



OMAHA SPORTSCASTER

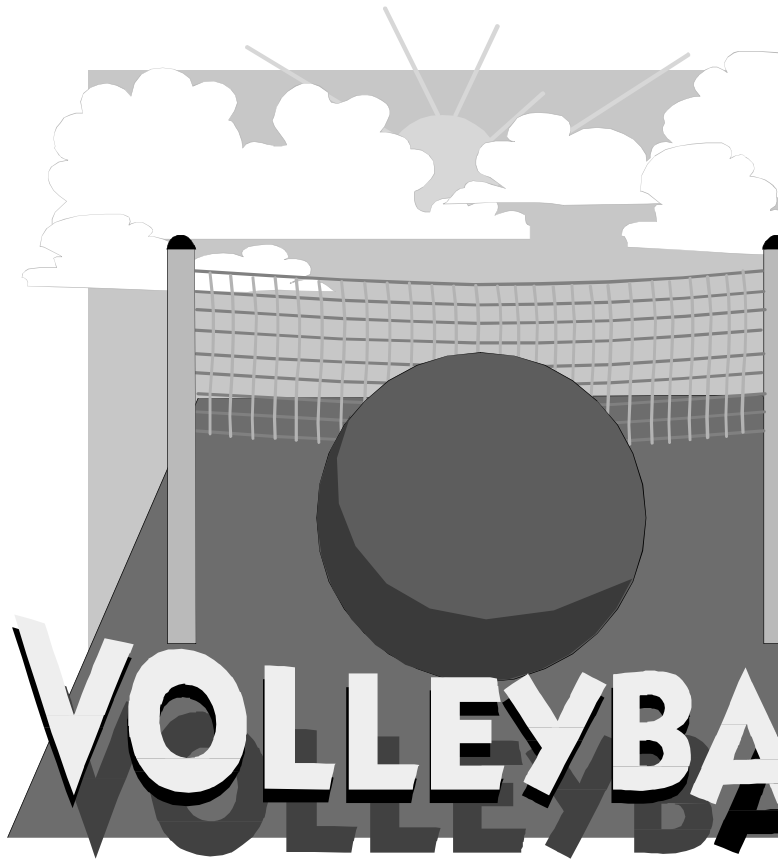


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Fall Volleyball Coed Drafts - September 6 & 8 Women's Application



*2005 OSC Annual Affair
September 9
South Ballroom
Livestock Exchange*

HAPPY HOUR

Yes! We will be having a late summer OSC Happy Hour in the steamy heat of August. This is in spite of the Elmwood golfers, who seem to have disappeared into the safety of the clubhouse. The club will move on...

IT'S FUN NIGHT AT MIC'S KARAOKE BAR!!

Last time we had a blast and the evening was enjoyed by all.

Come for food and drink - Stay for the music! • Piano Bar early - Karaoke later

Happy Hour Prices until 7:00 p.m.

Meet and sing along with other frustrated musicians and singers. Be discovered!

MIC'S KARAOKE BAR • 1212 South 119th Street (one block south of Big Fred's on Pacific)

This is a special Happy Hour for the many (hundreds) members who wanted an August Gathering

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 • 5:00 p.m. until whenever

This can be indoor / outdoor! Good eats and Good Mixing

See you There - Bob Grinstead

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MEMBERSHIP STATS

Use the Membership Application to make address changes.

FYI: Sportscasters are Third Class Mail and The Post Office will NOT forward your "Sportscaster"

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE, PLEASE send your change of address forms directly to the Omaha Sports Club Office.

Telephone messages, sticky notes, deposit slips and bar napkins can and do get lost or erased or even thrown away. Thanks!

STATISTICS FOR JUNE 2005			
	New	Renewal	Total
Male	105	322	427
Female	140	343	483
Totals	245	665	910

STATISTICS FOR JUNE 2004			
	New	Renewal	Total
Male	79	346	425
Female	95	400	495
Totals	174	746	920

BOARD MEETING

BOARD APPRECIATION DINNER - THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2005 - 6:30 p.m.

