



March 2018 Update

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2017-2018 Season's Trips Completed

All five of this season's trips have been completed.

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Time to renew your membership...

In accordance with Article II, section 4.C. of our bylaws, membership applications received will now be valid through the 2018-2019 season, until May 31, 2019. See page 9 for a membership application.

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Two Board Positions to Be Filled this May

The terms of two of our board members, Ben Novograd and Joe Reitman, expire at the end of May. This leaves two 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.

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If you would like to run for a board position, now is the time!

Upcoming Events.

April 18th (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

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

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

April 22nd (Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Social Gathering and Winter Park Post-Trip Party

La Mesa Restaurant, 11002 Emmett St, Omaha

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

May 1st (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

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

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

May 10th (Thursday) 6:00 p.m.

Social Gathering and Japanese Dinner

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

May 20th (Sunday)

Election Party

Location: TBA

June 5th (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

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

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

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Kitzbühel 2018

Three Omaha Ski Club members, Ben, Maggie and Mark, participated in this season's Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC) Europe ski trip to Kitzbühel, Austria, from Friday, January 26th to Saturday, February 3rd. Kitzbühel is in northwestern Austria near the German border (red marking on map at right). It's composed of several interconnected ski areas. We spent six days skiing, on January 28th through February 2nd; the 26th, 27th and 3rd were travel days. CMSC is a group of over 70 ski clubs; 97 of their members, including the three Omaha Ski Club skiers, were on the trip. The group stayed in the large and pleasant Maria Theresia hotel.



Getting to Kitzbühel was time-consuming. Ben and Maggie began the process with a one-hour flight on United from Omaha to Chicago's O'Hare airport; Mark drove from Colorado Springs to Denver and then had a 2-hour United flight to Chicago. Once at O'Hare, we picked up our luggage, did a bag drag from the United to the Delta terminal where we met the rest of the CMSC skiers, then checked in again at Delta. We then got on a 2-hour flight from Chicago to Atlanta which was followed by a 9-hour flight to Munich and then a 3-hour bus ride to Kitzbühel.

Along the way, we shifted time zones; Austria is 7 hours ahead of Omaha and 8 hours ahead of Colorado. We arrived early enough in the afternoon to take a quick walk around the surrounding town, find the Hahnenkamm gondola and then return to eat dinner at the hotel. Our rooms had some interesting closets and ceiling decorations.



We skied six days at several of the Kitzbühel ski areas in a wide variety of weather and snow conditions. As on past CMSC Europe trips, we spent some 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 28th, with variably cloudy and mild conditions. Mark started skiing right away; Ben and Maggie had to visit a local ski shop first to resolve some binding problems and rent some skis. Once on the slopes, the snow conditions turned out to be quite good – the area had received lots of new snow in the previous several weeks. 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.

Monday the 29th was a perfectly clear bluebird day. All three of us took advantage of the great conditions to have a good time skiing many parts of the area. We also stopped by some of the on-mountain facilities.



The following day, Tuesday the 30th, we had cloudy weather and flat light, which made skiing a little more challenging. We were still able to enjoy the scenery and restaurants on the mountain.



Wednesday, the 31st was another bluebird day. We spent a fair amount of time near the Kirchberg base.



On Thursday, the 1st, the weather started out mostly cloudy and changed to heavy snow and fog. The low visibility was challenging. We made the best of the conditions and stayed near the Kitzbühel gondola once the weather got bad.



Our last skiing day was Friday, the 2nd. This started out cloudy, foggy and snowy but conditions improved by the end of the day. We stuck to the main runs near the Kitzbühel gondola for most of the morning and went a little further away when the visibility improved in the afternoon. It was nice to ski on the several inches of fresh snow that fell Thursday night. Ben and Maggie took a nice walking tour of the town of Kitzbühel on Friday evening.



We left Kitzbühel early Saturday morning on the 3rd, had a 2-hour bus ride to Munich followed by a 10-hour flight on Delta back to Atlanta. Ben and Maggie then took a Delta flight back to Omaha, and Mark took a Delta flight back to Denver and drove back to Colorado Springs – we all took a while to get back. Everyone made it home fine. An excellent trip!

Ben Novograd

CMSC Steamboat Trip February 24 - March 3, 2018



Eight members of the Omaha Ski Club joined several groups of the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council in Steamboat for a fun week of skiing, racing and parties. There were about 250 members total in the group. We had a great week and Mother Nature was kind to us, blessing us with fresh snow upon our arrival for nice powder runs on Sunday morning.

