



September 2011 Update

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Four Trips for the 2011-2012 Season

December 14-18 – Copper Mountain, Colorado – drive out
January 4-8 – Vail, Colorado – drive out
January 25-29 – Crested Butte, Colorado – drive out
March 21-28 – Banff, Alberta, Canada – fly out
See the trip article and flyers on pages 4 through 7 of this newsletter for details.

September 25th (Sunday) 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Trip Signup Party

Fox and Hound, 506 N 120th St

In the shopping mall NW of 120th and Dodge St.
Everyone welcome.

October 4th (Tuesday) 7 p.m.

Board Meeting

Brazen Head Irish Pub, 319 N 78th St

On the east side of 78th St, in the mall between Dodge and Cass St.
All members welcome.

October 15th (Saturday) 4 p.m.

Potluck BBQ party at Lake Manawa

Lake Manawa Sailing Association. 812 Commanche St Council Bluffs

Richard and Judy Gray have invited us to the Lake Manawa Sailing Association area beginning at 4 pm. We will have a sheltered picnic area. BBQ grills will be available. Ice and paper products will be furnished. Bring your own meat, drinks and a side dish to share for a potluck dinner around 6:30 pm. Boating, swimming, visiting or volleyball are possible activities. Directions: Take I-80 east to Council Bluffs, exit 3 (Lake Manawa) then go right (south) a little over one mile on the South Expressway which becomes Piute St, and then right (west) 1/4 mile on Commanche St. All members welcome.

October 18th (Tuesday) 7 p.m.

Korean Dinner

Korea King, 4719 S 96th St

On 96th St a little S of L St. Everyone welcome.

November 1st (Tuesday) 7 p.m.

Board Meeting

Wohlner's Grocery and Deli, 2289 S 67th St

In the Aksarben Village area. All members welcome.

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**November 14th (Monday) 6:30 p.m.
Monday Night Dinner, Margaritas and Football Gathering
Rojas Mexican Grill and Margarita Bar, 1212 Harney St**

In the Old Market area. Margaritas are \$1.99 on Monday evening. Roja's will validate parking at the Landmark parking lot next door after eating and after 4 pm. Please request parking validation at the time of seating. RSVP is requested to El Siebert at elsiebert@cox.net or 402-453-9088. Everyone welcome.

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New and Renewal Members

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

Phil Bintz
David and Nancy Burden
Allan Cleveland
Pat Connelly
Ellen Forster
Richard and Judy Gray
Kim Lee
Ben Novograd

Andy Rabick
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President's Letter

Hi folks,

The 2011-2012 ski season begins. The Omaha Ski Club has been fortunate these last few years to retain many of their members and gain a few new members along the way. Last year we completed five trips to Copper Mtn, Telluride, Steamboat, Durango/Wolf Creek and Jackson Hole. We have had "exotic dinners" at some of the Omaha area establishments and have had monthly Board meetings. During the summer, we have been busy planning trips to offer our members. This year we start at Copper Mtn followed by Vail. We then join with FSA for the Crested Butte Trip followed by our premier week-long trip to Banff and Lake Louise Canada. We are able to offer these trips and get discounted tickets/lodging only when our members sign-up to go with us. Most areas offer "group" pricing to groups of 20 or more. It is hard to plan for the trip with 20 and not have the numbers. The club loses money when we have to then pay for the difference between a group and individual pricing. We may plan to offer another trip in mid February if the membership numbers are adequate on the other four offerings. If you have any suggestions, let Teri know so she can plan the trip!

This summer, with the water as high as it was, has me wondering what the snow will be like next winter. "Will there be as much snow this ski season?" It's been a long time since I skied as many days on powder as I did last season. I had new snow on every trip that I went on. The most was at Jackson Hole. When we were there last season, they had received their 530th inch of snow. With that in mind I think that everyone should sign up for at least one trip because I think this will be another good season!

Phil Bintz
President
Omaha Ski Club

Trips 2011-2012

Pssst....guess what? It's TIME to get ready for ski season!!!

