



April 2024 Newsletter

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Two Board Positions to Be Filled this May

The terms of two of our board members, Pebbles Forster and Ben Novograd, 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 402-212-4274. 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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Upcoming Events

May 7th (Tuesday) 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.

May 26th (Sunday) 4:00 p.m.

Election Party and Annual Meeting

Forsters residence, 1711 Kelsey St, Papillion NE

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

The club will provide burgers, brats and iced tea. See the flyer on page 4.

June 4th (Tuesday) 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.

June 9th (Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Social Gathering

Beercade, 6102/6104 Maple St, Omaha

On the north side of Maple St a little west of 61st St. Everyone welcome.

July 2nd (Tuesday) 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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

Phil Bintz

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Ben Novograd

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Membership April 2024

Single Renewals: Pat Connelly

Family Renewals: Jim & Michele Wolyniec

Mark & Cindy Johnson

Mark & Dee McCracken

Jon & Maureen Garrigan

Renew your membership for the 2024-2025 Season

We are now accepting membership applications for the 2024-2025 season. Dues will remain the same as last year (\$22 for singles, \$25 for couples/families) This price does increase after September 30th. Send your application and dues to the Omaha Ski Club, PO Box 3104, Omaha NE 68103.

Refer/Recruit (this can be done at any time!)

Any member will receive a \$25 trip credit for referring/recruiting new members when they join the Omaha Ski Club. Help us grow our membership and spread the word that the Omaha Ski Club does exist. (One \$25 trip credit for each new membership single or family)

Teri Hammon

Membership

COMMITTEES

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NEWSLETTER

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It's all about our members! These are the folks that make our trips fun!



Joe Reitman, Simon Lewis, Dee McCracken, Dave Burden, Mark McCracken, Tim & Sherry Adams, Ben Novograd, Jon Garrigan, Andrea Neumann, Jamie Lewis packed in the Retreatia shuttle from Timber Run Condos Steamboat 2024

Trips Update April 2024

Next season, we will be going to Telluride with FSA. (A 6-day, group rate lift ticket (\$729) is almost as much as a full EPIC pass) I am encouraging everyone to buy a full EPIC pass (\$982) for this trip and for all the other trips for the 2024-2025 season. The line-up of trips looks great for next season. I am looking for lodging this month at places like Crested Butte, Park City, Keystone/Breckenridge, Vail or Beaver Creek. We will put the EPIC pass to good use!

SIGN-UP now if you plan to go to Telluride. DO NOT wait because you may not get a room. We have the same crunch situation we had a couple years ago with a decreased number of rooms. We will be staying at the Mountain Lodge at Telluride (same place we were two years ago). Rooms are on a first come, first serve basis and when they are gone, they are gone! Send your trip application and \$100 deposit and your membership (if you haven't done so). See the trip flyer on page 7.

- ❖ **Save the dates** for *FSA week at Telluride - January 25-February 1, 2025.*
There are already 10 signups!
- ❖ *Park City TBD*
- ❖ *Crested Butte TBD*
- ❖ *Keystone/Breckenridge TBD*
- ❖ *Vail/Beaver Creek?*
- ❖ *Any other EPIC pass destinations you want to ski, let me know*

Where do you want to go for 2025? Send me your thoughts and suggestions at dragonsrock@cox.net.

Teri Hammon
Vice President of Trips



Join us for our annual

ELECTION PARTY

**MAY 28, 2024
AT 4PM**

POTLUCK
(MEAT PROVIDED)

**The Forster Residence,
1711 Kelsey Street
Papillion, NE 68046**

Banff Canada Trip with Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC)

February 24-March 2, 2024



Mark McCracken, Simon Lewis, Joe Reitman, Teri Hammon, Chris Lohry, Fred Hutson, Bill Hronek, Mel Evans, Gretchen Hutson, Jamie Lewis, Kathy Spahr, Brian Moore, Jeff Krinsky, Ester Evans, Pat Connelly, Cindy Johnson, Ben Novograd, Kate Johnson, Mark Johnson, Kelly Cave, Tim Adams, Andi Neumann, Phil Bintz, Kim Lee

Twenty-four members of the Omaha Ski Club met in Banff for a fun week of skiing, shopping, eating and visiting with friends. Mother Nature did not disappoint us either, blessing us with fresh powder almost every day that we were there!