Caniglia's Venice Inn - 6920 Pacific Street

SPORTSCASTER articles are due the Monday after the Board Meeting. Absolutely drop dead - Deadline for copy only is the next Wednesday!!! You may **FAX** them to Diane Muir or Carol Greenwood at (402) 391-8262, **EMAIL** them to instyomaha@aol.com AND to webmaster@omahasportsclub.com or **DROP THEM OFF AT INSTY-PRINTS**, 1006 South 74th Plaza (74th & Pacific). **CALL DIANE OR CAROL** at 391-7038 to let them know that you have an article coming **BY MONDAY!**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is hard to believe my second term as President is coming to a close. As I look back, I believe the club has continued to make progress. Our membership numbers have stabilized and the OSC Web site is providing the services as intended. The web site receives over 6000 hits per month and the board continues to find more ways to utilize the site to provide you with the information you need.

One of the areas we will continue to utilize more is the online survey. Our latest survey asked if you thought the club should become involved in community outreach activities. Although we did not have a large response, those who did take the survey overwhelmingly endorsed the concept and the board will explore ways to place this in action as opportunities present.

Finally, as I reported in the March Sportscaster, the financial committee recommended and the board approved a \$5 increase in dues beginning with the next fiscal year September 1, 2005 – August 31, 2006. This brings the dues to \$30. I believe this still remains one of the best values anywhere for social and sports activities.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions.

Thank you,

Don Kusek, President

2005 ANNUAL AFFAIR

Omaha Sports Club Members!!!!!!

It is time again for your party, the 2005 Annual Affair. Your dues and your support of OSC through excursions, social events, and participation in the many sports paid for this great evening. We look forward to having as many members as possible attend.

The party/meeting will be held in the beautiful South Ballroom on the 10th floor of the Livestock Exchange Building on Friday, September 9. The address is 30th and "L" street. Please use the East entrance. The doors will open at 5 p.m. so we all can vote for the new executive board.

Free food, beer, and soda will be available from 6:00 until 8:00 when a short business meeting will be held. After recognizing the newly elected executive board, as well as announcing the winners of the Man and Woman of the year, the party will begin in earnest. There will be a cash bar after the meeting until the end of the evening.

For your dancing pleasure, Claystone Karaoke Gardens will provide a DJ playing a wide variety of music, and karaoke for all you singing stars. There is a large dance floor for your enjoyment.

I really hope to see many OSC members and potential members on September 9. Remember, OSC members, there is no cost to you. Potential members and guests will be charged \$12 which will cover the cost of the food, beer, and soda (between 6:00 and 8:00), and the cost of the dance.

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your vice-president for the past two years.

Phil Stamp

SKI TRIP

**Start saving your pennies for the
upcoming ski trip.**



**The ski trip committee is hard at work searching
for that special spot sometime in March.**

Keep watch for the upcoming details!!!

**Any questions or suggestions please
e-mail us from the Omaha Sports Club website at
omahasportsclub.com!!!**

Ski Trip Committee: Jo & Rod

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Candidates for Board of Directors

The following candidates are up for election:
President – Randy Smith and Joe Martinez;
Vice President- Eddie Biver and Barb Coleman;
Secretary – Sandy Martin and Deb Friend;
Treasurer – Dave Snavelly and Dee Bigge.

The election is at the Annual Affair on September 9th.

Your vote counts, so please attend.

OSC GOLF

A small mistake in my article last month, our first scramble was in May, not June. Speaking of June, we played our second scramble at Atlantic C.C. on the 25th. After waking to early morning thunder and driving to all the way to Atlantic in the rain, I was happy to find out that it was clear and we could play golf... The drive was worth it. The Atlantic winners were:

First flight, 1st place: **Larry Welch, Marian Wascher, Pat Koonce & Lorin Galvin (62)**; 2nd place **Doug Wendt, Lois Dorn, Karen Obermeier & Lee Stoltenberg (68)**; 3rd Place: **Jim Scherer, Ann Luther, Al Brown & Jack Umbaugh (68)**.

Second flight, 1st Place: **Randy Smith, Joyce Stoural, Al Garcia & Jerry Boeckman (70)**; 2nd place: **Bryan Kroenke, Dawn Bailey, Sean Kroenke & Leo Kroenke (71)**; 3rd Place: **Sandy Martin, Carol Weidner, Larry Tjaden (72)**.

