



February 2017 Update

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Two Trips Left

Space still available on both trips

Remaining trips for this ski season:

March 11-18 – Park City, UT, drive or fly out – with the Alpine Ski Club

April 1-6 – Aspen, CO, drive-out – CMSC spring fling

See the flyers on pages 9 and 10 for details on each trip.

Upcoming Events

March 4th (Saturday) 1:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

La Mesa, 11002 Emmett St, Omaha

In the shopping mall on the N side of Maple Rd a little west of 108th St.
All members welcome.

March 4th (Saturday) 2:00 p.m.

Mexican Dinner and Park City Pre-Trip Party

La Mesa, 11002 Emmett St, Omaha

In the shopping mall on the N side of Maple Rd a little west of 108th St.
After the board meeting. Everyone welcome.

March 11th (Saturday) to March 18th (Saturday)

Park City Trip with the Alpine Ski Club

See the trip flyer on page 9 for details.

March 21st (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.

Japanese Dinner, Park City Post-Trip Party and Aspen Pre-Trip Party

Blue Sushi Sake Grill, 14450 Eagle Run Drive, Omaha

In the shopping mall on the NW corner of 144th St and Eagle Run Drive,
S of Maple St. Everyone welcome.

April 1st (Saturday) to April 6th (Thursday)

Aspen Trip with the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Association

See the trip flyer on page 10 for details.

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April 12th (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

Hy-Vee #5 (Peony Park), 7910 Cass St, Omaha

At the north end of 78th St beyond Cass St. All members welcome.

April 18th (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.

Social Gathering and Aspen Post-Trip Party

Outback Steakhouse, 7605 Cass St, Omaha

On the south side of Cass St a little west of 76th St. Everyone welcome.

May 2nd (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

Hy-Vee #5 (Peony Park), 7910 Cass St, Omaha

At the north end of 78th St beyond Cass St. All members welcome.

New Members

The Omaha Ski Club welcomes the following new members:

Mike Kavan
Everett Rokahr

Renewal Members

The Omaha Ski Club welcomes the following renewal members:

Karen Bragg
Bill Hronek
Joe Kavan

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Leo Wutke 1929 – 2017



It is with regret that the Omaha Ski Club announces the recent death of longtime Life Member Leo Wutke. Leo was one of the original charter members of the Omaha Ski Club. He participated in the first Flatlands Ski Association races held in 1965, and continued participating in the Flatland ski weeks and OSC ski trips into the 1980's. Leo was also a charter member of the Crescent Hills National Ski Patrol and was the patrol director during its "infant" stages. Leo was long known as the smoothest skier in the Club. And, on many occasions was willing to give skiing tips to many of the Club's new skiers. The Omaha Ski Club Life Members recently held a luncheon in Leo's honor. This true gentleman of skiing will be sorely missed.

Here is his full obituary: Wutke, Leo P. Jan 15, 1929 - Feb 2, 2017

Survived by sister, Janice Swanson; niece and nephews, Lynne (Michael) Roh, Jack (Paula) Swanson, and Joseph Swanson; many great nieces and nephews; and his longtime friend, Charlotte Emmanuel.

MEMORIAL SERVICE Wednesday 11 am at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

VISITATION Tuesday 6-8 pm at the John A. Gentleman 72nd Street Chapel.

Memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Church. John A. Gentleman Mortuaries and Crematory

1010 North 72 Street 402-391-1664 www.johngentleman.com

Steamboat Trip January 22-29, 2017

What an amazing trip! Twenty eight members of the Omaha Ski Club drove out for a great week with the Flatlands Ski Association at Steamboat. We had powder, more powder, blue skies, clouds, great food, cold picnic, races, great parties, old friends, new friends and awesome ski days. It will be hard to top this trip!



Fourteen members of the group came out on Sunday to be greeted by 9 inches of fresh champagne powder. We found trees and steeps and powder stashes all day long! It was a wonderful day playing in the powder. The snow continued to fall throughout the night. We were awakened by the snow plows at 4:00 AM. We knew the mountain would again be covered in fresh, soft powder!

On Monday night, we had a welcome party at one of the condos at the Dulany where we were staying. Cindy Moore and Susan Rabick helped bake the lasagna during the day. We fixed salad and garlic bread to accompany the main dish. The evening was spent catching up, laughing over deflated air mattresses and just sharing the company of friends.

Tuesday, we were skiing fresh powder again. The temperatures were in the 20's and it was comfortable. At the end of the day, we went to the hot tubs at the Dulany to rest and relax. Kim treated us to her Korean dinner that evening. It was delicious. Thank you Kim!

