

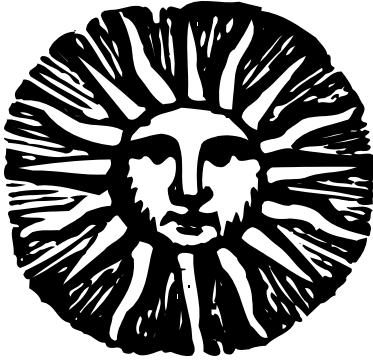
The Avalanche

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Oklahoma City Ski Club

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May 2009



Here Comes the Sun

Hello, from your new VP of Summer Trips! The spring rain is still with us, but soon enough it will be time for fun in the sun. We have a full schedule of summer trips set up, so mark your calendars and come join us for hot summer nights.

First up, it's off to the races! The ski club is meeting for dinner and a show at Remington Park. Silk's Restaurant overlooks the racetrack, where the quarter horses will battle it out for the winner's circle. RSVP now, and be there on May 16th.

In June, we're headed downtown to make some noise. Join us at RedPin bowling alley in Bricktown on the 20th. This is a great bowling alley, with great music, big screen TVs, and food and drink served right at your lane. Come top

your personal best, and find out who can bowl as well as they ski!

As the heat gets higher, we'll race around the city on a nighttime scavenger hunt. Start forming your teams now, and in early July, we'll see how many entries we can cross off the list.

Then we'll cool off on our annual river float trip, on the Lower Mountain Fork River. Barry Campbell is back in the saddle, and is ready to make this another trip to remember. Float the lazy river, shoot a few rapids, and picnic under the trees. If that's not enough excitement for you, you can always join me for a rope swing and a flying leap from the bridge! Then that night, we'll all join up for dinner and as much partying as you can stand.

Before you know it, it'll be time for our signup party on August 29th. Tony Newcomb is again graciously hosting us, so come out for a summer party, and sign up early for all the winter fun to come.

Also, don't forget that the second Wednesday of every month is Skier's Night Out. We have a great lineup ready to go, starting at the Deep Deuce grill on May 13th, hosted by Kelli Kinammon.

It's always a good time when the Ski Club gets together, so let's make our summer season just as much fun as the winter!

Chris Rose, VP Summer Trips

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Check out the summer schedule

Skiers Night Out

June 10th
Budha Tao

2737 W Memorial
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Meet on the patio for a little summer fun....drinks and dinner. Host: Stefanie Fields, 627-3940.

A Note from your President...

HELLO, I'M BACK!

This has been an unusually topsey turvey year! Folks are busy doing what we do in our daily lives. I volunteered and was voted in, to be President for the term of 2009/2010. I love the SKI CLUB, but I am "PRES" for this term only. So, please, if you have any interest in being an officer or committee member, let us know. We do have a couple of new additions to the executive committee, Chris Rose and Stan Solo. Thank You Chris and Stan, we are proud to have you. Many Thanks to Kelli Kinnamon who has jumped in and become a very involved officer. To all our loyal officers and Committee members, I say THANK YOU, THANK YOU. It takes us all to make plans and keep this OKLAHOMA CITY SKI CLUB alive and well. Check your Avalanche to see what offices we hold. The snow this last season has been outstanding. Each trip had super reports of good snow and great fun. We had to cancel a couple of early trips, not enough folks could go. Please tell all your friends and family about this fine club. We always strive to make each trip as affordable as possible and still be at a lovely area with nice accommidations. We always appreciate input from the members. Feel free to let any one of know of any suggestions or commits you may have. We are a club of all seasons. please stay involved Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. We have a good line up of activities for this Summer. The Avalanche will be full of news, so always read it, even the fine print! We plan on lining up some good ski and snowboard trips as usual, so as always, THINK SNOW! Let's be picky, say the first of December, the snow can begin! HAVE A GREAT, SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER,

Dolores Hopeman, President

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Crested Butte—Trip 7

On Wednesday, March 18, 2009, 34 hearty souls clambered aboard Kincaid Bus 1075 for a spring break trip to Crested Butte. Needing a bit of a challenge before they left, the City of Yukon tore up the intersection of Mustang Road and 10th Street to ensure everyone had to use an alternate route to the bus barn. Once there, our skiers were guided through a maze of (approximately 20) busses being staged for the Pre-Paid Legal convention the following morning. But at 6:03 PM, our intrepid adventurers were off to Colorado.