The first day of Fall is here and the sign-up party is **this Sunday September 25th at the Fox and Hound** at 5 PM. Come join us as we decide which of the trips we want to join. It seems like I just put my skis away. If you are like most of us, you need the extra time to find your gear and figure out what you might need to repair or replace. The first trip is the most difficult to prepare for.

This year we have four trips to offer. The early season trip in December will take us to **Copper Mountain**. This is a relatively inexpensive trip for those who want to try their legs and practice some turns.

In early January we will return to **Vail** where we will be staying at the Evergreen Lodge, walking distance to the slopes. In order to make this trip work, we need 20 participants for group lift tickets otherwise each of us will need to purchase our own lifts on-line prior to the trip. Check with Phil Bintz before getting your tickets. We will try to get the best pricing if we get enough interested participants.

The Flatlands Ski Association will be at **Crested Butte** this year. We will be at the Woodcreek condos located at the base. This trip offers lodging, 4 days of lifts and activities as well as racing opportunities for all levels. This year our rooming lists are due 30 days prior to the trip and the club will receive penalties if this is altered, so as I say each year, "SIGN UP EARLY!"

Mid-March is our premier trip to **Banff/Lake Louise**, Alberta, Canada. We will fly out of Omaha for a week in the majestic Canadian Rockies. We offer lodging at the beautiful Fairmont properties and a 5 day lift ticket to all three resorts. The trip includes all transportation, transfers, lifts and lodging. Come join us in Canada! A passport is required and sign-up deadline is January 28th.

We may try to offer a mid-February trip. If anyone has any suggestions, send me an email.

Come join us at the Signup Party and pick up more information about the trips.

**** NEW****This year we are offering each member that signs up for a trip, a free pole flag or a leg band with a zippered compartment. You can chose which option you would like. If you wish to purchase either of these items, they are being offered for \$5 each. These items have the old Omaha Ski Club logo in white and the background is royal blue.

Hope to see you on Sunday!

Got skis, gotta go!

Teri Hammon

Vice President Trips

**Copper Mountain, CO
December 14-18, 2011
Drive-Out Trip
16 Spots available
\$255 plus lifts**

Join the Omaha Ski Club for an early season trip to Copper Mtn. Time to check your gear and get your ski legs for the season. This trip includes:

- 4 nights of lodging at the Fox Pine Condos located at the base of the Super Bee lift. These 2 and 3+ bedroom condos offer a variety of sleeping options, hot tub on premises and garage parking.
- Welcome Party
- Lift tickets additional (Check with your trip captain before purchasing lift tickets for Four Pass options and friends and family ticket availability with our season pass holders. Minimum cost per day for lifts would be \$69)

This is a great opportunity to take a lesson or just hang out with your friends.

Trip Captain: Ben Novograd

(Home) 402 291-5704

(cell) 402 212-4274

(email) benjaminnovograd@cox.net

Payment Schedule:

At sign-up \$50.00 deposit

10-25-11 \$100.00

11-25-11 \$105.00 + lifts

**Checks made out to the
Omaha Ski Club**

**Vail, CO (Jan 4-8, 2012)
Drive-Out Trip
20 spots available
\$335.00 per person plus lift tickets TBA**

The Omaha Ski Club will be going to Vail, Colorado. The trip includes:

- 4 nights of lodging at the Evergreen Lodge located walking distance to the lifts between Vail Village and Lionshead. These lodge rooms feature two queen beds per room, coffee makers and mini refrigerators. On premises there is an outdoor heated pool, indoor hot tub, free parking one vehicle per room, free ski storage and wireless access in lobby.
- Welcome Party
- Free town shuttle from the Lodge
- Lift tickets to be purchased separately by participant unless there are 20+ signups. Check with your trip captain BEFORE purchasing a lift ticket.

