



March 2010 Update

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One Trip Left

The Schweitzer, Winter Park and Crested Butte trips have been completed. The Park City trip leaves this Saturday. Information about the Park City trip is on page 3.

Two Board Positions to Be Filled at this May's Election

The terms of two of our board members, Ben Novograd and Jim Tills, expire at the end of May. This leaves two board positions to be filled at this May's election. Any current member can run for a board position; anyone interested should contact one of two people:

our president, Phil Bintz, at 630-4753 (president@omahaskiclub.org)
or our secretary, Ben Novograd at 291-5704 (secretary@omahaskiclub.org)
right away. The club bylaws require us to prepare and distribute the election ballots to current members by two weeks before the election party; to do this, we need candidate information by April 20th.

Volunteer Needed for FSA Race Representative

Our current Flatland Ski Association (FSA) race representative, Phil Bintz, is taking over the FSA activity director position in two months, and can't still also be the club's race representative. So, we'll need a volunteer to replace him. The club's FSA race representative represents us at a June FSA race committee meeting in Kansas and also attends FSA meetings and distributes racing bibs during the annual FSA ski trip.

March 20th (Saturday) to March 27th (Saturday) Park City Trip

This trip is closed. See page 3 for details

March 30th (Tuesday) Social Gathering

Park City Post-Trip Party

6:30 p.m. – Senor Matias, 90th and Arbor St

A little north of 90th and Center St.

Everyone welcome.

April 5th (Monday) Board Meeting

7 p.m. – Brazen Head Irish Pub, 319 N. 78th St

On 78th St between Dodge and Cass St.

All members welcome.

April 25th (Sunday) Roller Skating

1 p.m. to 5 pm. – Skatedaze, 132nd and B St.

On 132nd St between West Center Rd and L St.

Admission \$6.00, quad or inline skate rental \$3.50.

Everyone welcome.

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**April 30th (Friday) Social Gathering
6 p.m. – Ozone Lounge, 72nd and F St**

A little north of 90th and Center St.
Everyone welcome.

**May 4th (Tuesday) Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. – McKenna's Blues Booze and BBQ**

7425 Pacific St, near 74th and Pacific St.
All members welcome.

**May 16th (Sunday) Election Party
4 p.m. – Tills residence, Ft Calhoun**

The food will have a baseball theme; the main course will be provided.
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
RSVP to yp-activities@omahaskiclub.org
All members welcome.

**June 1st (Tuesday) Board Meeting
6:30 p.m. – Jimi D's, 6303 Center St**

Near 63rd and Center St. All members welcome.

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Chicago Week @ Park City UT (March 20-27, 2010)

Fly-Out Trip

Closed

\$1230.00 per person

\$875.00 per person without round trip airfare

Join the Omaha Ski Club and the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC) as they host the annual CMSC Week to Park City Utah. The trip includes:

- Lift-tickets for 5 days of skiing/snowboarding (2 days at Park City, 2 days at Canyons and 1 day at Deer Valley) Optional 6th day ticket available. Cost depends on which resort chosen.
- 7 nights of lodging at The Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center. These are newly remodeled hotel rooms (2 queen beds/room). The Yarrow will be where most of the activities take place. The Yarrow has an outdoor pool/hot tub, complimentary high-speed internet, mini-fridge, daily breakfast, and is ½ mile to Main Street, across the parking lot to the grocery store and it is also on the free shuttle route.
- Round trip airfare from Omaha
- Ground transfers
- Welcome Breakfast
- Welcome Reception
- Après ski parties
- Racing opportunities for anyone who wishes to participate (but it's fun to experience racing without being pressured to win!)
- Mountain Picnic
- Banquet Dance
- Trip Insurance included in the price!

The 3 Resorts offer terrain for all levels of skiing/snowboarding. There are also opportunities to take lessons at each of the resorts if needed (not included in trip pricing)

Trip Captain: Mary Soar

Phone: 402-515-1686

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Payment Schedule:
9-27-09 \$100.00 deposit
10-27-09 \$250.00
11-28-09 \$250.00
12-28-09 \$250.00
1-28-2010 \$380.00
Checks made out to the Omaha Ski Club

Everyone is required to be a member of the Omaha Ski Club. If you are not a member of the club, please fill out a membership application and return it to the address below with your membership fee. New members are WELCOME!