Dan and Linda Boatright, son John and daughter-in-law Amber Robberson didn't even get out of the city limits, before the wine began flowing and the cheese began to be passed around. The Boatrights became everybody's new best friend. Too bad son James and daughter-in-law Kelly Robberson were missing all the action since they were flying in from Seattle. Dan, since you are up, could you . . . ?

We had a wide range of ages on the trip: from 3 year old Meredith Mollman, (on her first ski trip with mom Bobbi Bailey, dad Matt Mollman and grandma Glenda Mollman) to several "experienced" skiers in their 70s. Maybe that's why we had over half the bus down (and many out!) by 9:30 PM on the trip to the mountain. Or maybe it was the wine? Dan, since you are up, could you . . . ?

We reached Gunnison at 5:40 AM and our considerate trip captain Craig Henry alerted the McDonald's that we were in their parking lot awaiting their opening. Unfortunately, our mountain driver and OKC Ski Club member Tim Deal was greeted by a less than appreciative store manager at 6:05 AM explaining that we should have called ahead (the day before, no less) to inform McDonalds we were coming. James & Kelly met their family there after their Seattle-Denver-Gunnison trip. Dan, since you are up, could you . . . ?

We arrived at the Mountain

and, Hooray! ,only one change room. It was reported that the Young clan—Bill, Randi, Jimmy and Issac Maupin were streaking up to the base to get in all skiing they could the first day, while mom Cheryl, and Bill's folks James and Marie settled into the condo. The Gibson's: Scott, Linda, Keely, Brandt and Adam Wise were close behind! But, surprise!, surprise! they met Dennis Vanderburg, Ole Powell and Gary Hunter who had already gotten a couple of runs in before. I seem to have head a comment regarding age before beauty? Or

Mexican Restaurant for food, fun, food, merriment, food, libations and, oh did I mention it, food? Funny, I never heard anyone ask Dan for anything Friday night!

Saturday was another warm day and a group made several runs together—Craig, Gary, Tim, Ole, James Neil and Dennis. Craig finally abandoned his ancient 205 cm K2s for a set of Völkl shape rentals and was finally able to keep up with the "youngsters" without being worn out. Unfortunately, the slush caught up with Judy this day and she twisted her knee; do you know that a ski pole

we heard it said...

- ✿ "Down is the fastest way to go." *Katie Trivitt*
- ✿ "Awsome!" *Issac Maupin*
- ✿ "Wow! Hot tub!" *Meredith Mollman*
- ✿ "Dan, since you are up, could you . . . ?" *various folks*
- ✿ "Let's do it again!" *everyone*

was it the early bird . . . ?

Katie Trivitt had the biggest "yard sale" of the first day, but evidently Matt Mollman also provides great "crash entertainment" as well when he is doing his Picabo Street imitation. TMI !! John & Judy Schroeder got in some good runs as well on Day 1.

That night there was a continual turnover of OKC Ski club members in the hot tub. There was a rumor going around that Scott and Linda Gibson, Sandy Jividean and Marilyn Hays headed to town to party like they were 50 year old Rock Stars. We later heard that they were all in bed early (like tired 50 year old Rock Stars!)

Day two was warm—almost too warm. What started out as a sweater morning turned into a hot afternoon. Tim Deal took to shorts and shades after lunch and skied in the slush most of the afternoon. Joshua Moore and Joseph Mengivar hit the blue slopes that afternoon with mom Lori Moore —first time on the blues.

That night most of the trip members continued a CB tradition in town by converging on Donita's

can be used as a crutch in a pinch? Hope you are doing better Judy!

The Young's entered a raffle and Jimmy won a new snowboard for a \$5 ticket. Additionally they "captured" a back pack, a box of granola and a hat. Who says all you do in the mountains is ski!

Sunday, the die-hards hit the mountain early and most of us shuffled into change rooms. We were able to assemble everyone at the bus 40 minutes early and we were on the road 30 minutes ahead of schedule due to a storm brewing to our west. Clear, dry and minimal traffic to Canon City for a 12 minute turn-around for ice & pizza. The Boatrights replenished the wine and cheese-Dan, since you are up, could you . . . ? and we all had plenty to eat (and drink!)