Third flight, 1st Place: **Jeff Kurtz, Dave Francis, Sue Moskovits & Deaun Trayer (69)**.
2nd place: **Mike & Darlene Miller, Mike Reece & Mary Wees (75)**. 3rd Place: **Ollie & Marian Pierce, Cathy & Bruce Brickner (and Dave Snavely) (77)**.

Flag winners were: **Al Brown, Pat Koonce, Joan Eckerson (2), Sarah Tracy, Lee Stoltenberg, Larry Welch (3), Bobbie Greenspan, Dawn Bailey, Lorin Galvin (2), Jim Graves, Joyce Stoural, Cathy Brickner, Luann Cronican and Gene Hug**.

The Skin cash was won with 5 birdies by 3 teams (Looks like 2 teams got a couple). This is the 2nd scramble in a row that the team I played on, could have won some cash if it were flighted off the opposite nine holes... Bummer. *Thanks to all that played!*

OSC Golf Scramble #4 (Pink Ball)

Table Creek Golf Course... Nebraska City, NE

Saturday, August 27th, 2005... 9:00am Shotgun Start

\$51 w/ Cart



4 golfers on a team... 3 play a scramble, one plays their own ball. You take turns playing the "Pink Ball" while the other 3 play a scramble... It's 2-tournaments-in-one and it's FUN!

Table Creek 4-Person (Pink Ball) Scramble, Saturday, August 27th, 9:00am Shotgun

Cost per player... **\$51.00 w/ cart**

Price includes: Green & Cart fees, Flight, Flag & Skin Prizes and a New York Steak afterwards

Name _____ Phone _____

My Team Partners are _____
or put **me/us** on a team _____ or, Pair me up with _____

I would like to volunteer to help: Registration Desk Score Cards (Before and After)
 Hole Flags (Before & After) Camera Bug

Make checks payable to: Omaha Sports Club
Mail to: Gene Hug, 1863 S. 124th Street, Omaha, NE 68144

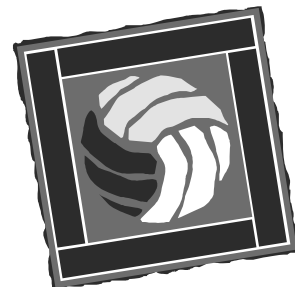
Next Month... Look for details on the Golf League Banquet held in September!

COED VOLLEYBALL

COED VOLLEYBALL CLINIC

You want to improve on your volleyball skills, but aren't sure how gun-ho you are about it. Well, here is an opportunity.

The Omaha Sports Club is sponsoring an adult volleyball clinic on 8/30/05. It's a Tues. evening at Columbus Park (24th and Woolworth). It's about the basic skills including passing, setting, serving, hitting and some rotation and coverage. The cost is \$4.00. It starts at 6:30pm and it gets out about 9:00pm. The demonstrators are all volleyball freaks and volunteers for this fun event. Maybe you might like to go or even pass this along and round up a crew if there was interest. You don't have to be a OSC member to attend.



Are you a little shy talking with "teammates" while playing, we will try to answer any questions if asked.

If you are interested you just send an email to Chris Shank at chrisshank@cox.net or call her at 932-9589. She will forward you directions to the site closer to event.

VOLLEYBALLS FOR SALE:

OSC Volleyball will be ordering new volleyballs for the fall and spring sessions. If you would like to order a volleyball at the same time please contact Chris Shank at chrisshank@cox.net. The style of volleyball is Tachikara SV5WG indoor and the cost is \$40 per ball.

Which League Is Right for Me?

A - Play is at a high level, with most balls resulting in a spike. Advanced defenses and plays are run. This league is for the most competitive players. 3 males and 3 females drafted per team. League refs itself.

BB - Very competitive. Many plays result in a spike with setting and defensive skills at a strong level. This league is for players with a good knowledge of the game and are looking to hone their skills. 3 males and 3 females drafted per team. One ref provided.

B - Competitive. Have a good working knowledge of the 4-2 offense and attempt to set and spike each ball. An additional back row blocker is often employed. 4 males and 4 females drafted per team. Two refs provided.

B1 - Good, basic knowledge of volleyball and positioning. Three hits are used before the ball goes over the net. Players are practicing how to control the ball. 4 males and 4 females drafted per team. Two refs provided.