Wednesday, we skied although we didn't have the fresh powder of previous days. It was good skiing and we managed to find some untracked powder in the trees. Many people from the Flatlands Ski Association and the rest of our



club arrived today. The FSA week has begun.

Teri, Phil and Steve attended Race and Board meetings while everyone else had to fix dinner for themselves. It was going to be a great week.





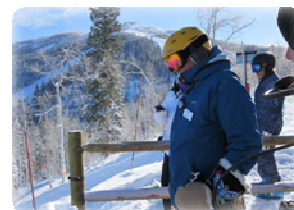
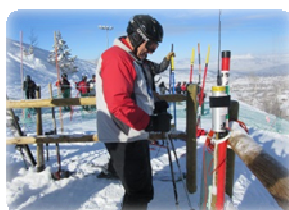
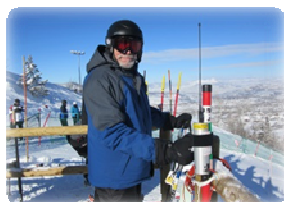
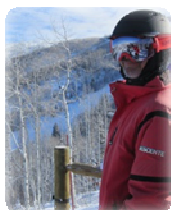
Thursday morning started with late registration for the Open Race. We took a few quick runs and made it to the race course. The race went well despite the sort for the bib numbers. We finished with the race and had time for a couple more runs. At 3:30 PM, we met at the base for the Team Relay (Snowshoe) Race. Omaha could not participate because one of their team members did not show up and Phil did not list any alternates. It was fun watching the other teams, especially the guy that stripped to his swim trunks and ran the race bare-skinned! That evening, we met up with the rest of

the group at the top of the gondola for the welcome party. The huge potatoes and chili were yummy. Billy Kidd spoke to us as well as people from STARS, the adaptive sports program at Steamboat. The race chairs also sold raffle tickets to support STARS. After dinner, the DJ played and many danced.



Friday morning started with the over 50 men's challenge race followed by the younger men's challenge all on Upper Bashor. The women's challenge race on Lower Bashor followed. Many of our members participated in the race events. I even caught a picture of Pat Connelly in a helmet! (That is worth framing!) The races went smoothly except for a couple injuries on the men's course. The women's course was checked and re-set and checked again. It was three years ago that one of the women had a bad injury on this same course and many of us wanted to be sure that it wasn't going to happen again! That evening, many gathered at the Gray's condo for a spaghetti dinner. Others stayed in and fixed dinner at our condos while others joined the pub crawl.

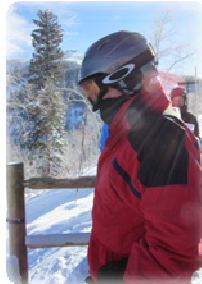
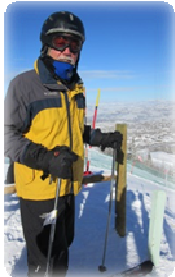
Saturday was a nice, cold day as we ran the Snowboard Challenge in the morning. This was followed by the Race Chair Race at the Bashor Picnic Area. Linda Minson won with the best time. We had our picnic lunch of burgers, frozen potato salad and beans. It would have been better had the heaters been working at the area. The Novice Race followed. They had set up 6 gates on Beeline and it was fun to watch those first time skiers and first time snowboarders try to go through the gates. Everyone seemed to have fun! Most of us finished the week with the awards banquet. The food was fantastic. They served a western BBQ that consisted of BBQ chicken, pork and prime rib, along with the salad, steamed veggies and a dessert bar. Of course, Boulevard provided the beer and there was a cash bar for those non-beer drinkers. I was the Race Director this year so I had to read off all the names of the racers who won an award. I learned how to speak into a mic and I really messed up several names. We will have a copy of the race results on our website at omahskiclub.com.



Overall, Omaha Ski Club placed 9th in total club points. FSA Challenge Races:

Women's (55-59) Teri Hammon Silver Medal 2nd out of 13 members in the class
Kim Lee placed 6th out of 13
Women's (60-64) Jamie Lewis placed 8th out of 16
Women's (21-29) Elizabeth Gray placed 4th out of 5
Men's (45-49) Vincent Greff Silver Medal 2nd out of 15 members in the class
Men's (50-54) Joe Reitman placed 17th out of 20
Phil Bintz placed 4th out of 25
Mark McCracken placed 10th out of 25
Men's (55-59) Rich Gray placed 12th out of 25
Men's (60-64) David Bunn placed 11th out of 29
Len Szmurlo placed 16th out of 29
Brian Moore placed 24th out of 29
Men's (65-69) Simon Lewis placed 12th out of 29
Vance Peterson placed 14th out of 29
Bill Hronek placed 24th out of 29
Dave Burden placed 28th out of 29
Men's (75-79) Pat Connelly placed 5th out of 12
Andy Rabick placed 9th out of 12
El Siebert placed 12th out of 12

The following people also won Bronze NASTAR medals for their times on the race course: David Bunn, Phil Bintz, Mark McCracken, Vincent Greff, Jamie Lewis, Kim Lee and a Silver NASTAR medal to Teri Hammon.