We found a new definition of "Rock & Roll" on the way home as the gust front caught up with the bus. Shake, rattle and roll was also applicable for our nighttime return. So Shaken, but not stirred, we wheeled back to the bus barn for wonderful spring break trip to Crested Butte.

Craig Henry, Trip Captain

Awesome, Awesome, Awesome!!!

The trip was just that as the weather was perfect with snow every night and great ski conditions during the day. I and 31 other lucky skiers enjoyed the trip with no lift lines and skiing until your legs gave out. Every day was better than the day before and we all felt like it went way too fast.

Day one was one of finding your condo and getting changed. Paul Woodson and Tammy Wiley went on an unexpected tour of Mountain Village by going down the gondola the wrong way off of the mountain. After walking around the village and then getting the bus driver totally confused they discovered where they went wrong and headed home



a couple of hours later than expected. Bette and Charlie Wood led a group of us over the Plunge and it made for a great experience. Martin Thee was somewhere on the mountain on his snowboard all day long while Lillian took some of the safer routes to come off the top. Dolores Hopeman skied with family members Stacey and Traci Witter along with their kids Jordan and Cale. Susan and Gary Jones were out with Bob Thompson, Dennis Geske, and Gary's brother Steve when coming off of lift 12 Bob convinced the group to test some virgin powder. Gary fell first, followed by Steve and the best of all was Dennis's somersault and spackled crack maneuver. Bob bashed the trees and

patiently waited for the rest of the group to slowly maneuver the forest. A trail with no name was

some land that Janie wants to invest in. Debi Meyer and Eli Walter skied all day every day,



very memorable for all. Randy Montgomery discovered that he and Keith Ahpeatone had gone to grade school together and were in the same classes, even playing on the same ball team. Ole Powell and Peggy Hepler had lots of fun going down all the runs, while Kathy Evans and her daughter Acacia Croy were seen briefly flying by on the slopes. They were there from opening till closing every day. Gary Hunter, Craig Seymour and Linda Wells all enjoyed the Mountain along with all of their ski buddies. Janie Hlinicky and Judy Dyer went on a hike the last morning and spotted

enjoying the views as much as the snow. We had a wine & cheese gathering on the last night and it was decided that we would leave an hour later so we could have more time on the mountain which met with an enthusiastic approval. The trip home was long and uneventful with a bunch of tired friends telling stories about the previous days. Sleep was welcomed riding home during the night and we arrived home safely on Monday morning.

Dave Dyer, Trip Captain.



Skier's Log for Telluride 2009

This trip to Telluride was fantastic particularly due to our fantastic host and hostess, Dave & Judy. Plenty of info, great accommodations, and most of all Judy's hospitality and treats! *Marty Thee.*

I've forgiven my husband for taking me on a "warm up" on a steep mogul double blue cause he ended up in the same situation on a "rocky" steep double black. We had great condo mates, Dennis and Ole. Had a great communal breakfast with Gary and Susan Jones, Craig, Bob & Peggy. They came to eat up Gary's breakfast burritos fantastic with the Cholula sauce and Marty and my leftovers. On the last day, three days into my new boots, 4:01 off, I actually kept up with the freeway skiers ... you know who you are. Sign us up for next year Dave!!! Thanks so much, *Lilly & Marty.*

A confident skier is a good skier. Unfortunately, I am still picking up the pieces of my shattered confidence after having a GREAT grandmother ski circles around me. Thanks Bette! *Bob*

This has been a fantastic and fun time for us as a family, and we could not have chosen a better time to come. The weather was great, the lines were short and the snow was fresh! We loved the street festival and would welcome a trip here at this time of year. We really loved the people on this trip, as well as the Downtown Doggies. *The Witter's*

As always, a fantastic trip with my ski family. A wonderful ending to a great ski season. We laugh at getting lost on the trails and laugh at each other for whatever! How about a couple of great lady skiers falling in the ladies room. Not telling who, sure glad they had on their helmets. *Dolores Hopeman*

I learned a valuable lesson. Stay on the same side of the trees

that your ski partner is on. Lilly & I were out on the first day in Prospect bowl. We came around the tree and stopped at the same place. Then we played "Twister" and landed on the ground. We were so tangled up – someone came by to help us. *Janie Hlinicky.*

A great trip captain, great skiing, great friends and great shopping. What more could you ask for. Can't wait for next season.

