



January 2016 Update

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Two Trips Completed, One Trip Left

The club is doing three trips for the 2015-2016 season, as follows:
December 9-13 – Snowmass, CO, drive-out – completed
January 17-24 – Telluride, CO, drive-out – FSA trip – completed
April 9-14 – Snowbird, UT, – CMSC spring fling – flyer on page 5

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Upcoming Events

January 31st (Sunday) 6 p.m.

**Social Gathering and Telluride Post-Trip Party
Clancy's Pub, Pizza and Grill, 7120 Pacific St, Omaha**

On the east side of 72nd St a little N of Pacific St. Everyone welcome.

February 2nd (Tuesday) 7 p.m.

**Board Meeting
Hy-Vee #3, 8809 W Center Rd, Omaha**

On the southeast corner of Center Rd and 90th St. All members welcome.

March 1st (Tuesday) 7 p.m.

**Board Meeting
Hy-Vee #3, 8809 W Center Rd, Omaha**

On the southeast corner of Center Rd and 90th St. All members welcome.

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New Members

The Omaha Ski Club welcomes the following new members:

Joe and Mary Dotzler
Bill Fries and Sherry Potter
Matt Soar

Renewal Members

The Omaha Ski Club welcomes the following renewal members:

Jim Gray

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Zermatt 2016

Two Omaha Ski Club members, Mark and Ben, participated in this season's Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC) Europe ski trip to Zermatt Switzerland, from Friday, January 15th to Saturday, January 23rd. Zermatt is in southern Switzerland (red star on map at right) near the Italian border, and is interconnected with two ski areas in Italy. It's a large ski area with over 7,000 feet of lift-served vertical and 54 lifts of various types. This was our second visit to Zermatt; both of us were also there in 2010 with the CMSC Europe trip. We spent six days skiing, on the 17th through the 22nd; the 15th, 16th and 23rd were travel days. CMSC is a group of over 70 ski clubs; 88 of their people, including the two Omaha Ski Club skiers, were on the trip. The group stayed in two different hotels; we were in the smaller Astoria hotel.



Getting to Zermatt was a time-consuming day and a half grind. Ben began the process with a one-hour flight from Omaha to Chicago's O'Hare airport; Mark's initial flight departed from Colorado Springs. 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 Swiss. We then got on an 8-hour flight from Chicago to Zurich which was followed by a 5-hour bus ride to the train station in Tasch, a short train ride to the station in Zermatt, and a 10-minute walk to the hotel (pictured at left); most gas-powered vehicles aren't allowed in Zermatt, so the bus couldn't get us all the way there. An electric taxi with cart delivered our luggage. 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 five days in Zermatt and spent the sixth day in Zermatt and the Italian areas (Valtournenche 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 experienced people who were advanced skiers and had been to the area before.

We began our first skiing day, Sunday the 17th, with a walk to the Gornergratbahn cog railway, which took us several thousand feet up to one of Zermatt's summits. We spent the rest of the day exploring various trails in the lower Gornergrat area of Zermatt. The weather was cloudy, windy, foggy and very cold, with occasional light snow. 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 saw somewhat milder weather with thin high cloudiness and less wind. We accompanied our group up the Matterhorn Express gondola to the Schwarzsee summit area and explored a wide variety of trails. We visited a wide variety of on-mountain huts and restaurants.





Tuesday, the 19th was variably cloudy in the morning, with fog on the higher peaks, and cleared up in the afternoon. We went up on 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 also visited an igloo village and bar up on the mountain. The igloos had interesting carvings inside.

Wednesday, the 20th, was a chilly day with a few clouds that cleared out in the afternoon. We skied on the Klein Matterhorn area again and explored a few trails that we hadn't done on Monday.



Thursday, the 21st was the day we skied up and over the Italian border to the nearby areas of Cervinia and Valtoranche. The weather was excellent – warmer and totally clear. We had lunch on the Italian side in Cervinia and actually had spaghetti and pizza in Italy! We got back on the lifts and skied back to Switzerland later in the afternoon.

Our last skiing day was Friday, the 22nd. This was another mild bluebird day. We skied a combination of areas on the Swiss side – started at the Klein Matterhorn area then moved over to the Gornergrat and Sunnegga areas, ending up at a local on-mountain restaurant with live music. The views were great!

We left Zermatt early Saturday morning on the 23rd, using a short train ride to Tasch and a 4-hour bus ride to Zurich, followed by a 9-hour flight on Swiss back to the O'Hare airport in Chicago. Ben then got on the Chicago subway to Midway airport and took a Southwest flight to Omaha. Mark took a United flight from O'Hare back to Colorado Springs. Both of us made it back fine. A memorable trip!



Ben Novograd

CMSC Spring Fling 2016

Join us for Late Season Skiing

Snowbird, UT

Sat-Thurs., Apr 9-14, 2016

\$785 (subject to availability through CMSC)

Drive out pricing. You are responsible for your own transportation and transfers.

- **5 Nights' Lodging at the Cliff Lodge* (ski-in-ski-out)**
- **4 Days' Lifts****
- **Wine & Cheese**

- ❖ **CMSC's 2nd Annual Spring Fling** is a small late-season trip with focus on the skiing. Snowbird, an area known for good late-season conditions without crowds, is the perfect place for the Fling.
- ❖ **Special Snowbird features:**
 - The area has added **new snowmaking capacity** this season.
 - The **125-passenger Aerial Tram** reaches 11,000-ft Hidden Peak in 7 minutes, allowing more time for your downhill run.
 - **New Summit day lodge**, with 360°-degree views, on Hidden Peak, opening mid-December 2015.
 - Cliff Lodge is a **ski-in-ski-out** property with 3 restaurant-bars and a luxury spa on-site.

SNOWBIRD STATS:

- **Season:** Utah's longest—The 2014-2015 season ran Nov 20 to May 10.
- **Snowfall:** Annual average of 500 inches of low-density "dry" Utah powder
- **Ski Area:** 169 runs and 2500 acres
- **Lifts:** One Aerial Tram, 10 chairlifts including six high-speeds
- **Terrain:** 27 percent beginner, 38 percent intermediate, 35 percent advanced/expert
- **Elevation:** 11,000 feet at Hidden Peak
- **Longest Run:** 2.5 miles

** Double occupancy. Single supplement pricing available.*

*** Lift ticket is for Snowbird only. Alta lift available for additional cost TBD.*

We are offering this as a trip option. We will not have air from Omaha unless we have 10 sign ups that are flying from Omaha.

Trip Captain: Phil Bintz

Cell: 402-630-4753

Email: pbintz1959@gmail.com

Payment Schedule:

Due at signing:

September 20, 2015 \$300

October 20, 2015 \$200

November 20, 2015 \$200

December 20, 2015 remaining balance

Make checks payable to:

Omaha Ski Club

PO Box 3104

Omaha NE 68103-0104

**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2015 – MAY 2016**

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. _____

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.