



April 2012 Update

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Membership Renewal Contest

It's time to sign up for the Omaha Ski Club 2012-2013 membership year. Like last year, we will have a drawing for a \$50 trip voucher for those who submit their application at or before the May 20th election party. Membership applications submitted by mail before that date will also be entered in the drawing. A membership application is included as page 6 of this newsletter.

Ballots to be Sent at the End of April

The ballots for the 2012-2013 Omaha Ski Club board election will be sent via regular first-class mail at the end of April. They can be brought to the May 20th election party or mailed in to: Omaha Ski Club, P.O. Box 3104, Omaha, NE 68103. Members without email will receive their ballots together with this newsletter. Mailed-in ballots need to arrive at the club's P.O. box no later than Friday, May 18th.

May 8th (Tuesday) 7 p.m.

Board Meeting

Brazen Head Irish Pub, 319 N 78th St

In the shopping mall between Dodge and Cass St.
All members welcome.

May 20th (Sunday) 4 p.m.

Election Party

El Siebert's residence, 3215 Belvedere Blvd, Omaha

The club will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs and soda.
Bring a side dish to share and your filled-in ballots. Also bring your membership renewal for 2012-2013 if it hasn't already been mailed in. We'll be putting the membership renewals into a drawing for a \$50 trip credit certificate.
All members welcome.

Directions from downtown Omaha: Take the North Freeway north to 30th St, then take 30th St north to Belvedere Blvd, which is near Kansas Ave, across from Miller Park, then go west (left) all the way up the hill on Belvedere Blvd. It's the ivy-covered house on the left (east, facing downhill) side of the road. It's shown as a white-purple A on the map on the next page.

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**Map showing election party location
(White-purple A) 3215 Belvedere Blvd**



**June 5th (Tuesday) 7 p.m.
Board Meeting
Wohlner's Grocery and Deli, 2287 S 67th St**
All members welcome.

**June 12th (Tuesday) 7 p.m.
Social Gathering
Rick's Café Boatyard, 345 Riverfront Drive**
Everyone welcome.

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Banff/Lake Louise Trip March 21-28, 2012



Seventeen members of the Omaha Ski Club boarded a plane and flew to Calgary with a short layover in Minneapolis. The other two who joined us flew from Phoenix and Denver. We made it through customs and were shuttled to the Chateau Lake Louise. It was a scenic drive from the airport and our driver made a short stop for groceries and refreshments. We arrived and checked in and had to hurry to the welcome party at the

hotel. We were served wine and beer, and had appetizers. We were given information on the hotel, the shuttle buses and the ski area. Later that evening we all went downstairs to the Glacier Saloon. The food was good, but things are a little slower in Canada. It took a while to get our food and the bill. Everyone finished dinner and went to their rooms to rest for a great day of skiing.



Thursday morning, everyone was up and ready to go. The Lake Louise shuttle took us a short 10 minute ride to the ski area. The lodge was impressive with a bar on the upper level, a cafeteria and pizza bar on the main level and the ski shop and rental area on the lower level. In addition, there was an area for people bringing sack lunches and also a dining area for sit

down service. There was a smaller restaurant at the base and two other cafeterias on the mountain. This first day was great. We had fresh powder and the conditions were

wonderful. At least it was better than what we had been skiing in Colorado. They had more snow. It was snowing off and on and the light was okay especially with the trees along the runs. We found areas of untracked powder and soft moguls. We returned



to the hotel and found the hot tub. It was a large hot tub, but didn't have many jets. After the hot tub we took a shuttle bus to the Station Café and Bistro. The food was good unless you ordered the raw chicken and the service

was awful. For those of us who were there, I need not say more. Not recommended for any future trip. This was the second evening of very slow service.



Friday morning, we caught the shuttle back to Lake Louise. We had periods of clouds and sun. We went up the poma to catch a view from the top. It was pretty impressive seeing the glacier, lake and the Chateau Lake Louise across the way. We skied powder and packed powder conditions. Following Mark at the end of the day proved to be challenging. Kim was upside down in the trees and Dave wound up in a tree well with one ski off. Teri was able to practice her ski patrol skills to make sure everyone was down safely. It was the cliff that we came upon



that had me a bit worried. We didn't miss the bus! After the double Hell run as Kim affectionately nicknamed that last run, we got back and went to the hot tub to relax. We needed it

after this day. We then met outside by the lake for a photo of all



of us holding the Omaha World Herald. Ellen will have this sent to the paper to show our group at Lake Louise.