Vail has terrain for all levels of skiing/snowboarding. There are also opportunities to take lessons at the resort if needed. (Cost not included in trip pricing)

Trip Captain: Phil Bintz

(Home) 712 4832668

(Cell) 402 630-4753

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Payment Schedule:

At sign-up \$50.00 deposit

10-25-11 \$100.00

11-25-11 \$150.00

12-25-11 \$35.00 + lifts

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(WWW.OMAHASKICLUB.ORG) TO:

OMAHA SKI CLUB TRIPS

P.O. BOX 3104

OMAHA NE 68103-0104

Crested Butte, CO (Jan 25-29, 2012)

**Drive-Out Trip
32 spots available
\$440.00 per person**

The Omaha Ski Club and the Flatlands Ski Association (FSA) annual FSA Trip will be going to Crested Butte, Colorado. The trip includes:

- 4 day lift tickets (Wed 25, Thur 26, Fri 27, Sat 28) If not skiing on 1/25 this can also be used for Sunday 29th. It is a 4 of 5 day lift ticket. Additional days are available if purchased with trip package.
- 4 nights of lodging in 2BD/2BR condos at the Woodcreek Condos located at the base and are walking distance to the lifts. These condos feature outdoor hot tubs and free parking. We will all be located in the same condo complex. (If you plan to arrive a day early, check with the trip leader if an additional condo is available. (Additional cost TBA) Check in @ 4PM check out @ 10 AM.
- FSA Welcome Party
- Awards Banquet on Saturday
- Racing opportunities for anyone who wishes to participate
- Après ski parties

Crested Butte has terrain for all levels of skiing/snowboarding. There are also opportunities to take lessons at the resort if needed. (Cost not included in trip pricing)

Trip Captain: Dave Burden

(Cell) 712 527-0740

Email: dbburd@mchsi.com

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!

<p>Payment Schedule: At sign-up \$50.00 deposit 10-25-11 \$150.00 11-25-11 \$150.00 12-25-11 \$90.00 Checks made out to the Omaha Ski Club</p>

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

Omaha Ski Club

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Banff/Lake Louise Canada

March 21-28, 2012 *note date change*

Fly-out trip (Passport required)

26 SPOTS AVAILABLE

\$1670 per person based on double occupancy (subject to change based on exchange rate)

FINAL SIGN-UP DATE IS JANUARY 28, 2012

Join us as we travel to Canada for a week long stay in the Canadian Rockies. We are staying at the Fairmont properties with the beautiful views, hot tubs and outdoor hot springs pool, concierge and shuttles to all three ski areas. Each hotel property has on site ski shops for rentals (optional) and overnight storage.

This trip includes:

- Round trip air (Delta) from Omaha to Calgary
- Round trip airport transfers
- 3 nights lodging at the beautiful Chateau Lake Louise
- 4 nights lodging at the Banff Springs Hotel
- 5 day tri area lift ticket (Optional 6th day cost is \$79)
- Welcome reception at each hotel
- Baggage transfers between hotels
- Club welcome reception
- Trip insurance is available (*optional*) *highly recommended*
- Internet access (for additional fee)
- Deduct \$300 for no lift tickets if your spouse/significant other would like to join you

Payment Schedule: At sign-up \$150.00 deposit 10-25-11 \$150.00 11-25-11 \$500.00 12-25-11 \$300.00 01-25-12 \$570.00 Checks made out to the Omaha Ski Club
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*****This is a fly-out trip-Fill out your trip application with your name as it is listed on your photo ID and your complete date of birth. This is REQUIRED.**

Trip Captain: Teri Hammon

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Email: dragonsrock@cox.net

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Telluride Trip - February 26 to March 5, 2011



Eight members of the Omaha Ski Club took the long drive to Telluride CO. Pat Connelly, Phil Bintz, Dave Burden, Andy Rabick, Ben Novograd and Teri Hammon left late Friday night and arrived in Telluride around 1 PM. We met with some snow over Vail Pass but arrived without incident. Mark Storz joined up with the group on Tuesday due to prior commitments and Bill Berger, from Chicago who flew out, also joined us in Telluride. We checked into the Etta Place and Black Diamond condos at the base

of the Coonskin lift. Both condo complexes were nice, although we had many stairs to climb at Etta Place. The lift was a short walk from the back door and we were able to ski in at the end of the day. After unpacking and getting settled, we walked around town in search of places to have lunch. We stopped at the Brown Dog for delicious burgers and drinks. Later that evening, we found a quaint bar/restaurant named Llama where we sat in couches, had dinner and listened to live music. It was a nice, relaxing end to this day.