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 trip, please contact the trip captain or:

Teri Hammon

Vice President of Trips

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SEND YOUR DEPOSIT AND A COPY OF THE TRIP APPLICATION FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

(WWW.OMAHASKICLUB.ORG) TO:

OMAHA SKI CLUB TRIPS

P.O. BOX 3104

OMAHA NE 68103-0104

Zermatt 2010

Three OSC members, Mark, Jim and Ben, participated in this season's Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC) Europe ski trip to Zermatt Switzerland, from Friday, January 15th to Sunday, January 24th. Zermatt is in southern Switzerland (red star on map at right) near the Italian border, and is interconnected with several ski areas in Italy. We spent six days skiing, on the 17th through the 22nd; the 15th, 16th, 23rd and 24th were travel days. CMSC is a group of over 70 ski clubs; 29 of their people, including the three OSC skiers, were on the trip.



Getting to Zermatt was a time-consuming day and a half grind; we took three flights and a 4-hour bus ride, followed by a 15 minute train ride and a 15 minute taxi ride to the hotel. Ben and Jim began the process with a one-hour flight from Omaha to Chicago's O'Hare airport; Mark's initial flight departed from Denver. Once at O'Hare, we picked up our luggage, did a bag drag from the domestic to the international terminal, then checked in again at Air France. We then got on 2 more flights; an 8-hour flight from Chicago to Paris and a one and a half-hour connecting flight from Paris to Zurich, which was followed by a 4-hour bus ride to the train station in Tasch, a short train ride to the station in Zermatt, and an electric-powered taxi ride to the hotel (picture at left); most gas-powered vehicles aren't allowed in Zermatt, so the bus couldn't get us all the way there. Along the way, we shifted time zones; the time zone in Switzerland is 7 hours ahead of Omaha and 8 hours ahead of Colorado. We arrived early enough in the evening to eat dinner at the hotel.

We skied three days in the Zermatt area proper and spent the other three days in Zermatt and the Italian areas (Valtoubrenche and Cervinia) across the border.

We were able to do this because Zermatt has an interconnected system of lifts and trails with the



Italian ski areas. We spent most of the time skiing with a group of about 8 experienced people who were advanced skiers and had been to the area before. All the 29 people on the trip are shown at left in a group picture.



We began our first skiing day, Sunday the 17th, with a walk and bus ride to the Gornergratbahn cog railway, which took us several thousand feet up to one of Zermatt's summit areas. We spent the rest of the day exploring various trails in the Gornergrat and Riffelberg areas of Zermatt. That night, and every following night, we had dinner at the hotel; it was included in the price of the trip. Breakfast at the hotel was also included.



The following day, Monday the 18th, we took the gondola from the Klein Matterhorn base and went over the Klein Matterhorn ridge to the Italian areas of Valtouranche and Cervinia. This odyssey took several hours each way, and required the use of about a dozen lifts, many miles of trails, and over 7,000 feet of vertical ascent and descent. On this day, and several others, we skied over 20,000 feet of total vertical and viewed some impressive scenery. The weather was clear and dry. We finished the day with a wine and cheese party at the hotel. Our group of 29 people used up 26 bottles of wine – a good time was had by all.

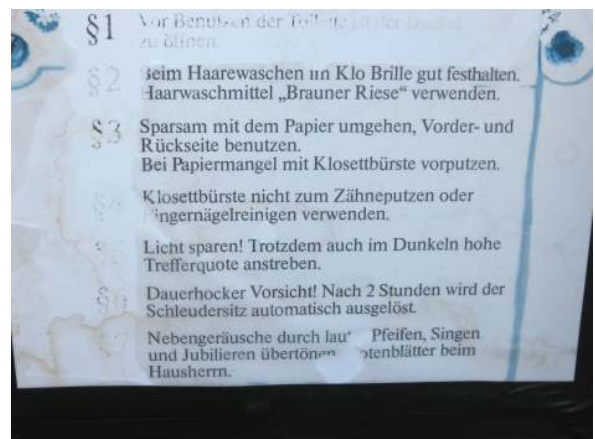
Good weather continued on Tuesday, the 19th. We repeated our exploration of the Italian ski areas, this time with a larger group. Skiing from one country (Switzerland) to another (Italy) and back in one day is a unique experience. The currency, language and atmosphere in the on-mountain restaurants all change – Swiss francs to euros, German to Italian and quiet to animated. Even the toilets are different; it's better to visit the restrooms on the Swiss side. The scenery continued to be spectacular (that's the Matterhorn on the right).