B2 - This league is for you if you have been away from the game or are new to the game. Emphasis is on fun, meeting new people and re-establishing or learning volleyball skills (bumping, setting, and hitting). 4 males and 4 females drafted per team. Two refs provided.

If you aren't sure which league is right for you, or you have ANY questions, please contact Steve Michaud at volleyball@omahasportsclub.com.

COED VOLLEYBALL

OMAHA SPORTS CLUB FALL 2005 COED VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS

Cost: **A LEAGUE ONLY** - \$38.00 Per Player. **BB, B, B1, B2 LEAGUES** - \$40.00 Per Player. Eleven Weeks of Play, Six games per night guaranteed and optional weekly socials. End of Season party and First & Second Place teams in each league receives prizes.

Tryouts will be held at **Westside Community Center**, 3534 South 108th. They will consist of warm up drills, setting and hitting drills and scrimmaging. The captains will watch players and then go to a separate location to draft their teams. Players are picked according to the skills they display at tryouts.

It is to everyone's benefit that all players attend the draft and circle all levels that they are willing to play.

These times may vary due to draft numbers

A -Tuesday, September 6th, 2005 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

B -Thursday, September 8th, 2005 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

BB-Tuesday, September 6th, 2005 7:30pm - 8:30 pm

B1- Thursday, September 8th, 2005 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

B2 -Thursday, September 8th, 2005 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm

FALL 2005 COED VOLLEYBALL APPLICATION DEADLINE AUGUST 30, 2005

Late applicants MUST arrive 30 minutes prior to the start of your designated tryout time to sign up.

ALL applications received after August 30th will need to include a \$10.00 LATE FEE!

This late fee will be waived if you are new to the Omaha Sports Club or have not been a member for the last 2 years.

- 1 If you want to play at a higher level, you may sign up for only **ONE** league higher than you are presently playing.
- 2 You only need to tryout for 1 session per night. (The highest league you wish to play in). If you are trying out for A or BB and you are not drafted for either, you need to attend the B tryout on Thursday.
- 3 You should receive a call by 4pm the day after the captains draft the teams.
- 4 Once you have been drafted, there will be **NO** refunds. * If you are **NOT** drafted, your check will be destroyed.
- 5 If drafted, you **MUST** join the Omaha Sports Club by the **2nd week** of the league or you will be ineligible to continue play. Your team Captain or league manager can supply you with a membership application form.
- 6 Include as many E-mail addresses as possible. This will help the managers contact you in the event of inclement weather.
- 7 Please print legibly so that we can enter your information correctly.
- 8 If you have any questions, please call Steve Michaud at 312-7584 or email to volleyball@omahasportsclub.com

NAME: (First) _____ (Last) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

Contact Purposes only

MALE _____ FEMALE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

If you don't want your email address used to remind you about upcoming leagues or tournaments, check here

Circle **ALL** Leagues You Would Be Willing To Play: **A BB B B1 B2** I will **NOT** be able to attend tryouts

I would like to be a **CAPTAIN** in the _____ league

I would like to volunteer to help at tryouts! **Circle: 9/6 (Tues) 9/8 (Thurs)**

What other non OSC Volleyball experience do you have? (new players only) _____

Send completed application made payable to **Omaha Sports Club** to: Steve Michaud, 17030 Sahler, Omaha, NE 68116

Please include 1 check per person

A League Only - \$38.00 • BB, B, B1, B2 Leagues - \$40.00

All applications received after August 30th will need to include a \$10.00 late fee!

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Women's Indoor

It is time to start thinking ahead to Fall "2005" Women's Volleyball Session! The Women's "A1" and "A2" league will be held on Thursday nights starting **September 15, 2005**. The leagues will play at Westside Community Center (A1) and Holy Name (A2).

There have been some changes in the league management. Marsha Hoffman and Janelle Kenny will be A1 league managers and Dee Haynie will head up A2 again. We would like to thank Chris Shank for all her years of work and dedication to the league.

There are a few guidelines in place that will ensure a fair application process for everyone who applies. Please take special care to make your application as accurate as possible.

