed - Election Party is this Sunday

The 2024 election ballots have been mailed. They can be mailed in or turned in at the election party and annual membership meeting this Sunday, the 26th.

Upcoming Events

May 26th (Sunday) 4:00 p.m.

Election Party and Annual Meeting

Forsters residence, 1711 Kelsey St, Papillion NE

All members (new and old) welcome. Bring a side dish to share and BYOB.

The club will provide burgers, brats and iced tea. See the flyer on page 6.

June 5th (Wednesday) 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting

Peony Park Hy-Vee #5, 7910 Cass St, Omaha

At the north end of 78th St beyond Cass St. All members welcome.

June 9th (Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Social Gathering

Beercade, 6102/6104 Maple St, Omaha

On the north side of Maple St a little west of 61st St. Everyone welcome.

July 2nd (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting

Peony Park Hy-Vee #5, 7910 Cass St, Omaha

At the north end of 78th St beyond Cass St. All members welcome.

July 12th (Friday) 6:00 p.m.

Omaha Storm Chasers Baseball Game

Werner Park, 12356 Ballpark Way, Papillion NE

A little N of Rt 370 between 120th and 126th St. Individual ticket prices range from \$11 to \$31. Infield box seats are \$20. See the [Omaha Storm Chasers ticket site](http://www.omahastormchasers.com) for details.

Game starts at 7:05. Fireworks to follow after the game. Everyone welcome.

August 6th (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting

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At the north end of 78th St beyond Cass St. All members welcome.

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Membership May 2024

Please welcome our newest members from St Charles MO. Rev. Richard and Lynette Zuch who were referred by Len Szmurlo and Jamie & Simon Lewis)

Welcome back to our Single Renewals: Rebecca Hutchinson, Billy Coghill, and El Siebert

Welcome back to our Family Renewals: Greg & Adrienne Duracinski, Harvey & Loretta Sloup, and Dave & Nancy Burden

Renew your membership for the 2024-2025 Season

We are now accepting membership applications for the 2024-2025 season. Dues will remain the same as last year (\$22 for singles, \$25 for couples/families) This price does increase after September 30th. Send your application and dues to the Omaha Ski Club, PO Box 3104, Omaha NE 68103

Refer/Recruit (this can be done at any time!)

Any member will receive a \$25 trip credit for referring/recruiting new members when they join the Omaha Ski Club. Help us grow our membership and spread the word that the Omaha Ski Club does exist. (One \$25 trip credit for each new membership single or family)

Teri Hammon

Membership

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It's all about our members! These are the folks that make our trips fun!



Phil Bintz, Teri Hammon, Brian Moore, Steve Grunberg, Dale Weinstein, Ben Novograd, Dave Burden, Vance Peterson, Jeff Krinsky
Après Ski on the deck at Eagle BBQ at Copper Mountain

Steven K. Grunberg



Steven K. Grunberg

January 29, 1952 – May 20, 2024

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Steven K. Grunberg, a remarkable husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, mentor, and friend. Steve departed this life on May 20, 2024, at the age of 72, while engaging in one of his favorite hobbies—riding his bike. His legacy of love, wisdom, and unwavering tolerance will forever be cherished by all who had the honor of knowing him.

Steve found the love of his life later in life when he married Linda in 1989, embracing her children, Jay and Julie, as his own from the very first day. His role as a life and finance advisor to Jay and Julie was just the beginning of his lifelong commitment to his family's happiness and success. His mentorship extended to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, where his patient guidance shaped their lives in immeasurable ways.

Known for his incredible intelligence, Steve held a Master's Degree in Computer Science and was a math and finance wizard. His dedication to financial planning ensured an extraordinary life for his family, always dreaming of taking everyone on grand vacations that, while never fully realized due to life's demands, were a testament to his generous spirit. He and Linda's happiest times were spent vacationing, with plans for an incredible luxury cruise to Alaska in August that they eagerly anticipated.

Steve was a man of remarkable tolerance and acceptance, never casting judgment on others and never understanding why there couldn't be more peace in the world. His liberal views never interfered with his relationships, allowing him to connect deeply and genuinely with people from all walks of life. His remarkable memory was legendary—he could recall with precision the dates and details of life's significant moments. Fifty years from now, Steve will be sitting in heaven with Linda reminiscing of what he was wearing, the weather, and the day and time of his final bike ride on Earth.

A proud Eagle Scout, Steve exemplified the values of leadership, integrity, and service throughout his life. His commitment to the principles of Scouting was evident in his actions and his dedication to mentoring younger generations.