Sunday, we fixed breakfast for everyone, started the dishwasher and were off to the slopes. We gathered at the top of Coonskin lift for a guided tour of Telluride. There was an entirely new area opened since the club was here in 2001. Our mountain host Patrick showed us the area and entertained us until lunch at the Gorrano Ranch. After lunch, we found



our own favorite areas to explore. At the end of the day, we skied the long cat track back to the condos. Later in the week, we found an easier way back. We relaxed in the hot tub. It was small but the water was very warm. That evening, we took the gondola to the Mountain Village for the welcome reception at the Telluride Conference Center. We didn't know that we needed to have dinner before we went. There was a fantastic dessert/candy bar, which wasn't too appetizing on an empty stomach. We stayed to socialize awhile then found dinner at Smugglers Brewpub. It was much better than chocolate that night.



Monday we fixed breakfast for everyone then went skiing under bright sunny skies on freshly groomed trails with a soft layer of snow... ahhh. (This was the only day of fresh snow) Lunch was a mountain picnic theme at Gorrano Ranch. The burgers were good. Most entertaining was the bright pink outfit that CMSC trip leader Sue Finis was wearing. After a group photo, we continued to ski the rest of the day. After relaxing in the hot tub, we went to dinner at a Chinese restaurant named Shanghai. It had a nice atmosphere and the prices were reasonable.



On Tuesday we again fixed breakfast for everyone at the condo. It was a bright bluebird day as we headed for the lifts. Polar Queen was a great run in the morning. We took our time and enjoyed looking at the houses along the runs. We enjoyed lunch at Gorrano's and an après ski party at Smugglers Brewpub. We had a great time drinking, eating and socializing until well after dark.



Ben, was that 5 glasses? We staggered to the shuttle and found our way home.



Wednesday started with breakfast at the condo. It was a relaxed day under overcast skies. There were no planned CMSC events this day so we all skied and enjoyed our group. After coming down the Plunge, we stopped at the X-café for après ski. Took the shuttle back to the condos for some hot tub time, and then went downtown in search of a place for dinner. We asked the shuttle driver for suggestions and he pointed out a little Mexican restaurant called Emilio's. It was in the basement of a building on Main Street, kind of hidden except for the sign above the entrance. The food and the margaritas were tasty.

Thursday started with preparing breakfast for everyone. The skies were partly cloudy as we took our first runs down the NASTAR course. We each had two timed runs on the course. Pat almost finished his first run when he fell and injured his shoulder but not bad enough to stop him from skiing. We finally changed our routine and had lunch at Big Billie's. It was a welcome change since we had to end the day with an après ski party at Gorrano Ranch where we enjoyed pulled pork sandwiches and beer. It felt good to relax after a good day of skiing. This theme was continued in the hot tub when we got back to the condos.



By Friday, Bill was an expert at cracking eggs for breakfast. We enjoyed our hot breakfast then skied all day with a bit more fresh falling snow. Lunch was at Gorrano Ranch and the day was complete with the run down the Plunge. We spent a short time in the hot tub



before getting ready for the Farewell party at the Conference Center in Mountain Village. On the gondola ride to the party, we enjoyed a lovely sunset and good company. That evening we had a buffet style dinner. CMSC announced that Chicago Week will be at Steamboat next year February 25th-March 2, 2012.



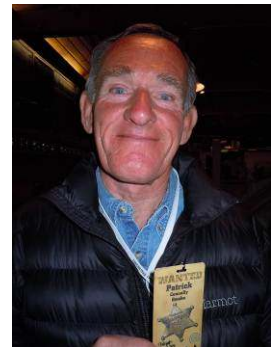
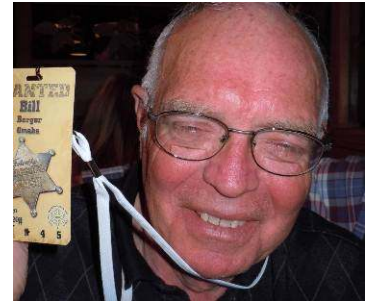
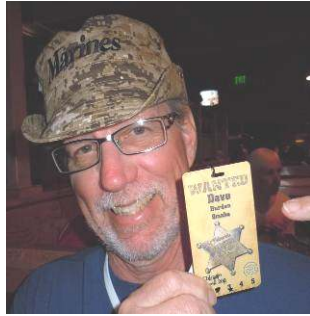
Saturday morning some of us finished off the remaining breakfast food, packed the cars and took off for the long drive home. It was a fun trip even though we had a small group.

