



March 2017 Update

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One Trip Still To Go This Ski Season

April 1-6 – Aspen, CO, drive-out – CMSC spring fling
See the flyer on page 8 for details.

Three Board Positions to Be Filled this May

The terms of three of our board members, Phil Bintz, Teri Hammon and El Siebert, expire at the end of May. This leaves three board positions to be filled at this May's election. Any current member can run for a board position; anyone interested should contact one of two people: our president, Phil Bintz, at 402-630-4753 (president@omahaskiclub.org) or our secretary, Ben Novograd, at 402-291-5704 (secretary@omahaskiclub.org).

The club bylaws require us to prepare and distribute the election ballots to current members by two weeks before the election party; to do this, we need candidate information by the end of April. Ballots will be mailed during the first week of May.

Upcoming Events

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 8 for details.

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.

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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.

May 21st (Sunday) 5 p.m.

Election Party

El Siebert's residence, 3215 Belvedere Blvd

All members (new and old) welcome. Western theme.
Bring a side dish to share and BYOB.

New Members

The Omaha Ski Club welcomes the following new members:

Maggie Little

COMMITTEES

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FLATLAND SKI ASSOCIATION

2017 Ski Week Wrap Up



CONGRATULATIONS to all of the clubs and individuals on your outstanding performance at this year's Ski Week! Special congratulations go to those taking top honors:

- #1 – **Kansas City** (2,471 Points)
- #2 – **Tulsa** (2,409 Points)
- #3 – **Oklahoma City** (2,239 Points)
- #4 – **Cornhusker** (2,017 Points)
- #5 – **Topeka** (1,316 Points)
- #6 – **Wichita** (765 Points)
- #7 – **St. Louis** (725 Points)
- #8 – **Columbia** (693 Points)
- #9 – **Omaha** (657 Points)

Each club's Race Director received a copy of all of the race results, so for more details contact your club's Race Director. Results will also be posted at the FSA's Website:

www.flatlandski.org

For more information on all things related to the FSA, don't forget to check the site on a regular basis. Also, please make sure that your club keeps the Webmaster and the FSA Secretary updated on all things related to your club.

OTHER SPECIAL AWARDS were also handed out at this year's banquet. The FSA Board awarded this year's **Judy Cup** to **Ted Hischke** of the Topeka Ski Club in recognition of his many years of service to the club and in promoting the FSA. The award was accepted on his behalf by his grandson, Brodie Hischke. The Race Committee awarded this year's **Dave Vannett Trophy** to **Gene Elsberry** of the Tulsa Ski Club. Gene has been a Flatlander for many years and a strong supporter of the FSA and the FSA races. We congratulate both of these men and thank them for their many years of service and dedication to the FSA and their clubs!

For more information on both of these special awards, and their history, visit our Website and click "Awards."

We're also happy to announce that **\$2,265** was raised for **STARS** (*Steamboat Adaptive Recreational Sports*)!

Some Thoughts from our FSA President, Paul Snyder

It's been a few weeks now since we returned home after another great Flatlands Ski Association (FSA) Ski and Race Week. I know that I had a great time at Steamboat, as usual, and I hope all of you did, too. Steamboat is always a great host location, and we want to give a special word of thanks to April, Laura, and Jason in Group Sales, Campbell with Wyndham Properties, Lindsey in Banquets, and Valerie in the Race Department! I also want to thank each and every one of you who joined us this year! Whether it was your 1st time or your 50th, it was great to have you there. We enjoyed seeing you and really hope that you'll make the Flatlanders a regular part of your skiing experience each year. It has been a great pleasure serving as your president for the past year, and working with a great board, and I look forward to continuing as Past-President next year. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to all the FSA officers, board members and all the people who volunteer their time to help make Flatlands possible. Without volunteers our ski clubs and the Flatland Ski week would not function or be able to be held year after year. So, when your club asks: PLEASE VOLUNTEER! We look forward to seeing everyone next year at Snowmass. The board members are busy working on details for that trip, so watch for information and keep checking the FSA Website. Thanks, and see you next year!