It was a beautiful evening. A portion of the Lake had been smoothed for ice skating. In the center of the area was a large ice sculpture of a castle front. In the doorway, there were roses embedded in the ice. We had to take



several photos of the area. Following the photo session, we walked a short distance to Deer Lodge, a lodge and restaurant next to the Chateau that was independently owned. We had a very nice dinner and the service was very efficient. I would highly recommend this place. They even had homemade ice cream. I want to thank Rich and Judy for helping with dinner suggestions.



Saturday we skied at Lake Louise. The sun was shining and we found some areas that we hadn't skied yet. We had awesome views from the top of the poma. Phil found one of those double blacks that even Ben followed us down. The snow was getting packed and the knees were feeling the stress. We had a great day. That afternoon, we took the shuttle bus back to Banff Springs Hotel. Our luggage had been transported for us during the day. We checked in and went to the hot springs pool that this hotel is known for. It had changed somewhat from when



we visited before. They had done away with the pool side drinks and there were more children playing in the pool. They also didn't allow beer cans around the area. We could bring our plastic bottles though. That evening, we had another welcome party at the hotel with drinks and appetizers. After the party, some of the group went to Ramsey's at the hotel while others went downtown for dinner.



Sunday, a few of us skied at Mt Norquay while others went back to Lake Louise or Sunshine Village. It was a bright sunny day and the snow was good. Norquay is a small area about 15 minutes from Banff. The area had a base area with cafeteria and bar. Mark and Phil checked out the moguls while Ben, Kim and I took it easy. We had an early lunch and took the earlier bus back to the hotel. It was nice to have a relaxing day. We went to the hot tub and pool then walked to town. It was about a mile



to town. It is a scenic walk across the Bow River with the mountains surrounding the town. We shopped a bit and found a nice Chinese restaurant on Main Street called the Silver Dragon. The food was good as was the view of the town from

our table. We had a nice stroll back to the hotel.

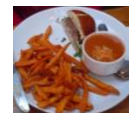


On Monday, we took the bus to Sunshine Village. A gondola took us to the mid-mountain lodge. From mid-mountain, we had several options on where to go. Goat's Eye Mtn. was windy and the snow was wind packed. The Great Divide lift took



us to the top of Lookout Mtn. which was also the boundary of Alberta and British Columbia. The Strawberry and Mt. Standish lifts took us to the top of Mt. Standish. It was unfortunate that the light was so bad. We were above tree line and it was very open and white. It was ski by braille. As long as we had a few trees around, it was a little better visibility. After a challenging day, we went back to relax in the hot springs pool. Later that evening, we

caught the bus downtown for dinner at the Elk & Oarsman. The elk steak was delicious as were the elk and bison burgers. We finished the evening at the Legion for a drink before catching the bus back to the hotel.



On Tuesday, several of us went back to Lake Louise and several returned to Sunshine Village. We skied hard all morning and just had to go back to the rock garden. For lunch, we treated ourselves to the sit down dining at the Northface Bistro at the base. We finished the afternoon on the more gentle slopes. We stopped at the Powder Keg for après ski before returning to Banff Springs and a relaxing time in



the hot tub and pool. That evening, a group of us went downtown to Melissa's Restaurant. Melissa's is the only remaining portion of the original Homestead Hotel complex that was built in 1919. After dinner, we returned to the hotel to pack and get ready for the trip back home.



Wednesday, we were up early and everyone was at the bus with their luggage by 7:30 AM. The bus was packed and all 19 of us were accounted for. We talked the bus driver into a stop at Tim Hortons in Canmore for a quick



breakfast and donuts. Along the way, we stopped to photograph a herd of elk. We arrived at the airport. Again, we encountered a long delay due to the inexperienced Delta employee. It was amazing we all made it to the



gate. Mark was being paged for his flight overhead. We did find out that he made his flight and arrived home safely. Andy also made his flight back to Phoenix. We arrived in Omaha on time. I



was amazed at the green grass, blooming flowers and extremely warm temperatures. It is still March.



I want to thank everyone for a great trip. Everyone helped out to make this a successful trip. It was a good end to the ski season. I look forward to seeing the World Herald edition with our faces. Thanks Ellen for the great idea!

Now grab your bikes, it's time to start riding!

The post trip party will be on April 10th at Granite City by the Westroads. Hope to see you then! Thanks to everyone for making this a great trip!

Teri Hammon
Trip Captain



**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2012 – MAY 2013**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW ____ RENEWAL ____
Through September 30, 2012: FAMILY \$25 ____ SINGLE \$22 ____
After September 30, 2012: 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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