



February 2023 Newsletter

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2022-2023 Trips

January 2-7 - Winter Park, CO, drive out. Completed.
January 27-February 3 – Whitefish, MT, FSA trip, fly out.
Completed. See the article on pages 3-6.
February 25 - March 4 - Mammoth, CA CMSC trip, fly out.
Full, about to depart.
March 19-24 - Summit County, CO, drive out.
See the flyer on page 7.

Upcoming Events

February 19th (Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

**Social Gathering, Whitefish Post-Trip Party and
Mammoth Pre-Trip Party**

Copps Pizza and Sports Bar

7474 Towne Center Pkwy #101, Papillion, NE

In the Shadow Lake Towne Center shopping mall SW of Rt 370 and 72nd St
at the old Nebraska Brewing Company location. Everyone welcome.

February 25th (Saturday) to March 4th (Saturday)

Mammoth Trip

Full. Almost underway.

March 12th (Sunday) 3:00 p.m.

**Social Gathering, Mammoth Post-Trip Party and
Summit County Pre-Trip Party**

Flight Deck Tap & Grill

2929 California Street, Omaha

The gathering will be at the new Flight Deck Tap & Grill. The Flight Deck is
located in the old CHI/Creighton University Medical Center building at 30th
and California Street. It's been converted into an apartment building for CU
students, but open to the public.. Everyone welcome.

March 16th (Thursday) 6:30 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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March 19th (Sunday) to March 24th (Friday)

Summit County Trip

See the trip flyer on page 7.

April 5th (Wednesday) 6:30 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 12th (Wednesday) 6:00 p.m.

Social Gathering and Summit County Post-Trip Party

Jams Midtown, 7814 Dodge Street, Omaha

On the NW corner of 78th St and Dodge St. Everyone welcome.

May 5th (Friday) 6:30 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.

Membership

We would like to welcome our newest member, **Kelsey O'Brien**. She is from Durango, CO and will be joining us on the Mammoth Trip. She was referred by her mother, Jamie Lewis. Welcome and we look forward to meeting you in Mammoth!

Teri Hammon

Membership

Trips Update February 2023

The Whitefish trip was a great trip. We arrived home with some unwanted illness and a reminder that Covid is still around. We had eleven cases of Covid. I am hoping everyone recovers quickly.

We will be leaving towards the end of next week for the Mammoth trip. From what I have been seeing, the conditions look great. I am looking forward to a week with our CMSC friends, skiing and socializing.

We still have open spaces on our last trip of the season, the Summit County trip. We will stay at the Best Western in Dillon and ski wherever we want depending if you have an Epic or IKON pass. It is fun to explore where the best snow is. There are 12 spaces available and 5 people signed up. If you are interested, get your trip application mailed in.

At the end of March, I will attend the Mountain Travel Symposium or MTS. There I have the opportunity to meet with resorts and tour operators. I get ideas where we go for next year. Is there somewhere you want to go? Let me know.

We start planning now!

Teri Hammon

Vice President of Trips

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Whitefish Trip

January 27 - February 3, 2023

Oh what a trip it was!

Prior to leaving, I got a phone call from Ryan and Melissa Breeding. They had made it to Rapid City, SD and had a possible transmission go out. We offered to pick them up on our way. Phil, El and I left early in the morning a couple days before the trip. Met up with Tom and Jessie Cave and caravanned to Rapid City, with a stop at Wall Drug to stretch our legs since Phil had never been there. We picked up Melissa. Ryan had to wait to find out what was going on with the vehicle. We drove to Billings, where we met Jamie, Simon and Andrea. We went to the High Horse Saloon & Eatery for dinner and stayed the night at the Montana Trailhead Inn in a two bedroom room. It was pretty unique. We woke the next morning to snowflakes and decided we needed to get on the road. It was 7.5 hours to Whitefish. The roads were snow packed in places and had a short delay for an accident, but we made it without incident. When we did check in at the Lodge at Whitefish, we found that our condo building had a non-working elevator. Of course, there was nothing they could do because there were no three bedroom units where they could move us. We made the best of it, but my back was very unhappy. After we were settled, I got everyone's lift tickets handed out and the welcome bags sorted. Now to relax, enjoy and have some fun!