We stayed at the beautiful Caribou Lodge. The rooms were large with comfortable, double queen beds. We had a full, hot breakfast daily which included eggs benedict, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, French toast, yogurt, fruit, breads, and cereals. It wasn't the usual, get up and prepare breakfast for several people. I was spoiled this trip. The 52 passenger buses to the ski areas met us at the front door and took us to the ski areas. After skiing all day, we hopped on the bus and we were the 2nd stop to be dropped off. They had a great system of transporting people to the ski areas. It also decreased the number of cars on the highway. Even to Lake Louise, 40 minutes on the bus was comfortable. The ski lockers were in the parking garage so it was easy to drop our skis off and go to our rooms. We were on the first level, near the hot tub. The indoor hot tub was a large pool with jets that held many people. It was a great place to gather after skiing. We met in the hotel restaurant called, The Keg, for drinks and dinner on a couple of occasions. The food was great.

We skied at Lake Louise on Sunday since there were more trees and it was overcast skies most of the day. We had fresh snow and low visibility which made some of the areas interesting to navigate. Lunch was at Temple Lodge in the Larch area. We returned and had dinner at Chili's then went to the CMSC Welcome Party at Melissa's Missteak for finger foods and desserts. Several people won raffle prizes during the evening. It was fun to see old friends and talk to each other. It sure was a lot different than the Mammoth trip!

Monday, we returned to Lake Louise for a morning of fun races. The race course was manually timed. The course itself was ungroomed, chunky and icy in spots. Twenty of the Omaha Ski Club participated! We definitely won first place for most people in a group participating! I am proud of all of you! I wish to congratulate Gretchen on her very first run down a race course. Good job! After the races, we had lunch at the Sitzmark in Whiskey Jacks at the base of the mountain. We skied until close then returned to the hotel for hot tub time. Some of us walked downtown and had dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory in the Mall. Dinner was delicious. It was fun to sit and visit with everyone. It was a very windy, frigid walk back to the hotel after dinner.

Tuesday, we tried skiing at Sunshine Village. The sun was out and we had a great time exploring the mountain. We found a black run called "Shaken not Stirred" that would have been great if there would have been more snow. As it was, we were pretty shaken after coming down that one! We made a few runs off the Continental Divide Lift and explored some of the other areas. We didn't make it up Goat's Eye. Hopefully, the sun will shine on Friday. That evening, we joined CMSC at the Banff Avenue Brewing Co. for Après Ski. There were drinks, pizza and desserts. It remained snowy and cold out. The walk back to the hotel was brisk.



Ben Novograd, Phil Bintz, Kim Lee, Jamie Lewis, Andi Neumann, Mark McCracken, Teri Hammon, Fred Hutson, Simon Lewis and Joe Reitman at Lake Louise

Wednesday, we returned to Lake Louise to ski. Most of us took the morning mountain tour. The visibility was poor and it was a great way to explore the mountain. After the hot tub, we all met in the lobby for a group photo. Our photographer for CMSC took a fall and wasn't able to take the group photos. After this, we walked downtown to the Japanese restaurant for dinner.

Thursday, Ben, Jeff and Teri went to Mt Norquay to check out the skiing there. It was fantastic with fresh powder, although it was a little wet and heavy. We met up with the Johnsons who were sitting near the fireplace in

the lodge trying to dry out. Norquay hasn't changed over the years and still has the 70's lodge look. One of the lifts was down so we were towed up the hill with a snowmobile. That was a first! After we got back, we walked to the Banff Park Lodge Conference Center for the farewell banquet. We were surprised at all the medal winners from our group. We had great participation from everyone. Twenty of the twenty-four attending did the fun race! Let's keep this up for the FSA races next year in Telluride. The banquet food was good and the DJ had some good tunes to dance to. We had a cold, brisk walk back to the hotel.