We stayed at the Timber Run Condos. The condos were comfortable and the décor was interesting. We had bright orange bedding, cow paintings on the walls and even an elk. Saturday, we arrived and unpacked. Teri baked a pie for dessert. Joe got the ice cream and more bananas! We had a pile of bananas, at least ten pounds. By the end of the trip though, we had run out of bananas.



Sunday 2/25, we shuttled to the mountain. We had fun skiing in the powder. It was a bluebird day and the temperatures were mild. Dave enjoyed his new skis, only to find out he was skiing on Ben's new skis. That morning, Ben had gotten the skis out of the locker without knowing that both he and Dave had the same ski. The bindings were different and they skied on their own skis the remainder of the trip. After skiing most of the day, we returned to the three hot tubs at the condos and relaxed before going to the welcome party at Bear River Bar and Grill. It was good to see old friends and socialize. After the party, Phil gave some pointers to Felix on ski tuning.



Monday 2/26, we enjoyed another sunny day. We each took two runs down the NASTAR course in friendly competition with other CMSC members. After the races, we had a picnic at the Bashor Picnic area at the bottom of the race course. This year, it was warm and the food didn't freeze before we got it to our mouth. We skied the rest of the day. During the afternoon, we stopped at Four Points for a short break and to take photos. We were getting our



skis on and noticed Joe's ski going down a black bump run without Joe. There Joe was, standing with one ski on and the other one down the hill. Phil went to get it. It had made its way down the mountain about 4-500 yards before stopping. Fortunately, it didn't hit anyone and finally stuck in the snow. The brake had frozen. The ski was reunited with Joe and we

went to ski. It will be a good story for many years. That evening, we enjoyed the hot tub and another freshly baked apple pie with ice cream.



Tuesday 2/27, Felix wasn't feeling too well and took the day off. The seven of us skied together. Maggie was in the lead most of the time. When we got to Four Points, we wanted to take Joe down the path his ski had gone, but they had groomed the run. Maggie suggested the run next to it, which was Nelson's Run. It was a lovely mogul run...very large moguls with occasional rocks. We all enjoyed that long, black run. We finished the day with après ski at Bear River.

Wednesday 2/28, the weather was cooler and cloudy. We skied most of the day. Some took the day off. We finished the day at the hot tub. That evening, we played cards. Felix taught us the game of Five Crowns. It was a fun game, once we figured it out. Joe had the lowest score, followed by Phil, Dave, Teri and Felix.



Thursday, 3/1, we skied under bluebird skies. It was cool and crisp. The snow had stayed powdery. We checked out a run called No Names by Christmas Tree Bowl. The snow was great on that run. We then went to Twilight, a beautiful mogul run through the aspens. Joe enjoyed that one! We stopped a little early to get ready for the banquet. That evening, we took the gondola to Thunderhead for the banquet. The food was fantastic and included prime rib, ribs, salmon and chicken along with mac and cheese, salad and dessert. After dinner, Teri received an award for taking third place overall in the women's race. Both Teri and Phil took first place in their age groups and received a CMSC medal as well as a Silver NASTAR medal. Dave received a CMSC medal for most consistent race results. Ben and Joe also participated in the races. After dinner, a band played and we danced until the band finished for the evening. We had a lot of fun.



Friday 3/2, we had breakfast and went to ski. It was a beautiful, bluebird day. The snow was great and we enjoyed skiing together. Felix was feeling better, Maggie recovered from the day of moguls and Joe still had both skis! That evening, we went to the après ski at Bear River and said farewell to all our friends before going back to the condos to pack. When we got off the shuttle at the condo, Joe discovered someone had taken his skis and he had a pair of someone else's skis. We went to the office and after many phone calls to track these skis, we got in touch with the person and Joe's skis were returned. He had both skis again and they were his own skis!

Saturday morning, Phil and Teri departed very early for National Days with the Ski Patrol at Sunlight. Felix and Joe finished breakfast and traveled home. Maggie and Ben traveled home, with an overnight stay in Ogallala. Dave drove to Dillon and picked up a couple more days of skiing at Copper. Mark returned to Colorado Springs.

Thank you all for making this a fantastic trip! Everyone made it home safe and with all their gear. Joe had both skis, after he got them back! Joe gets the award for the most eventful trip. Thank you for the laughs! I am glad you have your own skis.



Teri Hammon
Trip Captain

Dave, Joe, Ben, Maggie, Phil, Teri, Felix and Mark



**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2018 – MAY 2019**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW ____ RENEWAL ____

FAMILY \$25 ____ (\$30 if paid after September 30th, 2018)

SINGLE \$22 ____ (\$27 if paid after September 30th, 2018)

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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