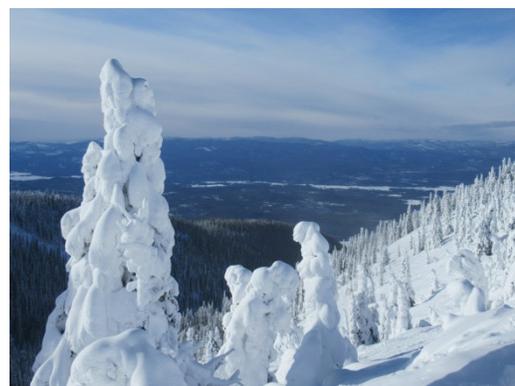


Wall Drug stop: El, Jessie, Tom and Phil



The condo units were impressive despite the broken elevator and a flight of stairs. The large windows afforded us views of the lake, sunrise, mule deer and the mountains. We had a large living and dining room area and three bedrooms. It was large enough to have our entire group over for a meal, all 26 of us! The three condo buildings were separate from the main lodge and it was a short walk through the garage to get to the outdoor hot tub. The

outdoor hot tub was huge and nice and warm. At one time, I counted 20+ people in it. Our friends from Oklahoma City and Tulsa were staying there also. It was nice to relax after the ski day, talk to friends and soak our aches away.



We were blessed with four days of beautiful sunshine; the first one was on Saturday, our first day of skiing. It was great that people could actually see the mountain with the beautiful snow ghosts, Whitefish and Flathead lakes and the valley below. The view from the run, Inspiration, was spectacular. Sunshine is a blessing at Whitefish. Most days are overcast and low clouds or frost which makes the snow ghosts. Jamie and Vance participated in the Race Clinic and Race Ski Skill Improvement Drills. Three-time Olympian and Silver Medalist, Hilary Lindh instructed the Race Clinic. She and her staff also set our courses for the Open, Challenge, & Snowboard races.

Phil, Jamie, Andrea and Vance ran the Open Race with Phi having the best time of 47.20, followed by Andrea 52.14, Jamie 54.00 and Vance 57.15. The overall best time on the course was 37.04 and the worst time was 69.83. Good job to all who participated!

The Welcome Party which was in the ballroom at The Lodge at Whitefish, was a big success, well except for the chili which was more like colored water than any kind of chili that I have ever seen. Being FSA President, I had to speak in front of people which was anxiety producing in itself, but I succeeded. After that passed, we enjoyed the baked potatoes and chili for dinner. Afterwards, Sam from Destination DJ played some wonderful music to dance by. Many of the Omaha group stayed until the tunes stopped at the end of the evening. We didn't have far to walk to get home.



Top: Steve, Vance, El, Pat, Brian, Simon, Dave, Joe, Tom, Phil, Tim
 Bottom: Maggie, Carmen, Jamie, Donna, Mark, Teri, Cindy, Mark, Sherry, Andi, Dee and Jesse.

The Men's Challenge was a nicely laid out course. Several of our group ran both of the runs successfully! Those who ran were:
 80-84 Pat Connelly 5th out of 7 in his age bracket and he was wearing a helmet
 70-74 Mark Johnson 4th of 15 in his age bracket
 70-74 Simon Lewis 6th of 15 in his age bracket
 70-74 Vance Peterson 7th of 15 in his age bracket
 60-64 Mark McCracken 2nd of 12 in his age bracket (Silver Medal)
 60-64 Phil Bintz 4th of 12 in his age bracket
 55-59 Joe Reitman 9th of 14 in his age bracket



Pat Connelly in the gate (green jacket)



Relay Race Team: Phil, Jamie, Vance, Mark

The Team Challenge or Snowshoe Race was at the base, just out the doors of Ed and Mulley's, convenient for the spectators and the bar was open. It was a fun event watching our team run in snowshoes holding a glass of water. Our team members were Phil Bintz, Jamie Lewis, Vance Peterson and Mark McCracken. We finished 5th out of the 6 qualifying teams. Great effort!