Wednesday, the 20th, was our one semi-cloudy non-bluebird skiing day. In response to the changing weather, we skied closer to the town of Zermatt, using the Sunnegga underground train (an interesting experience; the individual train cars are built at a 30 degree angle and the entire train runs up a 30 degree inclined tunnel) to access the Rothorn summit area. We visited two local on mountain

restaurants. One had a feeder for the local deer; the other had a unique set of instructions on how to use the toilet. Translated from German, they read as follows:

1. Before using the toilet, open the lid.
2. When washing your hair in the toilet, hold on tight to your glasses. Use the "brown giant" shampoo.



3. Use the toilet paper sparingly, including the front and back sides. If the paper is low, polish yourself with the toilet brush first.
4. Don't use the toilet brush to brush your teeth or clean your fingernails.
5. Try to aim properly in low-light conditions.
6. Squatters beware! The ejection seat releases automatically after two hours.
- 7 Whistling, cheering and singing on the toilet will bother the owner.

Later in the day, we also encountered (and one of our group actually used) a ski jump with a large air-filled rubber bladder landing area. Good way to try aerials without getting injured.

We finished the day with a "glühwein" (hot fortified wine) party at the hotel. Another excellent occasion.



The clear and dry "bluebird day" weather returned on Thursday, the 21st. Jim had to depart for Omaha early that morning due to work commitments; Mark and Ben were able to continue skiing. We accompanied most of our group up the



Klein Matterhorn gondola to the Schwarzsee summit area on the Swiss side, and explored a wide variety of trails, including two narrow advanced-level bump runs. We visited a wide variety of on-mountain huts and restaurants.



Our last skiing day was Friday, the 22nd. We took advantage of the continued excellent weather to cross over to the Italian side and explore Valtourenche and Cervinia one last time. We ended the skiing day by visiting an igloo village (complete with hotel rooms, bar, grill, and souvenir stand) on the way back to Zermatt.

We left Zermatt early Saturday morning on the 23rd, using a short train ride to Tasch and a 4-hour bus ride to Zurich. Ben and 13 other people then stayed overnight at a hotel near the Zurich airport, and flew back to the U.S. the next day. Mark left Zurich by train on the 23rd with the other 13 people to go to Munich, Germany for a two-day non-skiing extension of the trip. Both of us made it back in one piece; Ben on the 24th and Mark several days later. An excellent trip!



Crested Butte Trip



Members from the Omaha area set their alarm clocks for 4:00 AM so we could be on the road by 5:00. We hit the highway, set the cruise controls and started our 12 hour drive.

When we reached Fort Morgan Colorado we stopped at Memories restaurant for lunch. Two carloads reached the lunch spot within 15 minutes of each other. Home cooking and home made pie! When you're on vacation you can have pie for lunch.

Almost all ski club members arrived about the same time that evening and we got settled in to our condos. We had a wonderful surprise Korean dinner that night that Kim Lee cooked for us. Everyone was scraping their plates. Delicious!



Wednesday morning we hit the Red Lady Express Lift (very fitting for the ladies in red) and sampled some runs as soon as they opened. We found lots to choose from because the area had been getting plenty of snow the week before we got there.

On Wednesday evening we had our Tropical Evening dinner.

Members came dressed in Hawaiian shirts, flowery dresses, leis and sunglasses. With steel drums playing we relaxed and enjoyed our pig roast dinner. We played a few games after dinner.





All were good sports and participated. Kim was our grand prize winner.

