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Oklahoma City Ski Club

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March 2009



Pot Luck Dinner— last official meeting of the season

Bring your favorite dish and share with your skiing buddies at the annual pot luck dinner on March 5th at 7:00 pm. This is the time to try out a new recipe or bring your favorite dish to let others try. This will be the last official meeting for the ski season so come on out and visit with friends and vote for next years officers.

Dave Dyer, VP Of Operations.



*Far left:
Martin &
Lilly Thee go
for a skate.
To left: Eric
Gummerson
and Dick
Seabrook.
Bottom left:
Winner,
Charlie Wood
and fellow
FSA friends.
Right:
First time
medalist,
Kelli
Kinnamon!*



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Luck of the Irish to you!

March 11th Skiers Night Out

Buffalo Wild Wing,
I-40 and Rockwell

5:30-7:30 pm

Meet your friends, have a drink and enjoy some dinner. This will also serve as the pre trip party for the Crested Butte and Telluride trips.

Hosts: Craig Henry,
721-9693 and David
Dyer, 392-3163.



A Note from your President...

Well, we're down to the LAST general meeting of the season. We only have 2 trips left. I hope you have gotten to go on at least one of the fantastic trips that Bette had lined up this season. Bette did a great job as VP of Winter Trips. The snow has been terrific this year. I know a lot of you were a little disappointed that we did not take FIRST PLACE at Flatlands (especially Kelli), but we have a whole year to get ready for the next one. This last meeting is very important, as we will be voting on next year's officers. (even though many of us will be in Canada) We will also be having our annual pot-luck dinner. Everyone always brings great dishes! We always have lots of food, so don't miss it. We will be having lots of activities throughout the warmer months, just to keep us busy while we're waiting for the snow to return to the mountains. If you know of an activity or event in your area that you are planning on attending, and want to share the event with your buddies in the Ski Club, just let us know and we'll get it advertised.

Janie Hlinicky, President

This is it, your last chance to get on the trip!

Winter Wake! Ski Telluride the first week in April for a great ending to the ski season. Telluride is a wonderful place to ski as they have opened the new Revelation Bowl for you more adventurous types. They have lots of green and blue runs for those not up to the blacks and double blacks. The town is quaint and begs to wonder around visiting the small shops and dining at some wonderful restaurants so you don't want to miss this trip.

The cost is \$502 plus \$132 for 3 day lift and \$176 for a 4 day lift. Sign up now by contacting Dave Dyer at (405) 392-3163.

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The ski season for 08-09 is winding down...fast!

WOW!!!! How fast this ski season is passing. I just returned from a great weekend of skiing in Summit County. The snow is fantastic. It's probably ever better then last year. It's hard to think snow, when we're experience such warn weather at home, but it's still snowing in the mountains.

The Taos trip has returned and the trip to Whistler/Blackcomb will be leaving on the first of March. We are really excited about this trip. We will get to see first hand, all the improvement taking place for the 2010 Olympics. Next trip out will be spring break at Crested Butte. The dates are March 18th- 23rd. Craig Henry is the trip Captain and can be reached at 721-9693. The trip is full, but Craig has a waiting list, so give him a call if interested, as you never know what will come up and a spot might open up. This year we are lodging right at the mountain.

The winter wake trip is the final trip of the season. This year we are going to Telluride. The dates are April 4th-6th. David Dyer is the trip captain and can be reached at 392-3163. A *WHITE OUT SALE* on this trip drops the price by \$25.00 making everyone eligible for the early payment discount. This is going to be a fantastic trip. Telluride has so much to offer. The skiing is great and the town is fun. Also it's the end of Telluride's season so there is always fun stuff to do. If you have never been there, you need to give it a try. We really need people to sign up so this trip will go. Just think, after this trip, you probably will pack your skies or board away until next ski season.

The pre-party for Crested Butte, Telluride, and SNO is March 11th, at Buffalo Wild Wings, I-40 and Rockwell from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Hope to see you there. Think snow.

Bette Wood, VP of Winter Trips

Oklahoma City Ski Club Winter Trip Schedule 2008-2009

<i>Destination Dates Price</i>	<i>Ski Days</i>	<i>Lodging</i>	<i>Trip Captain Email</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Crested Butte 3/18-3/23 \$452 until Febuary 1st or \$477 thereafter. * 3 day Adult ticket is an additional \$194, 4 day \$258.	4	Woodcreek Condos	Craig Henry henrywc@prodigy.net	721-9693
Telluride 4/1-4/6 Whiteout Sale...\$502. * 3 day Adult ticket is an additional \$132, 4 day \$176.	4	Telluride Mountain Lodging	David Dyer davedsp90@yahoo.com	392-3163

... Information ...