The day of the Women's Challenge was a bit more of a challenge. Chair two was not running, nor was the T-bar. The women had to take Chair one and find their way to the

race course. One wrong turn and you were at the base again. Needless to say, about half the women did not run the race course. Those of our group that did find the course were:

70-74 Donna Stein 2nd of 5 in her age bracket (Silver Medal)
 65-69 Jamie Lewis 2nd of 3 in her age bracket (Silver Medal)
 55-59 Andi Neumann 3rd of 10 in her age bracket (Bronze Medal)



Andrea Neumann in the gate



The Novice Race was a nice course set-up for those who have either never ran a race course, were changing their discipline or who had medical issues. I found my niche! Even though I was under strict doctor's orders not to run the actual Challenge races, I knew I could at least get the thrill from running a couple gates. It was so kind of Scott Branum to tell me to go first and "show 'em how to do it". It was fun. Tom Cave, who was unsure of running the gates, also ran this course. He did so well. I am so proud of you Tom for trying! When you run the Novice course, you get 5 points for each person, up to a total of 50 points for your club, so I encourage those who have never ran a race course to try this event at FSA next year. It's all for fun!

The Awards Banquet was also held in the ballroom at The Lodge. Again, the nerves took over. Again, it worked out well and I only had to stop once to catch my breath. The food was delicious. We had chicken, Louisiana beef ribs, baked beans, potato salad, green salad and cornbread. Our sponsors, Boulevard Brewing Co., were there making sure everyone had a drink. Sam from Destination DJ was back to help us dance the night away. It was a fun night and several of our members medaled in the races. Tom and I received certificates for the Novice Race.



Medal winners: Andrea, Donna, Jamie, Mark, Teri and Tom



Our group held a group dinner on Wednesday at Teri's condo. We had homemade lasagna, garlic bread and salad. All 26 of us were there for dinner and a friendly gathering. It was so fun; we decided a leftover potluck the next night was in order. Everyone brought something if they wanted to get rid of some food and we had another dinner. There was lots of lasagna leftover and Carmen and Donna put together a wonderful casserole. It was a hit and disappeared fast.



The skiing was fantastic, well any day on skis is wonderful, but there were lots of powder stashes in the trees and several days we had freshies to play in. I was told the powder in the trees was so incredible, that someone had a "PB" doing all that pow! (You must ask Mark McCracken about this story).

The week flew by and before we knew it, it was time to leave. Those who flew had shuttles to the airport. A few of us packed the vehicles and went to make a few last turns on the mountain until just before noon. I had to pick up our friends, Ryan and Melissa and then headed to Billings where we spent the night before heading home and dropping our friends in Rapid City. We took a couple of detours, one of which was 10 miles of gravel road, but it was a short-cut! We saw a whole lot of Montana that we wouldn't have if we hadn't detoured. The cows enjoyed the company.



Left: Andi, Joe, Dave, Teri, Carmen, Donna, Jamie, Simon and Mark



Top of Hellroaring: Jamie, Paul, Simon, Teri & Phil

Although I had my doubts as to how many people would join us on this trip since there were five initial cancellations, two due to injury prior to the trip. We finally had a total of 26 people on the trip. And as I said in the beginning, oh what a trip it was. I learned, as we were returning home, that one person from our group had tested positive for Covid. I posted it on the group text and by the time we were all home, there were a total of 11 of us that had symptoms and had tested positive. In addition, I learned that 10 people from Tulsa, 3 from Cornhusker, 3 or so from Kansas City and 1 from Oklahoma City had also tested positive. It wasn't how I had planned to end this wonderful adventure. I hope everyone is recovering well and this was just a reminder that Covid is still around.

Thank you to all of our members on this trip! (Teri Hammon, Phil Bintz, Jamie & Simon Lewis, Mark & Cindy Johnson, Tim & Sherry Adams, Mark & Dee McCracken, Tom & Jesse Cave, Pat Connelly, Brian Moore, Andrea Neumann, Maggie Little, Donna Stein, El Siebert, Vance Peterson, Dave Burden, Steve Grunberg, Carmen Ashbaugh, Joe Reitman, Bill Hronek, Julie Weighman and Linda Carlson)

I also would like to welcome our newest members: Julie, Linda, Carmen and Maggie. You were such a joy and hope you will join us again! I also wish Mary Gimenez and Candy Girth a speedy recovery.

