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Seeking TWO Board Members

The terms of two of our board members, Kathy Spahr and Margaret Erickson, expire at the end of April. They have been on the board for two, two year terms and are not eligible to continue. Joyce Huff has completed her first two year term and will continue for another two years. Thank you Joyce. This leaves two board positions to be filled at this time.

Any current member can be nominated for a board position; anyone interested should contact one of two people: our president, Jerry Obrist, at 402-580-0712 or our secretary, Krista Potter, at 402-560-0487. Please consider volunteering if you are asked or contact Jerry or Krista or any board member with questions.

Cornhuskers Earned Third Place

Congratulations Cornhusker Ski Club for taking third in the Flatlander Ski Association races and competitions. Hollis Anderson, Race Chair holds the trophy earned for the club.



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The year end banquet is postponed for now.

The Cornhusker Ski Club summer picnic is still scheduled for August 30 at Antelope Park. The building has been reserved by Jerry Luedtke. More information to follow as we get closer to that time.



In the mean time stay safe and think of skiing or boarding as we distance ourselves and get through this pandemic.



On the weekend of March 1st, nineteen CSC skiers/boarders and four skiers from Wichita ventured out to Copper Mountain, CO. The road conditions were generally good for this drive-out trip other than having to contend with very windy conditions at times. Everyone made it to the ski area by Sunday evening though.

Skiers with Ikon passes and over half of the skiers who purchased lift tickets through the club headed out early and got in some skiing on Sunday before checking into our condos. All of our condos were available by early afternoon.



Teresa Ingram graciously offered to host Après ski gatherings in her condo with the remaining club beverages. We had gatherings on Sunday, Monday & Tuesday evenings. Thanks Teresa for hosting!



After the first day of skiing for the rest of us on Monday, Copper Mountain hosted a welcome reception for our group in the conference center that included pizza, a great salad, minestrone soup, garlic bread, rice krispy bars & lemonade. Six members of



the Omaha Ski Club joined us for the welcome reception. Jerry, a Copper Mountain ambassador, welcomed us again this year to the mountain and gave us an overview of what was happening and going to happen at the ski area. He indicated they hope to have the mid-mountain Solitude Station



building/restaurant replacement completed sometime during the 20-21 season. Hopefully the new facility will be done by next March if the club returns to Copper next year. He also provided us with the ski patrol's phone number and encouraged us not to be hesitant in contacting them if we needed assistance. Jerry also gave us tips on how to ski down from the new lift back on Tucker Mountain via an intermediate type run. A special thanks go out to the Omaha and Wichita skiers for joining us and helping make this "welcome" meal reception possible.

The snow conditions were great all 3/4 days of skiing. It snowed Sunday and all night to give us great snow to ski on for the next several days. It was very windy getting off the lifts at the top, but once we were on the runs, the wind was very tolerable. I don't think we had any major injuries on our trip. One of our skiers, however, looked like they got in a boxing match on the last day of skiing.



A special thank you goes out to Herb Schnoetzing of the Wichita Ski Club for recruiting skiers for the trip including recruiting his friend Helmut from Germany to join us. We enjoyed having everyone from Wichita & Omaha join us at Copper Mountain and look forward to doing it again in the future!

Also thanks go out to Dave Rutledge for offering to help several skiers looking for rides out to Copper Mountain. It was very much appreciated!

It looks like our group left Copper Mountain just in time as several days after we left, Summit County started advising anyone who had been in the county starting March 8th should self-quarantine for 14 days. Looks like members of our group were some of the last to ski/board in Colorado this year. Hopefully everyone made it back home without any many problems.

Thanks,
Tom Becker
Trip Captain

From the Trip Directors

How quickly daily life has changed! As we finished the Copper trip several club members asked me about an update for next year's trip schedule so that they could take advantage of the early pricing window on pass products. The FSA trip is already set with ski in lodging at Telluride starting 1/30. Our tentative plan was to propose returning to Snowmass the second week of December and Copper the first week of March which mirrors this year's schedule. I confirmed with Copper that they would sell either a season pass or a four pack at renewal rates to anyone who had previously purchased a Copper Pass product.