Linda Wells

The high point of my trip was discovering that Randy Montgomery and I were in the same classroom from kindergarten to the fourth grade at Columbus grade school. We also played baseball on the same team for the Columbus Zebra's. I was the pitcher and he was the catcher. As for the ski trip, there is no better mountain & town than Telluride, CO. *Keith Ahpeatone*



Telluride

And the non-magnetic magnolias descend from the sky as we ski through the red poppy fields of our youth.

Nobody cares if the sky turns scarlet cream and deep purple and the furry red lodge pole pines travel down the lust green valleys of our souls.

And the towering brown peaks of the village are dwarfed by the Uncompahgre range of her long burning thighs.

And her steady arrhythmic breathing was comforting through the long non-romantic night with twitching abundance.

Skiing on pearly diamond carpets from heaven to Telluride, with their mal efficient music, echoing by praying cranial creavies of the advanced beginner twinkling snowflakes of orange and white cover her gorgeous curves accented by fiery auburn angle hair.

Eli Walter, Telluride trip participant

Allow Me to Introduce Myself

Hello OKC Ski Club members. Although I have been a Ski Club member for a while, there are many new members who do not know me, so with your permission I would like to start this article by introducing myself. My name is Stan Solo; I have been a Ski Club member for the last 18 years, including numerous stints as trip captain, and a participant in summer club activities. I first became involved with the ski club 25 years when I came down for training with the FAA while stationed in the "Windy City," also known as Chicago. A former member of the club invited me to a meeting and I remember being absolutely overwhelmed with the amount of members attending that first meeting. First, because being a Northerner, I didn't think Oklahoma would even know what skiing was let alone having a Ski Club. The second overwhelming feature was how friendly everyone was. I love Chicago and the people are Midwest friendly; however, I loved moving here where people left their garage doors open. Anyway, after moving here 18 years ago, I remember one of my first "want to do's" was to become a member. Still, one of the best life defining decisions I ever made.

So back to the present. I was fortunate and I appreciate the nomination to be your OKC VP of Winter Trips for the 2009/10 season.

As most of you know the last few years we have seen a declining membership in the club. There are numerous reasons, i.e. financial difficulties, families moving, so many new different interests, etc. The point is we have had a lot of difficulty the last two years filling our trips. Many members have stepped up and have helped us, particularly this last year. Support has come in many ways—from sharing requests with other clubs, members making calls in the night, and members signing up at the last minute. The club would like to express its gratitude for the support. Unfortunately we still are in a precarious situation.

After much discussion, we have decided to try the safe route and schedule just 6 trips this year. Five of the trips are based on popularity from the last few years and this year we are in the process of trying a new destination, which the club has talked about but never quite committed to. We are going back to one of the original sites that started it all. Sun Valley, Idaho.

We have several verbal commitments already for this trip. At least 13 members have indicated a hearty yes, and we haven't even started a new season. This is a new step for us as a club and we would love to have you participate. So start your ski trip saving plans and we will see you soon. Thanks again for your support.

Stan Solo, VP of Winter Trips

The End of the Season

The annual pool tournament to mark the end of the ski season was a lot of fun for about 25 folks at the Fox & Hound Pub & Grill. Not everyone played pool but it was a blast as we all ate and enjoyed the company. *Randy Montgomery* brought a 1st grade photo that had himself and *Keith Apheatone* in it. They had discovered they were in the same class while on the Telluride trip. What a small world?

After 4 hot rounds of elimination it came down to *Barry Campbell and Monica Stanford* taking on *Damon Henke and Janie Hlinicky*. It was a close match but *Damon & Janie* pulled it out and won 1st place. *Barry and Monica* took the 2nd place monies. It made for a great evening for all and everyone went home feeling good looking forward to the summer and the activities the ski club has planned. Have a great summer.

Dave Dyer, VP of Operations.