A lover of all sports and an avid participant, Steve's active lifestyle was inspirational. He attended 12 Reformer Pilates classes every month, skied the black diamonds with a season pass to many Colorado ski resorts, and was an instrumental member of the Omaha Ski Club, which honored him with a lifetime membership for his pivotal role in its resurgence.

His passion for biking led him on long, fast rides, often exceeding 40 miles. Tragically, it was during one of these rides, nearly completing a trek from Bennington to Bellevue and back, that he suffered a fatal heart attack. He was so strong and tough, maybe too tough for his own good as he never complained of health issues, pains, or so much as a common cold. Steve also had a love for rugby, playing his last games in his 60s, earning a Man of the Year award from the Omaha G.O.A.T.s Rugby Club in 2011, and coaching high school teams.

Steve was a dedicated Husker Baseball season ticket holder and was eagerly looking forward to watching Nebraska play in the Big 10 tournament. He was also the ultimate Cubs fan, enduring years of heartbreak before finally celebrating their World Series win in 2016 with a bottle of champagne he had saved for the occasion, marking each year with a new sticker until that glorious victory.

Steve's life was a testament to passion, love, and the relentless pursuit of joy. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Linda; his children, Julie Gall (Chris) and Jay Froscheiser (Angelia); his grandchildren, Ashley, Tyler, Noah and Anna; great-grandchildren Keyley and Kayden; brother, Greg Grunberg and sister Judy Stewart (Terry); aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and countless friends. His memory will continue to inspire and guide us, reminding us always to live life to the fullest, with kindness, tolerance, and an unyielding zest for adventure.

Rest in peace, Steven K. Grunberg. Your spirit rides on in our hearts.

Family will receive friends Friday, May 24th, from 5-7PM at West Center Chapel.

Funeral: Saturday, May 25th, 11AM at West Center Chapel with a reception to follow.

Family suggests monetary donations to Scouting BSA or The Red Cross, alternatively, Steve's wish is for people to do a good deed for a stranger in his name.

Trips Update May 2024

Next season, we will be going to Telluride with FSA. (A 6-day, group rate lift ticket (\$729) is almost as much as a full EPIC pass) I am encouraging everyone to buy a full EPIC pass (\$982) for this trip and for all the other trips for the 2024-2025 season. The line-up of trips looks great for next season. I am looking for lodging this month at places like Crested Butte, Park City, Keystone/Breckenridge, Vail or Beaver Creek. We will put the EPIC pass to good use!

SIGN-UP now if you plan to go to Telluride. DO NOT wait because you may not get a room. We have the same crunch situation we had a couple years ago with a decreased number of rooms. We will be staying at the Mountain Lodge at Telluride (same place we were two years ago) Rooms are on a first come, first serve basis and when they are gone, they are gone! Send your trip application and \$100 deposit and your membership (if you haven't done so). The trip flyer can be found in this newsletter. LAST DATE TO SIGN-UP IS DECEMBER 25TH.

- **Save the dates** for *FSA week at Telluride - January 25-February 1, 2025. There are already 14 signups!*
- *Park City TBD*
- *Crested Butte TBD*
- *Keystone/Breckenridge TBD*
- *Vail/Beaver Creek?*
- *Any other EPIC pass destinations you want to ski, let me know*

Where do you want to go for 2025? Send me your thoughts and suggestions at dragonsrock@cox.net.

Teri Hammon
Vice President of Trips



Join us for our annual

ELECTION PARTY

MAY 26, 2024 @ 4PM

*Brats, burgers, and buns provided.
Bring a side dish or dessert to share.
BYOB*

**The Forster Residence,
1711 Kelsey Street
Papillion, NE 68046**

Summit County Trip

March 10-15, 2024



(back) Dave Burden, Phil Bintz, Ben Novograd, Jeff Krinsky, Steve Grunberg, Brian Moore, Simon Lewis, Vance Peterson, Dale Weinstein, Rick & Kim Lee, Jamie Lewis (front) Teri Hammon, Andrea Neumann

Nine members of the Omaha Ski Club joined us for a trip to Summit County Colorado. We had great weather, a bit of fresh snow and live entertainment. We ate at our favorite restaurants and enjoyed the company of our Summit County branch of the Omaha Ski Club, well some of them anyway.

We arrived on Sunday, the final day of the Dew Tour at Copper Mountain. We skied until the slopes were too crowded, and then checked in to the Luxury Inn & Suites in Silverthorne. It was a nice hotel, but the breakfast left a lot to be desired. There was an indoor hot tub and pool and the rooms were fairly spacious with double queen beds.