Thinking we were pretty well positioned Patsy and I returned home and started preparations to return to Snowmass to ski with our daughter and grandson the last full week of March. Obviously, we canceled that trip and 10 days later all the ski areas in Colorado as well as most of them in the US closed. We are now social distancing and trying to adapt to the new limitations. Patsy has been searching for a new normal after the gym closed and social contacts are limited. I have been keeping busy picking up trash on the trail system and only talking to people passing by at a distance.

Currently we don't know if group travel and meeting will be possible next season. We will plan for a similar schedule but that will be subject to change. Imagine a bus trip where everyone must wear a mask and all people will be temperature checked before boarding and that assumes the bus companies will still be in business after being shut down for an indefinite time. Stay safe and stay active.

Steve & Patsy Meyer
Trip Directors





Jon L. Kleve
June 29, 1968-March 9, 2020

Jon LeRoy Kleve, 51, of Lincoln, died in a skiing accident March 9, 2020 in Keystone, Colo., his favorite place in the world. He was born on June 29, 1968 to LeRoy and Jeanette (Johnson) Kleve in Central City, Neb.

Jon's favorite thing to do in the whole world was snow skiing. When he was 21, he lived and worked in Summit County, Colo. and was planning to retire there.

In high school, he was active in music including Nebraska All-State Choir, school musicals and marching band. He graduated from Central City High School in 1986 and later attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Jon worked in information technology for the State of Nebraska for 20 years. His last position was OST Supervisor for the Office of the CIO. He had a sharp wit and a dry sense of humor. Everything Jon touched, he did with a level of passion. He never stopped dreaming and improving.

Jon held a brown belt, and was working toward a black belt, in the Japanese martial art of Aikido. He was a member of Aikido of Nebraska, where he volunteered as an assistant teacher for the youth program. His favorite Aikido quote from Morihei Ueshiba Ō-Sensei was, "Failure is the key to success; each mistake teaches us something."

He was a member of the Cornhusker Ski Club. He enjoyed ski racing with the club and was proud to win bronze badge awards in the [NASTAR Racing](#) in 2019 and 2020.

He was a past member of the Society of Creative Anachronism, where he specialized in heraldic display and design.

A creative problem solver, Jon was a man of many talents. He was accomplished in photography, home remodeling, appliance repair, car mechanics, woodworking, martial arts, ballroom dancing, skiing, sewing, billiards and cooking. Always intellectually curious, he

had an encyclopedic knowledge of history, astronomy, physics, cars, movies and more. He was meticulous about everything that was important to him. He loved long walks and playing games with friends and family.

His pastimes included restoring a vintage Oldsmobile Cutlass, video gaming, and RPGs. One of his favorite fortune cookie messages was "Do the thing you fear and the death of fear is certain."

He had two wonderful children, whom he loved fiercely. He was blessed with many lifelong friends.

Jon is survived by daughter Rachel Ann Kleve and son Jackson Kleve of Lincoln; mother Jeanette Kleve of Central City, Neb.; brother and sister-in-law Randy and Linda Kleve of Aurora, Neb.; nephews Logan and Nate Heflebower, extended family Mike and Tammy Heflebower, and Lee and Betty Heflebower of Denver; stepdaughters Ali Meyerhoeffer of Denver and Lizz Burton of Lincoln; and close companion Linda Stephen of Lincoln.

He was preceded in death by his father LeRoy Kleve.

From Linda Stephen via Facebook: Thank you all. He enjoyed trips the last three years with the Cornhusker Ski Club. He wanted to be [Wayne Simpson](#) when he grew up -- skiing fast at 80. Jon loved Keystone more than anyplace in the world. And he loved snow skiing more than anything else.



To answer your question, he went off the trail to the right and hit a tree Monday afternoon. Died instantly. His last time up the lift was at 3 p.m., a lift that takes about 20 minutes to the top, so it seems the accident was called in immediately (3:25). It was on a blue run.

Jon planned to retire there in about 10 or so years -- buy land in Dillon, just 2 miles from the resort. He planned to build a duplex (with his own hands) and rent out half. In the winter, he wanted to ski anytime there was fresh powder. For work, he planned to teach skiing to intermediate level in the winter and do IT support in the summer.