Thanks to all for making this a success!



Teri Hammon
Telluride Trip Captain

MOST WANTED



TELLURIDE CO 2011

**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2011 – MAY 2012**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW ____ RENEWAL ____
Through September 30, 2011: FAMILY \$25 ____ SINGLE \$22 ____
After September 30, 2011: 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. _____

Mail to: Omaha Ski Club, P.O. Box 3104, Omaha, NE 68103-0104



TRIP APPLICATION

(Required for each individual on the trip) (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Trip Destination _____ Trip Dates _____

FIRST NAME _____ M.I. _____ LAST NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ SEX _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

HOME PH. _____ WORK PH. _____

E-MAIL _____ CELL PH. _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

I Prefer to Room With _____ OTHER INFO _____

THE OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBER SIGNING THIS APPLICATION AGREES AS FOLLOWS:

The member has read the OSC trip policies on the bottom of this application and understands and agrees to be bound by them as a condition of participation in this trip. The member further agrees that the club, its directors or committee chairmen shall bear no financial responsibility to members in the event of a delayed departure or return of a trip, or for cancellation of a trip except as provided in items 7 through 10 of the trip policies, nor shall they be liable for any bodily injury, property damage, loss of personal property, or death sustained by or caused by any member on a trip. Those individuals causing property damage at the lodges, condos, busses, ski areas, etc. shall bear the full legal and financial responsibility for the damages. It is a condition of membership in the club that any individual shall be deemed to have accepted these responsibilities and limitations of liability as a consideration of joining the club and participating in this trip.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

[osc use only] deposit: amount paid _____ date _____ ck or rcpt no _____

OMAHA SKI CLUB TRIP POLICIES

- 1) Trip captain is the final authority on and during the trip.
- 2) Club members will conduct themselves in a mature manner at all times.
- 3) There will be a \$28.00 charge on any returned check.

TRIP SIGN-UP, DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

- 4) Only members in good standing with dues currently paid to the Omaha Ski Club may sign up for a trip. Children under the age of 19 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on the trip. A trip application for a child under the age of 19 must be signed by a parent or guardian of the child.
- 5) By signing up for a trip a member agrees to pay the Club the full cost of the trip applied for, subject to the provisions for timely cancellation in item 7). Each trip will have its own trip deposit and payment schedule to be set by the trip committee. A deposit is required to sign up for a trip. Failure to meet the payment schedule may result in automatic cancellation from the trip subject to the cancellation fee in item 7).
- 6) When a trip is full the trip captain will start a waiting list. To be placed on the waiting list a member must fill out and sign a trip application and pay the standard deposit for that trip. Waiting list members must meet the payment schedules when moving to the confirmed lists.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

- 7) Unless otherwise listed in individual trip information, cancellations prior to 60 days before the trip departs will result in a cancellation fee of \$50.00; cancellations less than 60 days before the trip departs will result in a cancellation fee of \$100.00 if the trip goes full, or liability for the full cost of the trip if the trip does not go full. Any cancellation fees or penalties may first be deducted from payments the member made for the trip.
- 8) Transferring from the waiting list on one trip to a confirmed list on another trip will be done with no cancellation fee. Refusal to move from the waiting list to the confirmed list will constitute automatic cancellation subject to the cancellation fee in item 7)above.
- 9) If a trip is cancelled by the club, all money paid to the club by a member for that trip will be refunded.
- 10) All members on the waiting list when the trip departs will receive a full refund.
- 11) No refunds will be made until after the trip returns.

BUS TRIPS

- 12) Smoking on buses is prohibited.
- 13) Any time the bus stops en route to its destination, passengers leaving the bus will do so at their own risk.
- 14) The Omaha Ski Club will not provide alcoholic beverages for any bus trip. If any members wish to consume alcoholic beverages on the trip, they can do so at their own expense, and assume all risks and liabilities associated with such consumption.