From our 2017 FSA Activities Director, Teresa Ingram

Another great FSA trip has come and gone too fast! While we thank everyone on this trip, especially those who did "snow dances" in advance to ensure great skiing conditions, we have several people to specifically thank for their help and support with our activities.

Helping to assemble 400 welcome bags for the attendees were **Tom Becker** (Cornhusker), **Candy Girth** (St. Louis), **Cindy Girth** (St. Louis), **Daphne Reitz** (Kansas City), **Erni Wood** (St. Louis), & **Paul Snyder** (St. Louis). Thank you to this group for their work, which included getting numb fingers attaching activity passes to Steamboat lanyards!

At the welcome party & awards banquet, we sold \$995 in older FSA T-shirts as well as the new 2017 Steamboat shirts and old FSA ball caps. Thank again to **Tom Becker** and **Daphne Reitz** for helping set-up the display table and sell the items.

Thanks to the Cornhusker Ski Club members who helped on Saturday night greeting attendees and making sure everyone had their always-important activity pass! This included **Thurston Baker**, **Todd Ingram**, **Derek McElvain**; **Nick McElvain**, **Kathy Spahr**, **Rebecca Rundlett Starr**, and **Tom Starr**.

And a special thanks to **Penny Morgan** (Topeka) who year after year handles the ordering of the medals, trophies and other awards! We thank St. Louis members **Candy Girth** and **Cindy Girth** for setting up the awards table.

Congratulations to the winner of the \$200 cash prize from the Race Director Raffle, which was part of our fundraising effort for STARS. Also a special thanks to **Taryn Brooke**, a Topeka Ski Club member and Summit County realtor, for donating a \$500 Breckenridge lodging gift certificate for the raffle, and congratulations to that winner, too!

Next year, **Daphne Reitz** (Kansas City) will be serving as Activities Director. I'm sure she'll appreciate helpers from every club as she handles her volunteer duties. If you have feedback about this year's event, or ideas for 2018, you can contact me at ttimg@windstream.net or Daphne at daphne0602@gmail.com.

As with most organizations, nothing gets done in the FSA without dedicated volunteers! Our thanks to the officers & directors who served in 2016-2017:

Paul Snyder – President
Matt Knectel – Vice President
Candy Girth – Secretary
Mary Herring – Treasurer
Teresa Ingram – Activities Director
Teri Hammon – Race Director
Dave Bosarge – Past President
Daphne Reitz – Webmaster

And, of course, another big "thank you" to all of the individual club representatives and race directors who freely give their time!

Davos 2017

Two Omaha Ski Club members, Mark and Ben, participated in this season's Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC) Europe ski trip to Davos, Switzerland, from Friday, January 27th to Saturday, February 4th. Davos is in eastern Switzerland (red marking on map at right) near the Austrian border. It's composed of several interconnected ski areas along a long valley. The town of Davos is also the location of the annual World Economic Conference, which was held about a week before our trip. This was our first visit. We spent six days skiing, on the 29th through the 3rd; the 27th, 28th and 4th were travel days. CMSC is a group of over 70 ski clubs; 74 of their members, including the two Omaha Ski Club skiers, were on the trip. The group stayed in the large, modern and pleasant Club hotel.

