

February 2014 Update

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Two Trips Completed, One Trip Left

Club trips for 2013-14:

December 11-15 – Crested Butte, Colorado – completed

January 26-February 2 – Steamboat, Colorado – completed – see pages 4-7

February 21-28 – Big Sky, Montana – trip full – leaves in a few days

See page 3 of this newsletter for details on the Big Sky trip.

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Upcoming Events

February 16th (Sunday) 5 p.m.

Social Gathering and Big Sky Pre-Trip Party

Clancy's Pub Northwest, 777 N 114th St

On the north side of the Miracle Hills mall, a little NE of 114th and Dodge St.
Everyone welcome.

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February 21st (Friday) to February 28th (Friday)

Big Sky Trip

With the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council.

This trip is full. See the trip flyer on page 3 for details.

March 11th (Tuesday) 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

Wohlner's Grocery and Deli, 2287 S 67th St

On 67th St a little N of Center Rd. All members welcome.

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April 1st (Tuesday) 6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

Wohlner's Grocery and Deli, 2287 S 67th St

On 67th St a little N of Center Rd. All members welcome.

April 9th (Wednesday) 6:30 p.m.

Chinese Dinner

China Buffet, 737 N 114th St.

On the east side of the Miracle Hills mall, a little NE of 114th and Dodge St.
Everyone welcome.

May 6th (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting

Wohlner's Grocery and Deli, 2287 S 67th St

On 67th St a little N of Center Rd. All members welcome.

New Members

The Omaha Ski Club welcomes the following new members:

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Big Sky Montana

February 21-28, 2014

Only 24 spots available with this airfare from Omaha NE

Price subject to change after the initial 24 spots filled

Price: \$1620 full package

\$1385 full package without lift tickets

\$1290 Drive-out (5day lift ticket, no air or transfers)

\$1655 full package + 6th day lift ticket Big Sky (purchased in advance)

All prices increase \$50 after October 15th.

\$1290 +\$84 for airport transfers if you chose to obtain your own air. Must be around time group arrives.

Join the Omaha Ski Club as we team up with the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC) for a great week at Big Sky MT. The cost of the trip includes:

- **7 nights lodging at the Huntley Lodge** (Slope side Mountain Village-Amenities include Free Wi-Fi, 2 queen Boyne Beds per room, Free Parking, Free Ski Storage, HDTVs, Wet Bar, Coffee Maker, Refrigerator, Seating Area, Daily Maid and Room Service, Laundry, Ice and Vending Machines, Outdoor swimming pool, 2 large outdoor hot tubs, workout room, sauna and tennis court.)
 - **Daily hot breakfast buffet included**
 - **5 of 7 day lift ticket at Big Sky.**
 - SENIOR LIFTS—as in recent years, the 5-day CMSC lift ticket is LESS expensive than a senior ticket from Big Sky, so CMSC is not offering senior pricing options
 - **Optional 6th DAY LIFT**—the cost for an additional day at Big Sky (ordered before the final payment) is \$35.
- These prices will NOT be available at the respective ticket windows that week.
- **PRICE WTHOUT LIFTS**— full package price minus \$235.
 - **CMSC welcome party Sunday evening**
 - **CMSC Banquet on Thursday evening**
 - **Après Ski**
 - **Race day (Nastar race just for fun)**
 - **Lunch on the mountain (date TBA)**
 - **Round trip airfare (price of the trip subject to change after the first 24 seats assigned)**



FLIGHT TIMES (tentative): (The bad times are the result of cheap airfare!)

Friday, Feb 21, 2014	FL 437	Depart Omaha 6:51 PM	---Arrive Denver 7:25 PM
	FL 343	Depart Denver 8:59 PM	---Arrive Bozeman 10:36 PM
Friday, Feb 28, 2014	FL 344	Depart Bozeman 7:50 AM	---Arrive Denver 9:21 AM
	FL 434	Depart Denver 10:30 AM	---Arrive Omaha 12:50 PM

(Frontier regular bag fees are now \$20 online, \$25 at airport for 1st bag and \$30 for the second bag.)

- **Airport transfers from Bozeman to Big Sky and return to Bozeman**
- **Trip insurance (optional \$\$ on your own)**

Sign up forms needed include: Membership or reciprocal membership form for Omaha Ski Club, Trip application, Chicago Week Individual Info Sheet and Liability Waiver.

For more information contact: Trip Captains: Phil Bintz
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Payment Schedule:

Due at signing: \$400 + additional lift ticket if option chosen
 October 15, 2013 \$300
 November 15, 2013 \$300
 December 15, 2013 \$300
 January 15, 2013 remaining balance
 Make checks payable to Omaha Ski Club
 P.O. Box 3104
 Omaha, NE 68103-0104

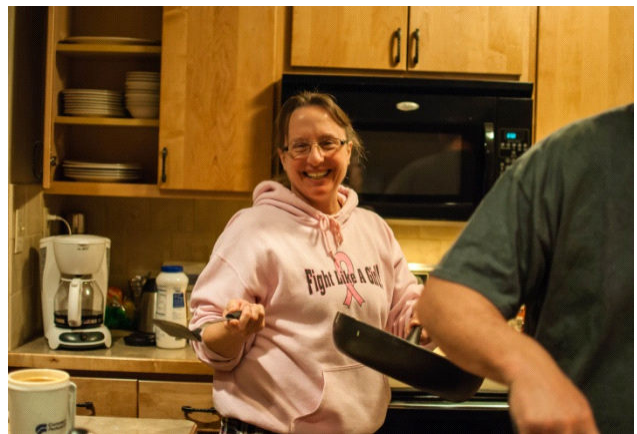
Steamboat, Colorado – January 26 to February 2, 2014

I pulled into the parking lot of The Lodge at Steamboat just before noon on Sunday, January 26th. I had driven up from Frisco where I had just finished five days of skiing at Copper Mountain, all under sunny skies on some great groomed trails. The five days at Copper had been awesome but I was craving some fresh powder now. It was the first day of the extended option the club offered for this year's FSA trip and I think I was one of the first ones to arrive. The forecast for the coming week called for snow almost every day.