Membership in OKC Ski Club required.

All sleeper buses are non smoking.

All prices are subject to change.

Price includes: Round trip transportation, lodging, soft drinks, water, cups, ice and box supper for the trip home.

Child and Senior lift ticket prices available through trip captains.

*Copper: FSA Activity pass included in price for welcome party, races and awards dinner.



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Oklahoma City Ski Club Trip Policies

Approved by the Executive Committee August 2008

1. Club membership in Oklahoma City Ski Club is required for trip sign-up and participation. Membership dues are non-refundable and are not prorated.
2. Deposits and Reservations:
 - A. Bus Trips—Reservations for bus trips are made by sending a check for \$50.00 per person deposit along with a completed and signed Trip Application Card to the Trip Captain.
 - B. Air Trips—Reservations for Fly-in trips (airfare not included in price listed) are made by sending a check for \$50.00 per person deposit along with completed and signed Trip Application Card to the Trip Captain. Reservations for Fly-In trips (airfare included in cost) are made by sending a check for \$200.00 per person deposit along with completed Trip Application Card to the Trip Captain. Full Advance Ticket Purchase Plan is advisable to lock in prices. Club policy for cancellation will be the same for air trips as for bus trips as well as any and all cancellation fees charged by the airlines, which shall be the members' responsibility.
 - C. All checks made out to Oklahoma City Ski Club.
 - D. Cash, check, and Master Card/Visa will be accepted for trip payment and deposits.
3. Full payment for bus trips must be made 45 days prior to departure; full payment for air trips is 70 days prior to departure.
4. Reservations and bunk assignments are based on order of sign-up, paid in full have first priority.
5. All buses will be Non-Smoking.
6. CANCELLATIONS (Refunds for cancellation due to medical reasons will be considered by the Executive Committee, provided the request is submitted in writing within 10 days of trip departure. If remaining balance is received less than 30 days prior to departure your reservation is subject to forfeiture. Approved refunds will be made AFTER the trip returns.):
 - A. Bus Trip cancellation fee
 1. \$25.00 from sign-up to 45 days out.
 2. \$50.00 from 44 days to 30 days out.
 3. \$100.00 from 29 days to departure.
 - B. Fly Trip cancellation fee
 1. \$100.00 from sign-up to 45 days out
 2. \$150.00 from 44 days to 30 days out.
 3. \$250.00 from 29 days to departure.
7. If the Club finds it necessary to cancel a trip due to poor snow conditions or other conditions, there will be a minimal cancellation fee, based upon actual cost to the Club and prorated among passengers.
8. Waiting lists will be kept by Trip Captain for all full trips and will be on a first come, first served basis. A deposit check and completed Trip Application card will be held by the Trip Captain until member is notified and can be moved to the "Go" list. Thereafter all Club cancellation policies prevail.
9. No one-way or half fare passengers will be accepted. Full deposit is required for all.
10. No special arrangements or price concessions will be made for drive-ins until bus trip is full, unless approved by the executive committee.
11. Deposits can only be transferred from one trip to another if the Club cancels the trip or the Executive Committee approves the transfer. There is no transfer fee if the Club cancels the trip. If a deposit transfer is approved by the Executive Committee, there will be a transfer fee equal to ½ of the cancellation fee, as determined by the length of time until the trip.
 - A. Bus Trip transfer fee
 1. \$12.50 from sign-up to 45 days out.
 2. \$25.00 from 44 days to 30 days out.
 3. \$50.00 from 29 days out to departure.
 - B. Fly Trip transfer fee
 1. \$50.00 from sign-up to 45 days out.
 2. \$75.00 from 44 days to 30 days out.
 3. \$125.00 from 29 days out to departure.
12. No children under 3 accepted on trips. Children under 18 must be accompanied by a member parent or guardian. Children under 18 will be accepted on trips at Trip Captain's discretion.
13. Any check or credit card on which payment is stopped to avoid loss due to trip cancellation by a member will automatically result in loss of Club membership. Reinstatement will be only after the Club is reimbursed for monetary loss and by approval of Executive Committee.
14. There will be a \$15.00 charge for insufficient fund checks.
15. Those individuals causing property damage, at any Club function, or at the lodges, condos, or on buses, etc. shall bear full legal and financial responsibility for damages. If individual responsibility cannot be ascertained, cost of damages will be pro-rated among participants and/or trip passengers.
16. Group rates for lodging, lift tickets, ski school and rental equipment will be obtained when available and possible.
17. The Club, its directors, officers and trip captains, are not responsible and shall not be held liable for bodily injury, death, property damage, loss of personal property, delays or inconveniences sustained by any member or participant in any activity or on any trip arranged for in whole or in part by the Club. It is a condition of membership in the Club that any individual shall be deemed to have accepted as consideration this limitation of liability by joining the Club and/or attending such an activity.
18. Occasional delays in planned schedules due to weather or mechanical failure are inevitable and trip participants should plan their trips to allow for this possibility.
19. Any time the bus stops en route, passengers leaving the bus do so at their own risk.
20. The Club provides soft drinks, ice, water and cups on all buses as well as box suppers on designated trips home.
21. CODE OF ETHICS: Club members will conduct themselves in a mature manner at all times. Offensive conduct is NOT acceptable. It is considered a discredit to the Club and will not be tolerated. Possession or illegal usage of narcotics or all other controlled or illicit substances (possession by legally written prescription is excluded) are expressly forbidden on any Club trip or at any Club sponsored function. Trip Captains and/or Officers, who deem the offending participant to jeopardize the well being and safety of others, may remove the individual from further participation in activity or trip, such as, but not limited to, removal from the premises or from the bus. If offender does not comply with request, proper law enforcement officers will be called. Offending individual(s) will forfeit all monies paid and permanent loss of Club membership.
22. Trip Captain is final authority on and during trips.