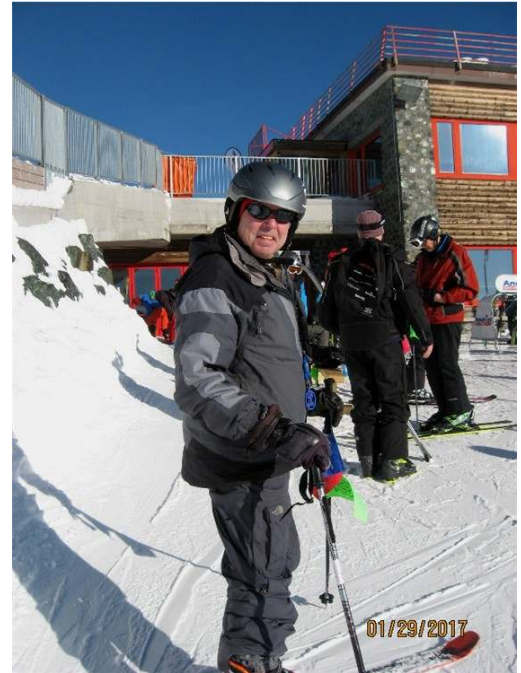


Getting to Davos was time-consuming. Ben began the process with a one-hour flight from Omaha to Chicago's O'Hare airport; Mark's initial flight departed from Denver. Once at O'Hare, we picked up our luggage, did a bag drag from the domestic to the international terminal where we met the rest of the CMSC skiers, then checked in again at Swiss. We then got on an 8-hour flight from Chicago to Zurich which was followed by a 3-hour bus ride to Davos. 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 six days at most of the ski areas along the valley in a wide variety of weather and snow conditions. We spent most of the time skiing with a group of experienced people who were primarily advanced skiers and had been to the area before.

We began our first skiing day, Sunday the 29th, with a walk to the two-stage Parsenn railway, which took us several thousand feet up to the top of the Parsenn area. We spent the rest of the day exploring various trails in the central portion of Parsenn. The weather was mild and clear – a bluebird day. The snow was in reasonable shape. 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 30th, we saw cloudy weather, a little fog and flat light, which made skiing more challenging. We explored the Jacobshorn area and checked out some mountain huts and restaurants.



Tuesday, the 31st was cloudy, foggy and snowy. We returned to the Parsenn area and skied primarily at lower levels of the mountain to get better visibility. Snow conditions improved as the new snow fell. That evening, the snowfall became intense.

Wednesday, February 1st, we awoke to about nine inches of new snow at the hotel and a foot of fresh snow on the slopes. We decided to try out the Rinderhorn area. The weather started out cloudy and foggy but improved steadily as the day progressed. Unfortunately, the new snow was heavy – classic “Sierra cement” and a challenge to ski on. Ben quit at lunchtime to check out downtown Davos, while Mark toughed it out and skied for the whole day.



Thursday, the 2nd we had better weather – partly cloudy and drier. The heavy snow had dried off and was easier to ski on. We returned to the Parsenn ski area and skied some long multi-mile cruising runs that we hadn't done earlier. These runs had over 3,000 feet of vertical descent.



Our last skiing day was Friday, the 3rd. This started out cloudy but turned into another nice day. We skied some steep runs off the Parsenn area that we hadn't done before and had some great view of the valley. We also had a long lunch at the mid-mountain restaurant.



We left Davos early Saturday morning on the 4th, had a 2-hour bus ride to Zurich followed by a 9-hour flight on Swiss back to the O'Hare airport in Chicago. Ben then took a United flight from O'Hare back to Omaha. Mark took a United flight from O'Hare back to Denver and drove back to Colorado Springs. Both of us made it back fine. A great trip!

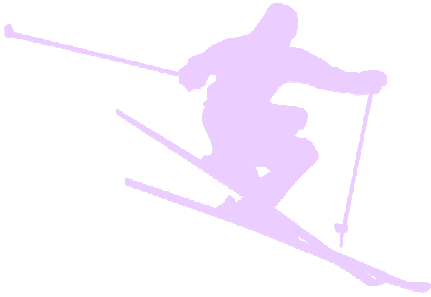
Ben Novograd

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:

Teri Hammon

Cell: 402 680-0971

Home: 402 571-4517

Email: dragonsrock@cox.net

Payment Schedule:

Due at signing: \$100

November 20, 2016 \$300

December 20, 2016 \$200

January 15, 2017 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.

**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.