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March 2010

Opinion Night!

March 4th

On the Border

120 S Meridian

7:00 pm

Last meeting of the season!
Come and join us as we get to tell the world what we think! Ok, its not the world, but it is a group of OU advertising students who will be asking us questions about lifestyles and preferences of frequent skiers. (see article, *Someone actually wants your opinion* for more details)

You can come and order dinner or just have some beer. Either way, we hope you will be there!

Late skiing. Fun skiing. Maybe the best skiing! Doesn't matter...

this is YOUR last chance this season.

This has been a crazy winter, so let's be crazy! We are going to Keystone Colorado April the 7th. Spring skiing at its best! I bet this will be "crazy" good, snow falling and fun all around! The way the weather has been, I feel sure the conditions will be fine. Ok, if they aren't the best, well, we will make the best of it! Come ski with me and the best folks in all the world! We can make the last trip of the year be a trip to remember, a memory of fun and being on the slopes in APRIL! Spring will be on our snow boots heels, good, we will be glad, once we are home. Call me and let me know if you want to come on this great trip. This is a great price, so come on and get on the WINTER WAKE.

Price is: \$339

3 day lift ticket \$110 includes one day at Vail/Beaver Creek
4 day lift ticket \$145 includes two days at Vail/Beaver Creek

Any info you need for lessons or rentals, I will help you! Call me:
cell # 405-229-8325 Or e-mail: dollski@hotmail.com It's snowing in the mountains!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

*Dolores Hopeman
Trip captain for Keystone*

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Meeting location for March 4th....
On the Border, 120 S Meridian.

Ski Trips – Winding Down

Hello OKC Ski Club members. First the Good News – If you read the last avalanche I expressed my concern for remembering to date new check with 2010 rather than 2009. Well, I am pleased to report, I got the new skill down. And did not waste any checks in the process.

Also by time you read this, it appears that with your support we were able to save another trip and TAOS was a success. The Ski Club thanks you, without you the trip schedule might have lost another one.

But the bad news, we had to cancel Crested Butte. We simply did not have enough to make this go. But it looks as if we might have some folks driving up on their own. We hate to do this, but we also have to watch the bottom line. So, we saved on trip, and lost another.

As mentioned Sun Valley will be going this month with a sold out trip! If you still have the ski bug, you can go on our very last trip of the season, referred to as Winter Wake.

Keystone – April 7 – 12. Trip Captain - Dolores Hopeman

Cost is \$ 339.00 plus

3 day lift ticket \$110.00 * 1 day is good at Vail or Beaver Creek

4 day lift ticket \$145.00 * 2 days good at Vail or Beaver Creek

*There is a shuttle however based on previous history, OKC Ski

Bus will probably arrange to transport you, not guaranteed but highly likely.

We accept Master Card or Visa

Remember, You can always e-mail or call any officer in the club if you have questions or need help.

This season is gone so fast, I appreciate the support you have given me and all the officers. It was an honor to have served you this year. Now let's ski.

Stan Solo, VP of Winter Trips

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Skiers Night Out



March 10th
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Sean Cummings Irish Pub
7523 N May Ave
(please note their new
address)

Host: Patty Cason
206-1781

**This will serve as our monthly
SNO and pretrip parties for
the Keystone trip! Everyone
is welcome to come. Bring
a friend. Come get to
know your fellow skiers. This
authentic Irish pub serves
great Guinness and
Fish & Chips.**

Someone actually wants your opinion!

We are a group of advertising seniors at OU working on a group project to create a campaign for Lange Ski Boots. We are asking your club to help us out while we conduct research about the lifestyle and preferences of frequent skiers. Over the next month or so we will be at meetings and SNO events, you might even see us pop up on the website or facebook. We will be conducting surveys, group discussions, and personal interviews.

If you are willing to share your input please contact us at oulangecampaigns@gmail.com. We look forward to getting to know you! Or you can go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ouskisurvey> and fill out a 5 minute survey.

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Condolences

Let's take a moment to remember a past member. Jimmy Liles was Hospitality chairman for the club about 12 years ago. He became ill during 2009 and complications set in and he passed away in mid January. Some may remember his jolly smile and laughter. His wavy reddish hair and beard made him memorable. Jimmy and his wife Ann, went on ski trips and supported the club and brought in new members. Jimmy and Ann worked at the AT&T/LUCENT plant. When the plant closed down, they moved to Hot Springs Village Arkansas. Jimmy brought Dolores Hopeman into the club, way back when, and he was always asking her about the club. He was a great person to know and those that knew him will remember that happy smile. Let's send our prayers to Ann Liles his wife.