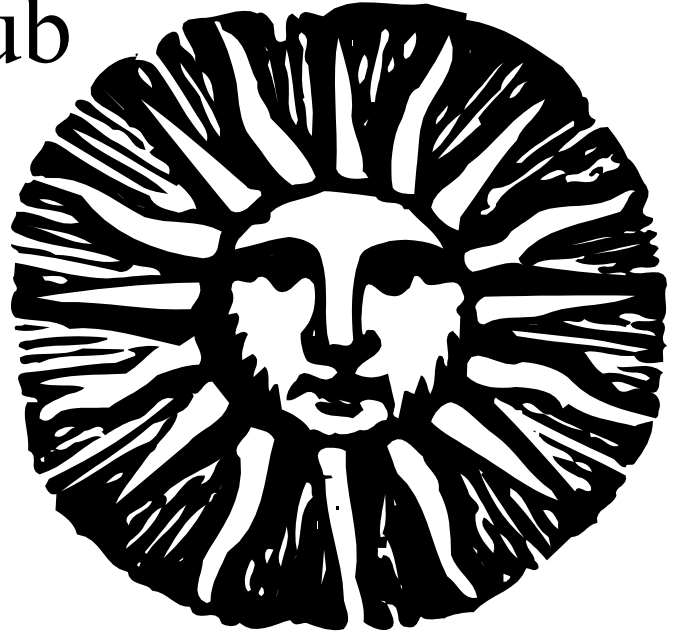


At the Telluride street festival, new member Tammy Wiley and Judy Dyer.

**Really? Yep, it's time...
pay those dues!**

May is always the time to pay your Yearly dues to the OKC Ski Club. Patty will be sending out individual notices via email to remind you. Paying now really helps us pay deposits for next year.

OKC Ski Club Summer Plans 2009



May

13th SNO at Deep Deuce Grill, 307 NE 2nd, 5:30-7:30 p.m. meet on the patio. Host: Kelli Kinna-
mon, 202-1708

16th Dinner and Racing at the Silk Resurant in Remington Park. Meet between 5:30 and 6 pm, race starts at 6:25. Reservation are necessary, call Chris Rose, 641-0119

June

10th SNO at Budha Tao, 2737 W Memorial, 5:30-7:30 p.m. meet on the patio. Host: Stefanie Fields, 627-3940.

20th Bowling at the Red Pin, 200 S. Oklahoma Ave, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Reservations are a must, \$30.00 per person covers bowling. Food and drinks are available. Host: Chris Rose, 641-0119.

July

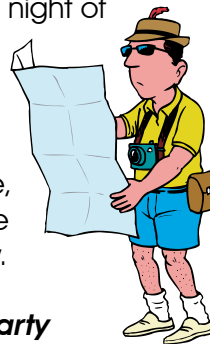
8th SNO at Mama Rojas on Lake Hefner Parkway, 5:30-7:30 meet on the Patio. Host Patty Cason, 206-1781.

24-26th Lower Mountain Fork River. This trip is approximately \$45.00 which covers canoe, and a big dinner. Contact Barry Campbell for more information and to sign up at 824-4040. Advanced reservations are required.

August

12th SNO at The Mont, corner Of Boyd and Classen. (1 block east of the Sarkey Energy Center on the University of Oklahoma campus in Norman.) 5:30-7:30 p.m. Host: Chris Rose, 641-0119.

15th Scavenger Hunt 6 p.m. to ?? p.m. Start gathering your teams for a fun night of old fashioned scavenger hunting with a modern twist! Host: Chris Rose, 641-0119. More details to follow.



29th Sign up Party and Tony Newcomb Tee-Shirt Party. First chance to sign up for 09-10 Ski trips and enjoy a great party too! All Ski Club members and their friends are welcome to come and enjoy an evening at the Elks Lodge, bring your cooler, blanket and chairs and listen or dance to the live music at 8:00 p.m. More details to follow. Host: Stan Solo 590-0565 and Frank Newcomb, 478-1888.

September

9th SNO at Iguana, 9 NW 9th, on the patio from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Host: Patty Cason, 206-1781.

Other Information

No general meetings in the summer months and September.

October 1, first General Meeting of the Season. Mixer and Slide show, 7:00 p.m.

General Meetings are always the first Thursday of the month, October through March.

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