Friday, we made it back to Sunshine Village and up the Goat's Eye Express to check out that area. At lunch, the girls made a shopping stop and Jamie got the yellow jacket to match her pants. Her nickname is now sunshine sprinkles. We can always find her in the low light conditions. That evening, we had tacos at the Après Ski at the Canadian Brewery. I enjoyed catching up with friends from CMSC. Afterwards, we went shopping. It must be a day for buying coats. The red and black Descente just had to come home with me. The remainder of the evening was spent packing and loading the car.

Saturday morning, it was still snowing. We all gathered for breakfast. A few of the group had a 7 AM shuttle and the rest were on the 10 AM shuttle to the airport. Phil and I drove and left after everyone was gone. The roads were slick in spots and we saw several vehicles in the ditches. Everyone eventually made it home safely!



It was a great trip despite all the pretrip difficulty getting flights. I want to thank everyone for reading all the late night emails and the volumes of instructions. You all did well and everything went smoothly. Thanks also to Vicki and Noreen for all the instruction to the trip leaders. And we had no injuries in our group! Only a few comical mishaps ;)

Thank you all again for a great trip!

Teri Hammon

Trip Captain

Telluride CO Ski Trip

January 25 – February 1, 2025

Cost: \$1335

(Lift tickets and parking not included)

Preliminary



Come ski with us at Telluride! We will join up with all our friends from the Flatland Ski Association (FSA) and have a great time for a wee of skiing, racing, après ski time, hot tubbing and dinners. This trip includes:

- Seven nights lodging at the beautiful Mountain Lodge at 457 Mountain Village. Lodging consists of 2-bedroom suites, 2bed/2bath condos and two 4-bedroom cabins. Lodging assigned on a first signed up basis. Ski-in, ski-out, outdoor hot tubs and heated pool, Free Wi-Fi, fitness center and sauna, ski storage lockers, free shuttle to Gondola, Mountain Village Market, and Mountain Village. Arrive on Saturday, check-out on the following Saturday morning. Check-in 4 PM, check-out 10 AM
- *Parking fees are \$35 per vehicle per night. (Not included in the trip cost) I suggest carpooling if possible.*
- FSA Après Ski Welcome Party at Telluride Conference Center in the Mountain Village
- Club racing-friendly competition-helmets required
- Evening FSA Awards Banquet with DJ and dancing (Telluride Conference Center)
- Lift tickets are optional. I encourage you to buy a FULL EPIC Pass to use on this trip and other trips this season. Otherwise, lift ticket prices are as follows: 1day-\$142, 2 day-\$284, 3 day-\$426, 4 day-\$486, 5 day-\$608, 6 day-\$729, 7 day-\$851. These are all good for 10 days from the day we arrive.
- FSA tee shirts may be preordered-long sleeve, short sleeve Optional Prices TBA
- Open Race \$30 (two runs on the race course for NASTAR medals) Optional
- **Full schedule of events will be published and this flyer will be updated**

Trip Captain: Teri Hammon
Phone: 402-680-0971
Email: dragonsrock@cox.net

Membership is required in either the Omaha Ski Club or one of our reciprocal membership clubs. No additional dues will be required.
Pricing subject to change.

Payment Schedule:

Due at signing (now): \$100

August 1, 2024 \$300

September 1, 2024: \$300

October 1, 2024: \$300

November 1, 2024: \$300

December 1, 2020: \$remaining balance + optional items

Mail Payments to: Omaha Ski Club, PO
Box 3104, Omaha NE 68103-0104

**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2024 – MAY 2025**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW ____ RENEWAL ____

FAMILY \$25____ (\$30 if paid after September 30, 2024)

SINGLE \$22____ (\$27 if paid after September 30, 2024)

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.