Congratulations to Dennis Vanderburg who will marry the beautiful Carolyn March 18! And she is a skier, of course. Welcome to the club, we are glad to have you and we wish the best for the both of you.

Officer Slate 10-11

The nomination committee is please to announce the following slate of officers for the 2010-2011 year.

President: David Dyer
VP of Operations: TBA
VP Winter Trips: Stan Solo
VP Summer Activities: Janie Hlinicky
Treasurer: Kelli Kinnamon
Secretary: Crystal Caruthers

A special vote will take place on March 4th at the General Meeting. All members are encouraged to come and cast your vote. All in favor say, !!



The following people have paid their dues since the publication of our last Avalanche. A huge thank you for being so supportive and renewing your membership.

Patia Pearson
William and Cheryl Young
A special welcome to the new members this month. We certainly hope you'll feel right at home and get to go on as many trips as you can!

Roy Bruner
Russell Cole
Steven Fears
Eric Hays

Don't forget...

- Sign up a new members (someone who has not been a member for the past two year) and get \$25.00 off the ski trip of your choice.
- Check out our new web site: www.okcskiclub.org. We think you will like it!
- Join us on facebook! or Join us on meetup.com, a great way to connect with us.

And the winners were....

What a great 'Sweets for the Sweet' club meeting for February! About 40 folks showed up to try out all of the deserts and cast their vote for their favorite. Bette Wood took home 1st place, followed by Janie Hlinicky in 2nd and Crystal Caruthers in 3rd. Thanks to all who brought outstanding deserts that did not win but were right there within a vote of being tops. Discussion about the upcoming trips and the fun had at Flatlands were the hot topics of the evening. Kelli is rounding up all skiers and snow boarders for a push to make #1 at Flatlands so get all of your friends and family to make the trip to Steamboat next year.

Remember that next months meeting is at On The Border, I-40 and Meridian on March 4th at 7:00 pm Hope to see everyone there.

Dave Dyer, VP of Operations.

Meeting line up

Change is Good... you've seen it for several months and now the cats out of the bag! With our new ski season, we have new meeting locations. Take a look at the run down:

March 4th, On the Border, 120 S Meridian Ave...The Mystery is over. 7:00 pm.

April 1st, Fox & Hound, 3031 W. Memorial Rd...Pool Tournament.

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GOOD
it's HERE!!!!

Garage Sale planned...

The OKC Ski Club will be having a club garage sale in May as a fund raiser. Want to clean out your closets and donate your items to the cause? We will use the money to help print new t-shirts and offset the rising cost of future trips. Anything you can bring will be appreciated! Look for details of exact dates and drop-off times in the April Avalanche.

15% Discount for all OKC Ski Club Members!



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Marathon Runners?

So far I've heard through the grapevine that we have several runners who are doing the marathon and half marathon in the April's OKC Memorial run. I know Kelli Kinnamon, Steve Caruthers and Dave Dyer are doing the half marathon. Possibly Gary & Susan Jones too. If you are running, let me know and we will support you! Way to go and what a great way to stay in shape for the ski season.



Winner Penny Johnson shows off her medal at the FSA 2010 event.



OKC Ski Club's Denice Branum and Laura Custer were both medal winners in the womans 45-49 age catagery.



Desert were enjoyed by all at the annual "Sweet for the Sweets" Contest.



Bette Wood was the 1st place winner of the "Sweet for the Sweets" contest. She bakes as good as she skis.

Trip #8

Mystery Trip....

Keystone!



Name has been changed to protect the innocent! Actually the name is changed because we

know where we are going now!

Yes, Keystone, Colorado! 4/07/10 To 4/12/10 This is good! The Keystone trip, due to circumstances, canceled in February. We were able to move our deposit to April and the last trip of the season. The last trip of the season is always a good deal. The areas give discounts, because it's the last hurrah. This is the most inexpensive trip this year...great bargain. Only 339.00. Lift tickets are \$110.00 for 3 days (one day good for Vail/Beaver Creek) or \$145.00 for 4 days (2 days good at Vail/BC). Come on, call me or e-mail me and let's get you signed up! I will see that you have the time of your life! Call me, 405-324-5325 (h) or 229-8325 (c) or dollski@hotmail.com

Volunteer Opportunities

As you know, the OKC Ski Club has partnered up with The Harn Homestead to offer our volunteer services for events they have year-round. The Harn will be hosting grade school children from across the area for a Land Run Week April 19-23. If you will be available to help at anytime between 9:30am and 1:30pm for that week please call Kelli Kinnamon at 202-1708.

Team OKC Ski Club brings home the Bronze!



Obviously this is having some FUN! Just what FSA is all about.

