



## January 2008 Update

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### Four Trips Left

The Steamboat, Cooper and Breckenridge trips still have space available, Whitefish is full and forming a waiting list. See the letter from Teri Hammon, our VP of trips, on page 3 for details.

**January 23rd (Wednesday) Social Gathering  
Winter Park Post-trip Party  
Steamboat Pre-Trip Party  
7 p.m. – Senor Matias, 90<sup>th</sup> and Arbor St**

Everyone welcome.

**January 30<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) to February 3rd (Sunday)  
Steamboat Trip**

See the trip flyer on page 4 for details.

**February 12th (Tuesday) Board Meeting  
6 p.m. – Legends, 6910 N. 102<sup>nd</sup> Circle**

NW of the I-680 Irvington exit. All members welcome.

**February 12th (Tuesday) Social Gathering  
Steamboat Post-trip Party  
Ski Cooper Pre-Trip Party  
7 p.m. – Legends, 6910 N. 102<sup>nd</sup> Circle**

NW of the I-680 Irvington exit, after the board meeting.  
Everyone welcome.

**February 20<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) to February 24th (Sunday)  
Ski Cooper Trip**

See the trip flyer on page 5 for details

**March 4th (Tuesday) Board Meeting  
6:30 p.m. – Feta's. Miracle Hills Mall**

NE of 114<sup>th</sup> and Dodge St. All members welcome.

**March 6th (Thursday) Cuban Dinner  
6:30 p.m. – Gusto Cuban Cafe**

7910 Harrison St. RSVP to Sally Hammond at 493-6056 or [aspendream@cox.net](mailto:aspendream@cox.net) by Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Come join us for some Cuban food and Mojitos. Check out their web site at [www.gustocubancafe.com](http://www.gustocubancafe.com).

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**Copper trip article  
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**Monarch trip article  
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**March 9th (Sunday) Social Gathering**  
**Ski Cooper Post-trip Party**  
**Whitefish Pre-Trip Party**  
**6 p.m. – Senor Matias, 90<sup>th</sup> and Arbor St**  
A bit N of 90<sup>th</sup> and Center. Everyone welcome.

**New and Renewed Members**

The Omaha Ski Club welcomes the following new and renewed members:

Len and Chris S.

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## Trips 2008 Update

Three successful trips have returned and there are more to come. We would like to thank Pat McCall for a great trip to Copper Mountain, Ben Novograd for a great trip to Winter Park and Teri Hammon for a great trip to Monarch. The trip captains work hard to organize and plan events for each trip in order for everyone to have a successful trip. Thank you again for a job well done.

**Steamboat (FSA) Trip** has 37 members signed up! We still have one spot available for any last minute decision makers. The pre-trip party will be a time for gathering information and planning. I encourage everyone to attend.

**January 23, 2008  
(Wednesday)  
7:00 p.m.**

**Social Gathering**

at Senior Matias, 90th and Arbor. This will also be the post-trip party for the Winter Park trip and the pre-trip party for the FSA Steamboat trip. Everyone welcome.

El Siebert has everything organized and ready for each of you. Thank you for all the hard work and attention to detail.

**Whitefish Trip** has 24 members signed up. We have dropped the additional condo so not to lose club funds. If you would like to sign up for this trip, please contact Teri. We will place you on a waiting list and hold your payment in full until we can arrange airfare and lodging (if we get 4 additional people). Your payment is a base rate of 991.00 (this is subject to change depending on airfare). If we are unable to accommodate members on the wait list, then your check will be returned.

**Breckenridge Trip** has space available with 3 members signed up. If you are interested in this trip, contact Ben.

**Cooper Trip** has space available also. If you are interested in this trip, contact Sally.

Descriptions of all the trips can be found on our webpage at [www.omahaskiclub.com](http://www.omahaskiclub.com)

As we are moving into our 2007-2008 season, it is time to start thinking about next year. Where would YOU like to go next year and when???? Email Teri @ [dragonsrock@cox.net](mailto:dragonsrock@cox.net) with you reply. It is time to start planning ahead.

Happy New Year and happy and safe skiing to each of you!

got skis, gotta go.....

Teri Hammon  
VP Trips  
Omaha Ski Club

# 2007-2008 Trip Information

Join the Omaha Ski Club this season for some exciting trips. We have included a variety for everyone. Grab a friend and join the club! Sign up early as spots are limited. Participation in a trip requires [current membership](#) and a [trip application](#).

## Copper Mountain CO (Dec 11-16, 2007)

Completed

\$290.00 per person/dbl occupancy. This trip includes 5 nights lodging at the Summit House West 2 BR condos located in the Village at Copper just a short walk to the lifts. Pool and hot tub located in the Athletic Center. Lift tickets are not included. You are responsible for obtaining your lift tickets.

Trip Captain: Pat McCall (402) 342-8898 or cell 659-0911.