- The application deadline is **September 7th, 2005**. All entries **MUST** be **POSTMARKED** on or before **September 7th, 2005** at the very latest. There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS** after that date.
- **Application is later in this issue.** Your completed roster (with at least 5 players) and payment of **\$294.00** for the "A1", "A2" or "B" must be sent to the following address*:

Janelle Kenny
8106 S. 89th Plaza #4
La Vista, NE 68128

Please **do not send any applications into the Omaha Sports Club office. Mail only to the above address.*

- Each league will consist of 8-10 teams, depending on how many applications are received with 8 being the minimum in each league and 10 being the maximum. We will also have a "B" league if enough interest is shown and a gym can be found. Please mark all leagues you are willing to play and in the order you would like to be considered. We cannot guarantee where your team will be placed, however we will make every attempt to place teams in the league they request.
- If you forget to send your application by mail and decide to hand it in directly to Janelle Kenny, those applications postmarked on that day will be accepted before the ones handed delivered.
- The managers of each league will contact the captains by phone and email with Game times and schedules for the first week of play shortly after the September 7th deadline.
- All players must be Omaha Sports Club members. This membership is \$25 per year. The Omaha Sports Club membership is from September to August, so everyone will need to renew or join in September.
- If you are an individual interested in playing, please contact Janelle Kenny 290-1498, janelle.kenny@cox.net or Marsha Hoffman 328-8498, marshatres@aol.com (A1 Managers) or Dee Haynie 933-7555 (A2 Manager) grandma.d2@cox.net. We will try our best to place you on a team.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

- If you are unclear as to what league your team may be suited for, please contact any of the managers (info listed above) and we will be happy to discuss the different levels of play.
- Below is a brief description of the competition levels in the leagues, which may help decide where your team would like to play.

A1- This league is a competitive, fun league where many players have had several years of volleyball experience, including the high school level and beyond. Play generally involves a pass, set, and hit (spike).

A2- This league is also a lot of fun. Players have a wide range of volleyball experience. Play usually involves three contacts of the ball before going over the net.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL FALL APPLICATION

NO APPLICATION MAY BE POSTMARKED AFTER SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2005

LEAGUE PREFERENCE: ___(A1) ___(A2) ___(B) *(please list 1st, 2nd, & 3rd choice)*

Captain:

Home Address:

Home Phone:

Work Phone:

E-Mail Address: (we really need)

Cell #:

TEAM MEMBERS

First Name	Last Name	Home #	Work or Cell #	E-mail: (helps to inform about weather cancellations)

Enclose a \$294.00 check made payable to: **Omaha Sports Club** and mail league application mail to **Janelle Kenny, 8106 S. 89th Plaza #4, La Vista NE, 68128**. Individuals will pay the team they are placed on.

BOWLING AT WESTERN

Bowling will be back at Western Bowl Friday night beginning September 16, 2005. The cost has been increased to \$10.00 per bowler per night due to an increase by the house. The lanes are turned on for practice at 6:45, which is when we should arrive to set up our line-ups and get our shoes on. Bowling is to begin promptly at 7:00. We will continue the “match point” system of scoring, using a 90% handicap for a total of 30 points per night.

The sanction fee for the Greater Omaha Area Bowling Association (which has combined the Men’s and Women’s organizations into one) is supposed to be \$15.00 per adult (no comments!).

Since we are starting on September 16, 2005, we will not be taking off a night for the annual affair (which is September 9). However, we will be taking off the nights of November 25 (the day after Thanksgiving) and December 23 (for Christmas weekend). We WILL be bowling the Friday of New Year’s weekend. This puts our last night of bowling as April 21, 2006 (assuming no bad weather days).

We are always looking for a few new bowlers, and would like to hear from you if you would be interested in joining the league. Most of our teams try to carry at least eight members on the roster, even though only five members bowl each Friday. The advantage is that an individual does not have to bowl every week (unless they are crazy like I am and volunteer to “sub” even when I am not scheduled).

If interested, please contact either Pat Martinson (339-7496 – leave a message) or Chris Bochnicek (email him at bowling@omahasportsclub.com). Chris is our Bowling League President and Sports Club Chairman.

I will be contacting the team captains within the next few weeks.

See you in September! -
Chris and Pat

