

March 2020 Update

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2019-2020 Season's Trips Completed

All of this season's trips have been completed.

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 2020-2021 season, until May 31, 2021. Memberships increase by \$5 after September 30th. See page 7 for a membership application.

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 or our secretary, Ben Novograd, at 402-291-5704. 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

All social gatherings and parties during the rest of March and April have been canceled to comply with the Nebraska Department of Health's restrictions on gatherings of 10 or more people. We will schedule future gatherings and parties when these restrictions are lifted. The April board meeting is also being held as a conference call to avoid coronavirus issues.

April 16th (Thursday) 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting
Conference Call

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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(402) 680-0971(H)

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Ben Novograd
(402) 291-5704(H)

TREASURER
Joe Reitman
(712) 574-7717(H)

New Members

The Omaha Ski Club welcomes the following new members
Fred and Gretchen Hutson

COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP

Dave Burden
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NEWSLETTER

Ben Novograd
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(402) 291-5704(H)

Taos NM Trip

February 18-23, 2020



Nine members of the Omaha Ski Club found their way to Taos for four days of skiing and five days of exploring our surroundings in this interesting town. The weather cooperated and we had dry roads on the way there. When we arrived, it was even dusty in town. The red rock and dust were everywhere.

The first day was very foggy. We were not able to see where we

were on the mountain but we made the best of it. It was different skiing in the fog. We stopped at the historic Hondo Bar in the Snakedance Condos for a drink before boarding the carts pulled by a truck, back to the parking lot. That evening, we had dinner at the Gorge Bar and Grill located in the town square followed by the hot tub at the Taos Valley Lodge where we were staying. The following days, the skies were blue and temps were fairly warm. We had the



welcome party at the Taos Mesa Brewing Co. Tap Room. The pizza was delicious, but the meat was very scarce. One evening, we went to Stella's, a very quaint Italian restaurant with movie stars photos on the walls. The food was excellent. It would have been interesting to see if the owners had met any of the famous people whose photos were posted.



Several of our members went up the Kachina lift to the top and skied down the moguls. Others enjoyed all the other areas to ski. We explored most of the runs. With the blue skies, the area was beautiful. It was fun skiing with friends and enjoying life. We stopped in at the Rathskeller Bar in the Hotel St Bernard, which was one of the original buildings at Taos.

One morning, we took a different road to the mountain. It was red dirt and just over one lane wide, with a drop off on the side. I loved it so much, I had to drive it the next day! The



town of Taos had much to see. There were many different art works, an old cemetery, the metal figures and the buildings. We drove out to the Rio Grande bridge and walked across it. It was a very deep gorge with the water some 660+ feet below the bridge.



On the second to last day, Chris injured her calf muscle and received her first toboggan ride to the clinic. Unfortunately, she had to rest the remainder of the trip. Brian, Pat, Phil and El took the day to visit Angel Fire. El liked that mountain. A couple years ago, we skied there and there were only three runs open. It was very different this time. That evening, we found a great Chinese restaurant, Hunan, next-door to the hotel. Good food and quick service.

On Sunday, we finished loading the car for the ride home. It was a beautiful day, dry roads through eastern Colorado and Nebraska. It was a fun trip, except for the injury. I wish Chris a quick recovery. Thank you to all who went on the trip!

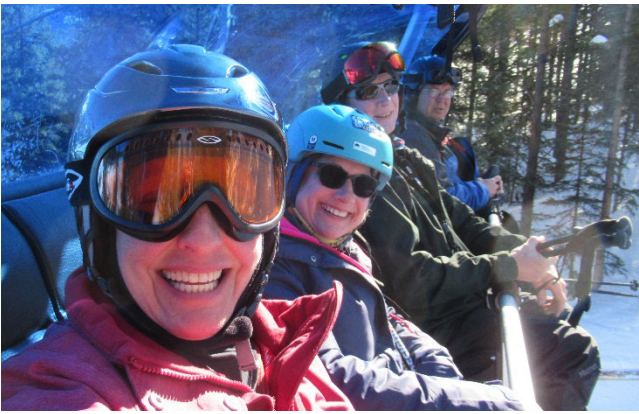


Teri Hammon
Trip Captain



The narrow road on the “short-cut” to Taos Resort.