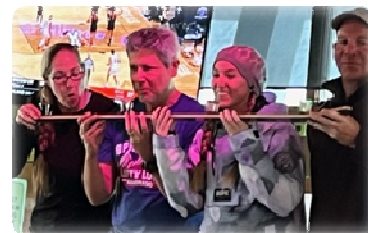
Most days were spent skiing at Copper Mountain. During the week, we received some fresh snowfall. We had a chance to play in the back bowls and take Ben on his first trip up Three

Bears Chair. The scenery is beautiful from Copper. Climax Mine can be seen from the top of Tucker Mountain and from the top of Storm Peak, Jacques Peak looks so majestic with a blanket of fresh snow.



Monday evening, Jamie and Simon hosted the welcome party at their house. Kim Lee, Rick, Christie and Andrea joined us. Thank you Jamie and Simon for having us over. The chili, cornbread muffins, Brussels sprouts and banana splits were great!

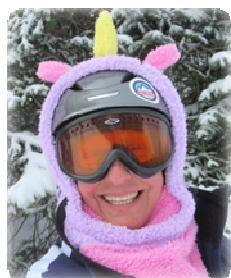
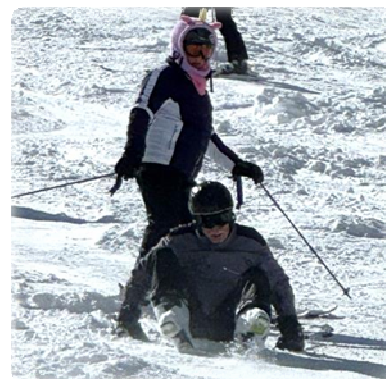
Wednesday evening, the après ski was at Jack's bar where Lucy and Nick were entertaining the crowd. We had group photos with Lucy and had a fantastic waiter. He made sure we had everything we needed to drink. The following night was a repeat. Jeff did his first shot ski on the bar. Ben and Jeff went to Keystone for a day. The snow was good there. It was a nice change and a chance to use the EPIC pass for this season.



We dined at China Szechuan on Tuesday and at Hacienda Real on Wednesday. On Thursday, everyone had their own dinner. Phil and I ventured over to Andrea's new condo in Wildercrest. We had to check out the view. She is almost on top of the hill overlooking Silverthorne. Andi had dinner prepared for us and we had a nice relaxing evening. Thank you for having us for dinner.

This was a good trip for fun, skiing and just relaxing. No injuries (The success of a trip does NOT depend on whether anyone was injured,

sometimes it just happens) Just like the comical errors that happen on the slopes, such as Dave's ski, sliding down the hill because the brake stuck when it released. It was quite a ways downhill before it was stopped and retrieved. He had to slide down the hill on his butt or walk. Sliding was easier. Reminded me of the time at Steamboat when Joe's ski took off downhill because the brake was frozen. The stories we can tell.



Thank you all for making this a fun trip!
Next...planning trips for next year!

Teri Hammon
Trip Captain



Jeff, Teri, Phil, Ben, Brian & Dale with Lucy at Jack's bar



Jeff Krinsky, Ben Novograd, Vance Peterson, Teri Hammon and Phil Bintz at the top of Three Bears lift

Telluride CO Ski Trip

January 25 – February 1, 2025

Cost: \$1335

(Lift tickets and parking not included)

Preliminary



Come ski with us at Telluride! We will join up with all our friends from the Flatland Ski Association (FSA) and have a great time for a wee of skiing, racing, après ski time, hot tubbing and dinners. This trip includes:



- Seven nights lodging at the beautiful Mountain Lodge at 457 Mountain Village. Lodging consists of 2-bedroom suites, 2bed/2bath condos and two 4-bedroom cabins. Lodging assigned on a first signed up basis. Ski-in, ski-out, outdoor hot tubs and heated pool, Free Wi-Fi, fitness center and sauna, ski storage lockers, free shuttle to Gondola, Mountain Village Market, and Mountain Village. Arrive on Saturday, check-out on the following Saturday morning. Check-in 4 PM, check-out 10 AM
- *Parking fees are \$35 per vehicle per night. (Not included in the trip cost) I suggest carpooling if possible.*
- FSA Après Ski Welcome Party at Telluride Conference Center in the Mountain Village
- Club racing-friendly competition-helmets required
- Evening FSA Awards Banquet with DJ and dancing (Telluride Conference Center)
- Lift tickets are optional. I encourage you to buy a FULL EPIC Pass to use on this trip and other trips this season. Otherwise, lift ticket prices are as follows: 1day-\$142, 2 day-\$284, 3 day-\$426, 4 day-\$486, 5 day-\$608, 6 day-\$729, 7 day-\$851. These are all good for 10 days from the day we arrive.
- FSA tee shirts may be preordered-long sleeve, short sleeve Optional Prices TBA
- Open Race \$30 (two runs on the race course for NASTAR medals) Optional
- **Full schedule of events will be published and this flyer will be updated**

Trip Captain: Teri Hammon
Phone: 402-680-0971
Email: dragonsrock@cox.net

Membership is required in either the Omaha Ski Club or one of our reciprocal membership clubs. No additional dues will be required.
Pricing subject to change.