The Lodge at Steamboat provided us with very accommodating condos. Condos were spacious with well-equipped modern kitchens. Shuttle service was available to the base, as well as to town. The base was just a couple of blocks away and you could actually ski to within about a block of the condos coming back in.



Shortly after checking in I ran into Pat Connelly and we walked up to the Slopeside Grill where we enjoyed a beverage and took in the afternoon base sites from their outside seating. By the time we returned to the condos other club members had started arriving. We had everyone settled in their condo and preparing for the first ski day by early evening.



As predicted, Monday morning brought some fresh snow and we were on the mountain shortly after a great breakfast prepared by Teri and Phil. Although visibility was not the greatest we had a great day getting reacquainted with Steamboat's slopes. I know we spent some time in Morningside Park and I think some of us did the Shadows and Closets that day. Needless to say I was ready for a cold beer and soak in the hot tub by the time the lifts closed. This was followed by our club welcome party that evening. This was held in the condo clubhouse where we had pizzas delivered with everything on them from elk to boar meat. I think we all had an enjoyable time devouring pizza and discussing the first day's ski adventures.



Tuesday and Wednesday were very similar to Monday conditions- wise. Some fresh snow each day and overcast skies. I took the day off on Wednesday and did some shopping in town. Wednesday was the first official day of the FSA meet so our remaining club members showed up that day.

Thursday was snowshoe race day and we had two four-person teams entered. Due to snow conditions at the time of the race they shortened the course which was a good thing. Overall I think we finished seventh out of the nine clubs which in my opinion is not bad considering a couple of our runners had never even been on snowshoes.



Thursday evening was the FSA Potato/Chili Bar welcome party, followed by a DJ and dancing. It was held at the top of the gondola. As usual Boulevard Brewing Company provided plenty of their beer for the event. Billy the Kidd also was a featured speaker and inspired us to go for the gold in our upcoming NASTAR races. He is always a crowd favorite.



Friday was race day. This year a new rule was put in place requiring all racers to wear helmets. It appeared to me that the races were organized much better than some have been in the past and the process ran much smoother, which meant we did not have to stand around waiting to race for long periods of time. The course seemed a bit more challenging than in the past and I think there were more falls than usual. I'm happy to say I made both my runs without a spill so consider them successful. Teri Hammon was our sole medal winner earning a bronze in the women's race. Congratulations Teri and thanks for keeping us from getting skunked.

Saturday was our last ski day and conditions appeared as they would be very similar to the previous days'. We had several inches of fresh snow and somewhat overcast skies. Once I got off the gondola though and skied down to the Storm Peak Express lift I could tell this was different snow. Much drier and powdery, this snow was the kind that top ten days are made from. We took Storm Peak up to the top and made our way over towards the top of the Sunshine Express. Kim Lee, Pat Connelly, Bill Berger and I made our first run under Sunshine Express in mostly untouched pristine powder. WOW. It was unbelievable and that run will remain etched in my mind for a long time. We continued skiing off the Sunshine lift the rest of the morning finding knee high powder stashes and thoroughly enjoying the best conditions of the trip. At noon we feasted on awesome barbecue sandwiches and baked beans at the On-Mountain Picnic at Bashor Picnic Area. Following lunch Kim and I headed back up to Sunshine Express. By now a lot of the powder on the main runs had been skied down. We did manage to find more though, hitting some of the shorter side runs and skiing in and out of the trees that lined the runs. All in all a great ski day for finishing up the trip.



Saturday night's Western BBQ awards banquet was all it was cracked up to be. Delicious ribs, prime rib, chicken and sides. No one should have gone away from that hungry. A highlight of the evening for me was the awarding of the Judy Cup, an FSA award given for sportsmanship and service. This year's award was presented our Club President, Phil Bintz. Congratulations Phil and thanks for all your service.



Sunday was travel home day and despite some snow packed and slippery road conditions in Rabbit Ears Pass and the highway up to I-80. I'm happy to report we all made it home safe and sound.

A huge THANK YOU to Teri Hammon for her hard work and dedication before, during, and after these trips. There is a lot of behind the scenes work that has to happen to make these trips run smoothly. Teri is constantly working to provide our club the best of services available with the least amount of inconvenience to club members. And she makes great breakfasts.

Dave Burden – Trip Captain

*All pictures I took on the trip can be seen on the Omaha Ski Club's Meetup.com site page. If you're not already a member you should join. It's Free!

**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2013 – MAY 2014**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW ____ RENEWAL ____

FAMILY \$25 ____ (\$30 if paid after September 30th)

SINGLE \$22 ____ (\$27 if paid after September 30th)

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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