Congrats Team OKC Ski Club. We managed to take third place in the annual Flatland Race Association Races held in Winter Park at the end of January. You all know by now I'm a little obsessed with winning this thing, but I've decided to put that obsession on hold for a few minutes to tell you how we did this year. But no worries, I'll get back to recruiting/bugging about NEXT year soon enough!

The OKC club was well represented with the FSA as Bette Wood served as Treasurer and Stefanie Fields was our Activities Director. Both did an outstanding job, and Stef performed under the worst of circumstances. She tore her ACL on our first day of skiing. In other injury news, Tim Deal (bus driver extraordinaire) dislocated his shoulder also on the first day. Tim also toughed it out and graciously drove us home. We wish both of them a speedy recovery (certainly in time to race for us next

year!). A very big thank you to the guys who helped load the bus to keep Tim from lifting anything.

A very special congratulations goes out to all our medal winners. Taking the GOLD this year were: Linda Wells, Bette Wood, Kelli Kinnamon (do NOT be impressed, I was the only one to show up!) and Charlie Wood. Our SILVER medal winners were: Laura Custer, Penny Johnson, Don Spurgin and Ben Austin. Our



Frederic Bard on the snowboard course.

BRONZE medal finishers were Denice Branum (a special guest racer from Wichita), Robin Roberts, Rebecca Williams (a first timer!) and Russ Wood. We had two racers compete in the Novice Race, Janie Hlinicky and Ed DaValle. I'll get both of you on the full course next year. Our Snow Shoe Racing team took 2nd place as well with Chris Rose, Ben Austin, Spike Speicher and Kelli Kinnamon. Again, I'm very proud of our team. Everyone gave it their best and that's all I can ask for!

One of my favorite parts of this trip was the number of first-time travelers we had. I hope you all had a fabulous time and come back for many more club trips! I know Susie Morgal caught the racing bug. After much protesting about me

"forcing" her to race she was ready to do it all over again. I like the dedication! Jennifer Hays & SR Hunter

brought along racers-in-training. I think Connor Hays and Elizabeth Hunter will be great racers...and they have several years to prepare.

There was plenty of fun to be had off the mountain as well. Dolores Hopeman, Frederic Bard, Jesslynn Stull, Gary & Susan Jones and Chris Rose nearly danced their feet off at the welcome banquet. And John Bomhoff may have developed a new race for next year's event: Grocery Store Scavenger Hunt. Somehow we convinced a shuttle bus driver to wait while people from several clubs went in for a few items for the bus. In typical FSA fashion we had to make it a race. I was



convinced John was going to come through the glass trying to get on the bus before the boys from Tulsa. And he did...good job John!

Our Don Spurgin (far R), taking home a medal for Team OKC Ski Club.

Thankfully the weather did not hinder our bus ride home. The same

cannot be said for the condition of our cars once we arrived at the bus lot. It was definitely a lot of work getting the thick ice off even just to open car doors. Thank you to all who stayed around to make sure we all made it out safely. Only one person had to be towed after parking in the grass!

Now back to the nagging part. GET READY FOR FLATLANDS 2011! We will be going to Steamboat January 26-30. Mark your calendars now! And by all means, recruit me some skiers. Third place is nothing to laugh at, but I WANT FIRST! I know we can do it!

Kelli Kinnamon, FSA Trip Captain and Race Director



Our award winning cross country team, Ben, Spike, Chris and Kelli.

OKC SKI CLUB TRIP APPLICATION

Trip #: _____ To: _____ Departure Date: _____
Name: _____ Address: _____
Phone H: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
W: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____
Birthdate: _____ Age: _____

Other family members on this trip:

1. _____ Age: _____ Relation: _____ 2. _____ Age: _____ Relation: _____
3. _____ Age: _____ Relation: _____ 4. _____ Age: _____ Relation: _____

I prefer to room with: _____

I am under 18 and my guardian on this trip is: _____

In case of an emergency notify: _____

Phone H: _____ W: _____ Cell: _____

Rental information: I want to rent skis or a snowboard (Check one if applicable)

Ski and Snowboard: Height: _____ Weight: _____ Shoe Size: _____

Snowboard only: Goofy (R foot forward) or Regular (L foot forward) Step in or Strap

Lesson information: I want to take lessons? _____ Beginner Intermediate or Other

I would classify myself as a Beginner Intermediate or Expert Skier. Check one.



I have read and understand the OKC Ski Club Trip Policies and agree to pay the OKC Ski Club any cancellation fee as outlined in the trip policy.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

Notes:

Office Use only:

Amount paid: _____ Date: _____ Cash: _____ Check: _____

Credit Card: Visa or MC Name on card: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Exp Date: _____

Membership current? Yes No Wilcard Guest of: _____