Payments: \$100 due Sep 28, \$100 due Oct 28, \$90 due Nov 28

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## Monarch CO-New Year's Trip (Dec 28-Jan 1, 2008)

Completed

\$290.00 per person/dbl occupancy. This trip includes 4 nights lodging at the Monarch Mountain Lodge, (2 bed hotel room style) Newly renovated, including 3 outside hot tubs and new management at the restaurant. Lift tickets can be purchased at the lodge for \$43/day. New Years party (TBA). Lodge has bar, DJ and dancing. Experience the gems of Colorado. Monarch Ski area is a short drive from the lodge.

Trip Captain: TBA Payments: \$100 due Sep 28, \$200 due Oct 28, \$140 due Nov 28.

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## Winter Park CO (Jan 9-13, 2008)

Completed

\$284.00 per person/dbl occupancy. Stay at the base area at Winter Park in the Vintage Resort Hotel. This trip includes 4 nights lodging and welcome party. There is a restaurant and bar on the main level of the Vintage Hotel. Lift tickets are not included. Trip Captain: Ben Novograd (402) 291-5704

Payments: \$50 due Sep 28, \$100 due Oct 28, \$100 due Nov 28, \$34 due Dec 28.

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## Steamboat CO FSA Trip (Jan 30-Feb 3, 2008)

1 spot left

\$448.00 per person/dbl occupancy. This trip is filling up now with 37 people. We do have one spot left. Join members of the Flatlands Ski Association on an exciting trip to Steamboat. Trip includes lodging at the Timber Run Condos (2 BD 2BR and a hot tub), 4 day lift ticket and the FSA activity ticket to all the events, races, welcome party, final event banquet and après ski parties. Come and socialize, try your skills at racing (just for fun or competition) and meet new friends that love to ski.

Trip Captain: El Siebert (402) 453-9088.

Payments: \$50.00 due Sep 28, \$150 due Oct 28, \$100 due Nov 28, \$148 due Dec 28.

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**Ski Cooper CO (Feb 20-24, 2008)**

Space available

\$210.00 per person/dbl occupancy. Trip includes 4 nights lodging at the Columbine Inn (2 dbl queens per room) and a welcome party. Lift tickets extra. Great trip for families!

Trip Captain: Sally Hammond (402) 493-6056

Payments: \$50.00 due Sep 28, \$50 due Oct 28, \$50 due Nov 28, \$60 due Dec 28

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**Whitefish Resort @ Big Mountain MT (Mar 12-19, 2008)**

Full, waiting list started

\$991.00 per person with airfare (\$930 if signed up before Oct 26) \$530.00 per person ground/dbl occupancy. Trip includes 7 days lodging at the Morning Eagle Condos (2 bed/2 bath, ski-in/ski-out, complete with hot tub and pool on the roof overlooking the mountain), airfare to Kalispell, ground transfers, 5 day lift tickets and a welcome party. Let's explore a new resort!

Trip Captain: Teri Hammon (402) 571-4517

Payments: \$150.00 due Sep 28, \$270 due Oct 28, \$300 due Nov 28, remainder due Dec 28.

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**Breckenridge CO (Chicago Metro Ski Week) (Mar 29-Apr 5)**

Space available

\$825 per person/dbl occupancy. Join the Chicago Metro Ski Association members for a fun filled week at Breckenridge. Trip includes 7 nights lodging (condos), 6 day lift tickets (the group plans on having option of one day at Vail, one day at Keystone). Chicago week activities including a welcome reception, après-ski party, 2 races, mountain barbeque and final night awards dinner/party. It is a great way to have fun and meet new people!

Trip Captain: Ben Novograd (402) 291-5704

Payments: \$150.00 due Sep 28, \$300 due Oct 28, \$200 due Nov 28, \$175 due Dec 28

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**All prices stated above are subject to change or cancellation if participation is not adequate.** The Omaha Ski Club is able to offer our members great trips because of the member participation. Please support your Club.

**For information on any of the above trips, please contact the trip captain or:**

**Teri Hammon**

**Vice President of Trips**

**Omaha Ski Club**

**(402) 571-4517**

[vp-trips@omahaskiclub.org](mailto:vp-trips@omahaskiclub.org)

SEND YOUR DEPOSIT AND A COPY OF THE TRIP APPLICATION TO:

OMAHA SKI CLUB TRIPS

P.O. BOX 3104

OMAHA NE 68103-0104

## Copper Mountain 2007

The first planned club trip this year was to Copper Mountain. Early season snowfall was not very good as of Thanksgiving. But the snows started about a week before our trip was to leave. Another storm arrived just as we were heading out. Those who left early were able to get to Denver without any problems. My group of Teri, Sean and myself had the enjoyment of driving for eleven and a half hours to Denver in every imaginable kind of weather. First rain, then freezing rain, followed by snow and then blowing snow. People we met along the way kept telling us it was better to the West. Not sure what West they were talking about, as we never were able to get out of the bad weather. We eventually arrived in Copper later in the day to find fresh powder everywhere. We anticipated great skiing in the following days.