We did not have anyone participate in the Novice Race or the Snowboard Challenge. The Race Chair Race was fun this year and as a result of all the raffle tickets that were sold during the event, we raised a total of \$1881 for STARS. There was an additional \$384 in contributions during the Thursday night Welcome Party. Thank you to all who contributed to this worthy cause!



Flatlands Ski Association (FSA) does have a website <https://sites.google.com/site/flatlandskiassociation/home> where you can also find the race results, photos, descriptions of the Judy Cup Award, The Dave Vannett Award and a history of the organization and which clubs are participating in the group. It also shows past year's results for all the races.



Next year, FSA will be at Snowmass, a week later due to lodging conflicts during the X-Games. This works out well for us since we will be attending the IntraWest Carnival at Breckenridge at the end of January. Sunday, many of us left to travel home. Phil, Dave and I made a few more runs. We still found fresh powder in the trees on a run called Flying Z. It was great making turns through the trees. What a wonderful way to end eight days on skis! Well...perhaps Dave didn't think so. There is a creek at the bottom of this run....

Overall, I have heard many positive comments about this trip. Mother Nature was good to us this year. Other than the two cold days, the weather cooperated. The drive home was uneventful. I want to thank all of you for your generosity and participation in this year's events. Mark your calendars for next year. See you on the slopes. Next trip...Park City UT!



Steamboat Trip Captain
Teri Hammon







Park City/Canyons Utah

March 11-18, 2017

Drive-out



(If you wish to fly out, you will need to book your own flight and transport to Park City)

Cost: \$1090 (\$690 if you have an Epic Pass)

(Pricing subject to change)

Join us as we team together with the Alpine Ski Club (members of the Ohio Valley Ski Council) over St. Patrick's Day for a fun trip to Park City! This trip includes:

- 7 nights lodging at the Park Avenue condos, 1705 Captain Molly Drive. These are 1-4 bedroom condos located in Park City within walking distance to many restaurants and on the free, city-wide transportation route. On site check in, attached carport parking, outdoor heated pool, hot tubs and sauna. Wireless access. (Check in at 4 PM, check out time is 10 AM)
- 5 day lift tickets-4 days at Park City/Canyons and 1 day at Deer Valley (or use your Epic Pass for \$400 off the price of the trip) Deer Valley DOES NOT allow snowboarding-swap your ticket with someone who wants an extra day at Deer Valley.
- Welcome Party
- St. Patrick's Day Party on March 17th! Bring something green to wear!



Trip captain Liaison:

Teri Hammon

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Payment Schedule:

Due at signing: \$100

October 20, 2016 \$300

November 20, 2016 \$300

December 20, 2016 remaining balance

Make checks payable to:

Omaha Ski Club

PO Box 3104

Omaha NE 68103-0104

Membership is required in either the Omaha Ski Club or one of our reciprocal membership clubs.

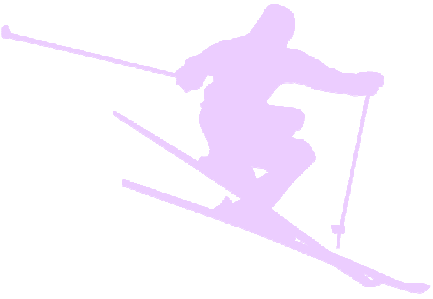
No additional dues will be required.

CMSC Spring Fling at Aspen CO

April 1-6, 2017

Drive-out

Cost: \$695



Join us as we join with the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council as they finish the ski season at Aspen CO. This trip includes:

- 5 nights lodging at the Gant Hotel in Aspen. Hotel style rooms, free Wi-Fi, free parking, pool, hot tub, fitness center, free shuttle to ski areas and airport shuttle. Treat yourself to a stay in one of the 140 individually decorated guestrooms, featuring fireplaces and flat-screen televisions. Rooms have private balconies or patios. Kitchens are outfitted with refrigerators, ovens, and stovetops.
- 4 day lift tickets good for all four mountains. (Closing dates for 2017 are: Aspen and Snowmass 4/16, Aspen Highlands 4/9, and Buttermilk 4/2)
- Wine and cheese Reception

For questions contact:

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Payment Schedule:

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November 20, 2016 \$300

December 20, 2016 \$200

January 15, 2017 remaining balance

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OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2016 – MAY 2017

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.