Payment Schedule:

Due at signing (now): \$100

August 1, 2024 \$300

September 1, 2024: \$300

October 1, 2024: \$300

November 1, 2024: \$300

December 1, 2020: \$remaining balance + optional items

Mail Payments to: Omaha Ski Club, PO
Box 3104, Omaha NE 68103-0104

OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2024 – MAY 2025

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW ____ RENEWAL ____

FAMILY \$25____ (\$30 if paid after September 30, 2024)

SINGLE \$22____ (\$27 if paid after September 30, 2024)

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





TRIP APPLICATION

(Required for each individual on the trip) **(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)**

TRIP DESTINATION _____ TRIP DATES _____

LEGAL NAME _____ (exactly as it appears on Driver's License)

DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____ SEX _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ PHONE _____

I PREFER TO ROOM WITH _____

DO YOU PREFER TO FLY (if offered) _____ IKON/EPIC PASS # _____

THE OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBER SIGNING THIS APPLICATION AGREES AS FOLLOWS: The member has read the OSC trip policies on the bottom of this application and understands and agrees to be bound by them as a condition of participation in this trip. The member further agrees that the club, its directors or committee chairmen shall bear no financial responsibility to members in the event of a delayed departure or return of a trip, or for cancellation of a trip except as provided in items 7 through 10 of the trip policies, nor shall they be liable for any bodily injury, property damage, loss of personal property, or death sustained by or caused by any member on a trip. Those individuals causing property damage at the lodges, condos, busses, ski areas, etc. shall bear the full legal and financial responsibility for the damages. It is a condition of membership in the club that any individual shall be deemed to have accepted these responsibilities and limitations of liability as a consideration of joining the club and participating in this trip.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____



[OSC use only] deposit: amount paid _____ date _____ ck no _____

OMAHA SKI CLUB TRIP POLICIES

- 1) Trip captain is the final authority on and during the trip.
- 2) Club members will conduct themselves in a mature manner at all times.
- 3) There will be a \$28.00 charge (subject to change according to bank fees) on any returned check.

TRIP SIGN-UP, DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

- 4) Only members in good standing with dues currently paid to the Omaha Ski Club may sign up for a trip. Children under the age of 19 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on the trip. A trip application for a child under the age of 19 must be signed by a parent or guardian of the child.
- 5) By signing up for a trip a member agrees to pay the Club the full cost of the trip applied for, subject to the provisions for timely cancellation in item #7. Each trip will have its own trip deposit and payment schedule to be set by the trip committee. A deposit is required to sign up for a trip. Failure to meet the payment schedule may result in automatic cancellation from the trip subject to the cancellation fee in item #7.
- 6) When a trip is full the trip captain will start a waiting list. To be placed on the waiting list a member must fill out and sign a trip application and pay the standard deposit for that trip. Waiting list members must meet the payment schedules when moving to the confirmed lists.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

- 7) Unless otherwise listed in individual trip information, **cancellations prior to 60 days before the trip departs will result in a cancellation fee of \$50.00; cancellations less than 60 days before the trip departs will result in a cancellation fee of \$100.00 if the trip goes full, or liability for the full cost of the trip if the trip does not go full.** Any cancellation fees or penalties may first be deducted from payments the member made for the trip. Medical cancellations will be reviewed by the Board for refund determination.
- 8) Transferring from the waiting list on one trip to a confirmed list on another trip will be done with no cancellation fee. Refusal to move from the waiting list to the confirmed list will constitute automatic cancellation subject to the cancellation fee in item #7 above.
- 9) If a trip is cancelled by the club, all money paid to the club by a member for that trip will be refunded.
- 10) All members on the waiting list when the trip departs will receive a full refund.
- 11) No refunds will be made until after the trip returns.

BUS TRIPS

- 12) Smoking on buses is prohibited.
- 13) Any time the bus stops enroute to its destination, passengers leaving the bus will do so at their own risk.
- 14) The Omaha Ski Club will not provide alcoholic beverages for any bus trip. If any members wish to consume alcoholic beverages on the trip, they can do so at their own expense, and assume all risks and liabilities associated with such consumption.