Copper Mountain Colorado March 1-5, 2020



Six members of the Omaha Ski Club joined with the twenty-three members of the Cornhusker Ski Club on a joint venture to Copper Mountain. We arrived Sunday and enjoyed powdery conditions as it was snowing during the day. We skied all afternoon, checked into the condos and went to relax in the outdoor hot tub. We stayed at the Mountain Plaza Condos at the Center Village base, a short walk to the

American Eagle lift. Our condos were nice, two bedroom, two and a half baths. There was an indoor sauna and hot tub and also an outdoor hot tub. Each condo had one underground parking space. The kitchen and living room were spacious and the views of the mountain from seventh floor were nice. We even watched as two guys removed ice from the roof of the building next to us.

Sunday evening, we had Fred's two-alarm burgers for dinner. Fred fixed dinner and as he was broiling the burgers, some of the grease spilled in the oven, which set off the fire alarm. We aired the condo and called the front desk to have security turn off the alarm. The alarm was sounding loudly in the kitchen and master bedroom areas, but not in the adjoining bedroom. We had dinner at the small table in the bedroom! An hour later, Fred found security and unsecured switches to turn off the alarm, and had



security silence the alarm. The burgers were great! Thank you, Fred, for an exciting dinner!



Monday, we met up with Jamie and Andie. The snow conditions were great even though it was overcast most of the day. We enjoyed the hot tub and got ready for the Welcome Party in



the Ptarmigan A room at the Conference Center. We had pizza, soup, salad, garlic bread and Rice Krispy bars. It was great to visit with members of the Cornhusker Club as well as Herb S. and Scott and Denise Branum. Just like FSA all over again! Gerry, the Mountain Host, gave us some tips about the mountain and told us about the new Three Bears Lift that takes skiers up to Tucker Mountain. We use to have to hike up there to ski down.

The following day, we skied a couple runs with Gretchen then joined with the group of Ambassadors (Jamie, Simon, Len and 3 others) to



go ski off Three Bears Lift and Union Peak. We had a great time in

the sunshine and powder. After that workout, we met up with Brian and Pat and skied a few easier runs with them. It was a wonderful day! That evening, Jamie and Simon had the Omaha Ski Club and the Summit County division of OSC over for dinner. Chili, hot dogs, salad and snacks were on the menu. We saw our favorite poodle, Meier





and enjoyed visiting with our Summit County friends: Len, Gail, Joe, Cindy, Andie, Jamie and Simon. We returned to the condo and prepped the breakfast casserole for morning.

Wednesday, Gretchen had a lesson. Phil and I took Fred to explore the mountain and some of the mogul runs that he hadn't skied yet. At the end of the day, after we finished Far East, we had to go up Storm King one more time. This led to the Hallelujah bowl and more moguls and the Cache Glades and more moguls. By the time we returned to the condo, we were tired and ready for the hot tub.

Fred was on the couch, sound asleep. Gretchen had a good day with her lesson and was anxious to show us what she had learned. That evening, we had spaghetti at our condo and retired early.



Thursday, we packed up and loaded the cars. Jamie met up with us and Gretchen showed us what she had learned. Phil and Fred went off to do more moguls off Three Bears Lift. The girls took it easy, practicing with Gretchen. We stopped at Solitude Station to rest and take photos. Hopefully, there will be a new building by next season. We skied until 1 PM and then left for home.



The drive home was uneventful and dry. Thank you all for making this a great trip! Special thank you to Jamie and Simon Lewis for hosting dinner and to the Cornhusker Ski Club for including us in the group!

Teri Hammon
Trip Captain
(at the top of Tucker Mountain)



**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2020– MAY 2021**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW ____ RENEWAL ____

FAMILY \$25____ (\$30 if paid after September 30th, 2020)

SINGLE \$22____ (\$27 if paid after September 30th, 2020)

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.