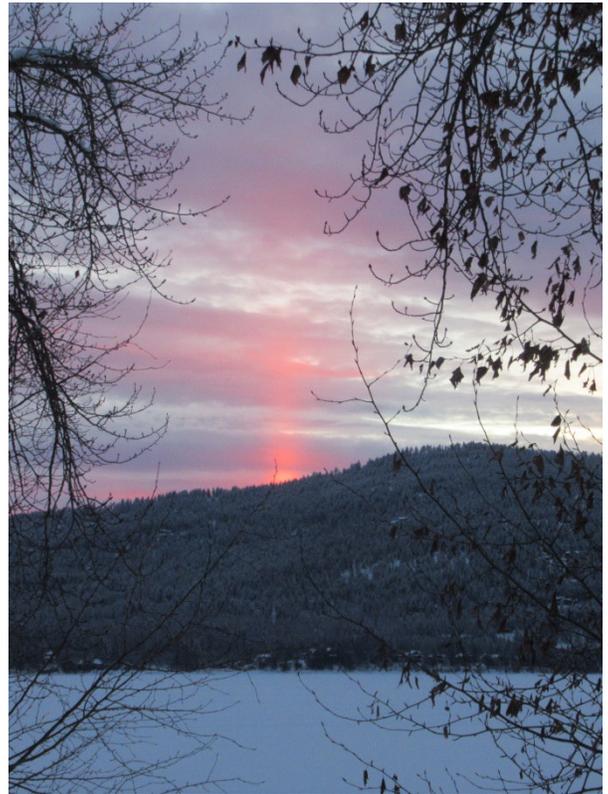
Oh what a trip it was!



Left: Sherry, Cindy, Jamie, Tim, Simon, Phil, Mark & Teri



Teri Hammon
Trip Captain



Spring Fling in Summit County Colorado

You decide which resort you plan to ski!

March 19-24, 2023

Cost: \$495

ONLY 12 spots available



Join us for spring skiing at Copper or wherever you want to travel from Silverthorne! Enjoy great snow and warmer temperatures on the mountains around Summit County. This will be a great near the end of season trip! This trip includes:

- **Five nights** lodging at the Best Western Ptarmigan Lodge, 652 Lake Dillon Drive in Dillon CO. Hotel style double queen beds, refrigerator and microwave in each room. Check-in 3 PM, check-out before 11 AM
- Free area shuttle which can take you to Copper Mtn (IKON), Breckenridge (EPIC), Keystone (EPIC), Arapahoe Basin (IKON) or head to Vail (EPIC) or Beaver Creek (EPIC) for the day. All resorts are accessible on the Summit Stage or drive to the resorts.
- Hot tub and steam room
- Free continental hot breakfast daily, free parking, free Wi-Fi
- Welcome Party
- Lift tickets additional. If you do not have an EPIC or IKON Pass, purchase lift tickets online or purchase a four pack in advance. Lift tickets can be obtained through IKON or EPIC, or through the resorts' website, or through liftopia.com.

Trip Captain: Teri Hammon
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Membership is required in either the Omaha Ski Club or one of our reciprocal membership clubs. No additional dues will be required.

(Prices subject to change)

Payment Schedule:
\$100 due at signing
\$200 due February 1, 2023
\$195 due March 1, 2023

Mail payments to:
Omaha Ski Club
P O Box 3104
Omaha NE 68103-0104

**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2022 – MAY 2023**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW ____ RENEWAL ____

FAMILY \$25 ____ (\$30 if paid after September 30, 2022)

SINGLE \$22 ____ (\$27 if paid after September 30, 2022)

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 _____

LEGAL NAME _____ (exactly as it appears on Driver's License)

DATE OF BIRTH _____ AGE _____ SEX _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ PHONE _____

I PREFER TO ROOM WITH _____

DO YOU PREFER TO FLY (if offered) _____ IKON/EPIC PASS # _____

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 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 (subject to change according to bank fees) 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. Medical cancellations will be reviewed by the Board for refund determination.
- 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 enroute 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.