Last two trips of the season....

CRESTED BUTTE

Spring Break in Paradise!

Craig Henry
12720 Cobblestone Parkway
OKC, OK 73142
405-721-9693 (Home)
henrywc@prodigy.net



- Kick off Spring Break in Crested Butte. Big, open and uncrowded. OKC & Edmond Public Schools as well as OU and OSU are on spring break.
- Lodging, Mountain side, at Woodcreek Condo's. This is new for us. Walk to the slopes.
- Everyone's favorite historic ski town offers everything you could want after a day on the slopes, via a free shuttle into the town as well as to the base of the mountain. The shuttle even stops at the grocery store!
- The mountain terrain serves every level of skier and snowboarder, plus has an excellent ski/board school.
- How about something different? Have "Dinner @ 10,000 Feet," complete with a ride in an open sleigh up the mountain and dinner at the Rustica Ristorante in Paradise Warming House.

Full

TELLURIDE

Winter Wake

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405-317-2420 (Cell)
davedsp90@yahoo.com



- Telluride is one of the premier ski areas in North America that offers both beginner and expert skiing.
- Telluride has what can be considered some of the most spectacular-in-bounds terrain in the country. The views are breath taking.
- If you have never skied Telluride, you're in for a treat of a lifetime.
- The condo's are in walking distance of the slope and the town Telluride.
- This is Telluride's closing weekend so many activities will be going on.
- Legendary Telluride's main street offers amazing shopping, and one-of-a-kind restaurants.
- If you can't have a good time in Telluride, you're doing something wrong.

Here's whats happening...

March 5

General Meeting, Elks Lodge,
4711 N Tulsa, 7:00 pm
General elections and Pot Luck
dinner. All the trip captains will
be there so you can sign up for
the last few trips, if there is room!
Beer and soft drinks provided.

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March 18

Bus departs for Crested Butte,
CO. Loads at 5:30, leaves at
6:00pm from Kincaid, 10920 NW
10th Yukon. Trip Captain, Craig
Henry, 721-9693.

April 1

Bus departs for Telluride, CO.
Loads at 4:30, leaves at 5:00pm
from Kincaid, 10920 NW 10th
Yukon. Trip Captain, David Dyer,
392-3163.



Welcome Members

A warm welcome to the new
members this month. Be sure and
give them a special hello when
you see them at a meeting or on
the bus!

Bobbie Bailey

Peg Hepler

The following people have
paid their dues for the 08-09
season since the publication of
the last Avalanche.

Quentin Danser

Michael Harris

Marilyn Hays

Bill & Cheryl Young

Wolf Creek 09

Well, our trip started off in OKC with everyone gathering at the Kincaid station to load the bus and get on the road! Everyone showed up on time and we were ready to go. We arrived a little late on Saturday morning due to a little DOT mishap (we're not to speak of it LOL), but we got changed and headed up the mountain for our first fabulous day of skiing, but we forgot Matt Gardner's ice chest! It was Sunny and about 30 degrees, just perfect for the snow we had! Jeff & Amber Jilek were our only first timers – not just with the ski club, but 1st time skiing! They headed off to their lessons and a few of us at a late breakfast and got a late start. Randy Fields, Chris Rose & Kevin Marshall headed off to tackle one side of the mountain while Scott Campbell & Laura Custer headed off to tackle the other. Ole Powell and his lady friend Peg Hepler decided to get their blood rushing by running naked through the snow and Alan Walters just watched, since he knew there are webcams all over the mountain. After our first



fantabulous day of skiing, we headed back to check into our rooms and get some grub before turning in.