There were eight club members signed up for this trip. Steve C. being the first to arrive. He rode the train to Denver and then the shuttle up to Copper. Pat C and El S. arrived next. We found Pat in the village and after procuring our lift tickets we stopped at "Jack's" to check out the Après ski for the day. The midweek crowd was non-existent. No lift lines at all until Saturday. Ben arrived later in the day after fighting the same storm as we did; only he chose to do it during the day instead of at night. Not much better from his description. Mark S was due in from C Springs the

following night. But work duties changed his plans somewhat. Mark only skied one day and was then called back to work. But he was due back on Sunday and he and Ben were going to continue skiing for a couple of more days.



Thursday and Friday were great ski days. No crowds, no lift lines and lots of fresh powder to play in. About 70 percent of the mountain was open which gave us plenty of places to play for our group of avid skiers. Problem was it was the first trip of the year and none of us had our ski legs yet. Mountain took its toll the first couple of days. Some interesting falls for everyone. I think the most exciting one I witnessed was by El.

He caught an edge in some moderate powder and did the rag doll flop down the hill. Three or four flips and a spin or two and he came up smiling. After we collected all his gear, (major garage sale) he decided to find a less aggressive run to play on. I'll give El this much. He hung with us pretty good for an old dog!!! We all salute you for your effort.





The weekend brought the crowds, although not as large as we expected. Probably due to the fact that it was really cold and the wind had picked up. The condos were nice and close to the village. The walk to the hot tub was a bit chilly, but most of us were dressed appropriately. The group got together nightly for Après ski drinks at Jacks and then regrouped for dinner later each night.



Friday and Saturday we were entertained at Jacks by the group “Lefty Lucy”. Lucy dubbed us the

rowdy group. I guess it was because we were having such a fun time. As trips go, everyone survived with no major injuries to report. The drive home was uneventful for most of us. Steve’s ride home on the train was a little bit more exciting. The train derailed out near Gretna and was delayed arriving by 6 or 7 hours. That ended the first trip of the year.



But the snow has continued to fall and the rest of the season promises to have some of the best skiing we’ve had in a long time.

Pat McCall, trip captain



# Monarch 2007

## Happy New Year!



A group of nine members of the Omaha Ski Club made yet another grueling trip through snow, wind and slush to ski at Monarch Colorado. It proved to be worth the drive. Monarch ski area hasn't changed much since we visited last a few years ago and the "newly renovated" Monarch Mountain Lodge remained the same as I remember. I asked about the renovations that were done and I was told that they had replaced all the shower heads and replaced the light bulbs with fluorescent bulbs. They did have really HOT water, both in the showers and the two hot tubs. The third hot tub was apparently being renovated. We also did our own housekeeping, must have been part of the

renovation also. Overall the lodging was adequate and we were able to have dinner at the lodge. (Some of you will remember that night that everything was closed).

Some of the group skied on Friday, while others were making their way to Monarch due to the snow storm. It was very cold and crisp with soft fresh powder...ahhhh. Each evening, Mother Nature blanketed the mountain in powder. On Sunday, we skied in the trees, in untracked powder all day until our legs would not allow us to make another run. Sean and Teri almost made it to the last lift.



Friday evening we went to Salida for dinner at the Butcher's Block. The elk medallions were delicious. The portions were small and we needed a small dessert to finish the perfect meal.



Sean was in need of real food, the kind you find at McDonalds. McFlurries are always good no matter how freezing cold it is outside!



New Year's Eve, we celebrated Cynde's birthday. Several of our group had the buffet Mexican dinner. Cynde treated us to snow cream. The batch that resulted was enough to share with the staff and the large church group from Birmingham AL. The children loved sharing the snow cream. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Cynde once again. Thanks for the treat Cynde!



Following dinner, we were entertained by Bruce Hayes, a talented "one-man-band". It was a small party, but quite interesting. The dancing was unique to the area. We may have learned a few new steps in the process.



2007 ended, we raised our champagne glasses to toast in the New Year. Here's to health, happiness, good friends, family, fresh powder and many more days of skiing!



The next morning, we woke to 15 inches of fresh powder on the mountain. It was fresh, very wind blown, high moisture and packed, fresh powder. Many of us were stopped in our tracks doing face plants. By 11:30 AM it was “beer thirty” and we had enough. We enjoyed the hot tub and a rest. Getting to bed after midnight the night before takes its toll on us young folks.

After a light breakfast, we headed North past Copper Mtn, through the Eisenhower Tunnel and northeast on I-76 under a clear, sunny sky. Welcome 2008. Goodbye Mountains....until Steamboat.

Teri Hammon  
Trip Captain