Since there had been so much snow there were some pretty scary (black double diamond) runs open and we found one by accident. (Someone was SURE there was a blue run at the top of the T Bar). We re-named "Headwall/Big Chute" area the "Run from Hell".

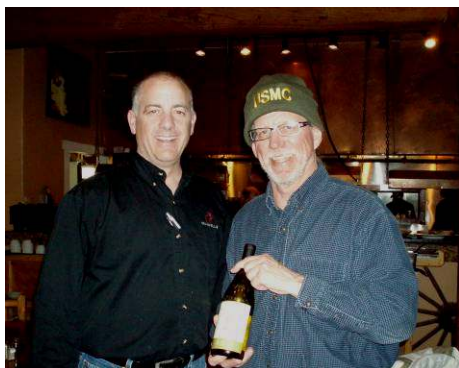
"The Run from Hell" was not only steep but treed. Not a few trees. Lots of them. With the help of other ski club members we all made it with no major crashes.



The views were breathtaking and the skiing was really good despite the "run from hell". Even that wasn't so bad...some had experienced their first double black experience. Later that day, we stopped for a moment to play in the igloo as we were searching for hats at the patrol shacks.



There were wonderful shops in town - A brewpub with great sweet potato fries - Restaurants with delicious choices - Cool shops with items you can't find everywhere.



A fellow Marine, Peter Maxwell, owner of Maxwell's, presented Dave B with a complimentary bottle of wine at one of our dinners. "Semper Fi"

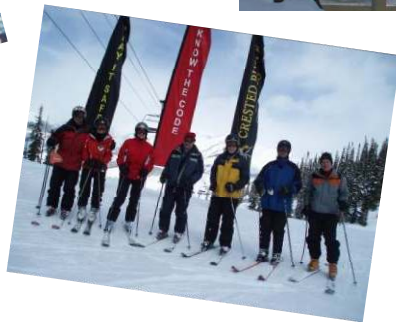
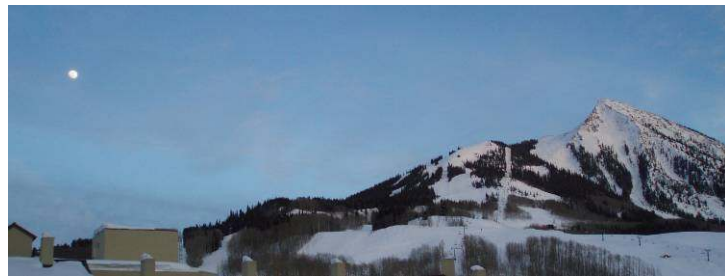


I discovered a few things on this trip:

The Paradise run is truly Paradise. Stay away from the Banana Funnel, Peel, Upper Peel and Rambo... except you, Mark, you crazy man. A hot tub feels really good after a day of skiing hard. And last but not least - Look at the trail map before you get on the T bar.

Back in Nebraska that evening we were welcomed home with a full, orange snow moon. It's nice to be home.

Mary Soar
Trip Captain



**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2009 – MAY 2010**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW ____ RENEWAL ____
Through September 30, 2009: FAMILY \$25 ____ SINGLE \$22 ____
After September 30, 2009: FAMILY \$30 ____ SINGLE \$27 ____

MEMBER INFORMATION - - - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Alternate Phone: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

Check this box if you are 21 years or older. For family membership, list all dependent minors on back of application.

If new member, how did you hear about the club? _____

Ski/Snowboard destinations you're interested in: _____

Activities you're interested in: Biking ____ Bowling ____ Dinners ____ Other _____
(please list)

Other Interests: (please list) _____

NOTE: BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION I RELIEVE THE OMAHA SKI CLUB, INC. (OSC) OF ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCIDENT OR INJURY I INCUR WHILE PARTICIPATING IN ANY OSC ACTIVITIES. I ALSO CERTIFY THAT I AM OF LEGAL DRINKING AGE IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.

SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____
(Must be signed and dated)

[OSC USE ONLY] MEMBERSHIP NO. _____ BD. _____ TR. _____ NL. _____

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