The next day proved to be just as good, with more sunshine and no wind for another great day of skiing! There was a fun race that day and all of our racers that metaled, got Gold! Charlie Wood was the fastest time on



the whole mountain that day and you should have seen the looks on the local's faces when they kept announcing Oklahoma City racers as winners, especially when Bette Wood beat out their local favorite, Picabo Street. When we left the mountain that day, apparently we left John Bomhoff. By the time we turned around to go get him, he was hitching a ride back into town! That night was full of fun and frivolity...a wine & cheese party in the lounge area to watch the Steelers take on some other team to go the super bowl. Kacie Woodson & Johnny Riaz learned that it's a good idea to wear flip flops to the springs, Carl & Debi Parrott enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the Alley House with Fred & Jan Horton and Elena Jigoulina picked up ALL the men at Squirrel's

Pub! The next day proved to be just as great as the first two!

It was Monday and there is almost NOBODY else on the mountain but us. Dennis Vanderburg bested his Crested Butte record by making 54 runs in one day,

Doug Ross decided to heli-ski off of Alberta Peak and Chris & Traci Keel hit the double black diamond chutes off of Knife Ridge. When it was finally time to say goodbye to Wolf Creek, we boarded the bus for one last trip down the mountain. After the fastest showers in history, Pizza Hut delivered our pizza and we were on our way. Scott & Holli Gould were overhead saying, "Wow, what an awesome trip," and Scott & Becky Hyde are ready to join the OKC Ski Club from Tulsa. Seriously, we couldn't have asked for better weather and better drivers. We are ready to go again next year!



Your fearless leader, Stefanie.

Disclaimer: Some events have been altered due to lack of information. Always remember to give stories to your trip captain or they will make stuff up!



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Still in the race!

It was another much anticipated race year. Despite missing a few star racers, the OKC Ski Club was still able to secure 3rd place with just 31 total racers! The week started out with a fun baked potato bar mixer at Jack's Slopeside Grill and ended with a fantastic Mexican buffet in the mountain conference center. One night is Apres Ski and the next is a pub crawl. If you've never been to an FSA trip, you're missing out! You don't have to race to have a good time, you only have to finish a race to score points for the club (although we'd love for you to win your category and get even more points!) and there's nothing like all the group fun we have at Flatlands! I'm sure there's an odd photo or two around somewhere, although none are shown here!

If you'll remember, the Dave Vannett Trophy was established in 2007 to recognize someone who truly loves the races and it symbolizes Dave's spirit and unselfish nature of coaching, teaching and helping others to advance in the sport. This year's award went to Terry Porter of Topeka for his time & efforts dedicated over the past few years in developing and researching scoring systems, helping coordinate the races, designing the spreadsheets to accurately reflect the scores and times posted by NASTAR at the touch of a button and much more! Congratulations Terry!

Here's a quick rundown of our own OKC results:

Women's Challenge

GOLD

Linda Wells
Bette Wood
Kathy Evans
Patty Cason

BRONZE

Laura Custer
Kelli Kinnamon

Women's Snowboard

SILVER

Stefanie Fields

Men's Challenge

GOLD

Charlie Wood

SILVER

Erik Gumerson

BRONZE

Dick Seabrook

One of our snowshoe relay teams came in 4th place by 1/10 of a second: Patty Cason, Chris Rose, Gary Jones, Greg Speicher. Way to go team!

We also had several 4th & 5th place racers, that finished JUST out of medal contention but still scored extra points for OK City: Dolores Hopeman, Stefanie Fields, Clark Nowlin, Don Spurgin & Gary Jones.

Our first time racers in the Challenge races included Lillian Thee, Debra Myer, Dennis Geske & Greg Speicher. Our first time racers in the Open race included Janie Hlinicky and Vicki Collins.

All in all, it was a great trip and we want to thank all of our racers this year – we couldn't have done it without you! Please think about racing with us next year in Winter Park, I promise you won't regret it!

The Flatlands Ski Association consists of clubs from Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Kansas City, Topeka, Wichita, St. Louis, Columbia, Omaha & another Nebraska club called the Cornhuskers.

Stefanie Fields, 2009 Race Chair



Above: All smiles, Linda Wells and Kathy Evans, both FSA winners.

Left: the gang gets ready to head back to OKC.

