

March 2024 Newsletter

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2023-2024 Season's Trips Completed

All of this season's trips have been completed.

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.

Upcoming Events

April 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.

April 7th (Sunday) 5:30 p.m.

Social Gathering and Chicken Dinner

Alpine Inn, 10405 Calhoun Rd, Omaha

Join us for specially roasted chicken and a window view of live raccoons. We'll be there as things get dark, when the raccoons come out and feast on chicken outside near the windows where people can see them. Everyone welcome.

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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. See the flyer on page 3.

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Membership March 2024

Single Renewals: Andrea Neumann
Jeff Krinsky

Family Renewals: Jamie & Simon Lewis

Renew your membership for the 2024-2025 Season

The final trip has returned. We will now accept membership applications for the 2024-2025 season. Dues will remain the same as last year (\$22 for singles, \$25 for couples/families) The 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

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



Dave Burden, Phil Bintz, Ben Novograd, Jeff Krinsky, Steve Grunberg, Brian Moore, Simon Lewis, Vance Peterson, Dale Weinstein, Rick & Kim Lee, Jamie Lewis. (front) Teri Hammon, Andrea Neumann

Trips Update March 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) so I am asking 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!

- **Save the dates for FSA week at Telluride - January 25-February 1, 2025.**
- **Park City TBD**
- **Crested Butte TBD**
- **Keystone/Breckenridge TBD**
- **Any other EPIC pass destinations you want to ski, let me know**

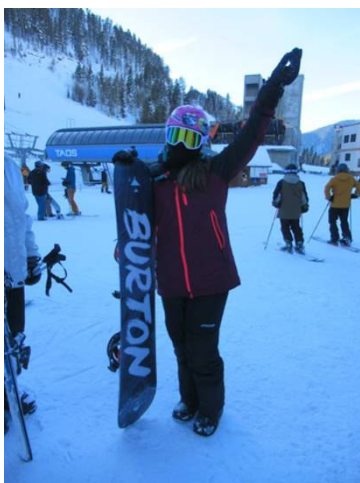
Where do you want to go for 2025? Send me your thoughts and suggestions at dragonsrock@cox.net.

Teri Hammon
Vice President of Trips

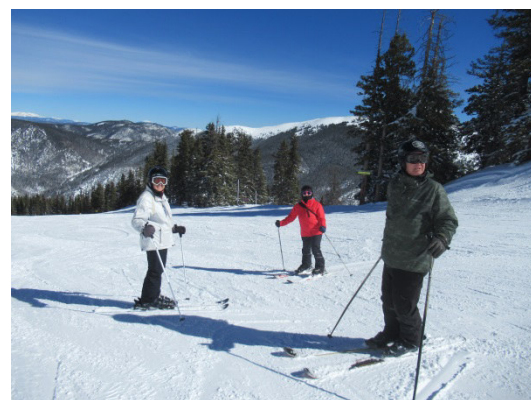
Taos NM Trip

February 4-9, 2024

New Mexico has so much to offer: beautiful sites, art galleries, shopping, Earthship Biotope homes, restaurants for any taste and red sandy soil that gets into everything! Oh, and skiing! Yes, snow and wind. Seven members of the Omaha Ski Club drove out to Taos for a few days of skiing and site seeing.

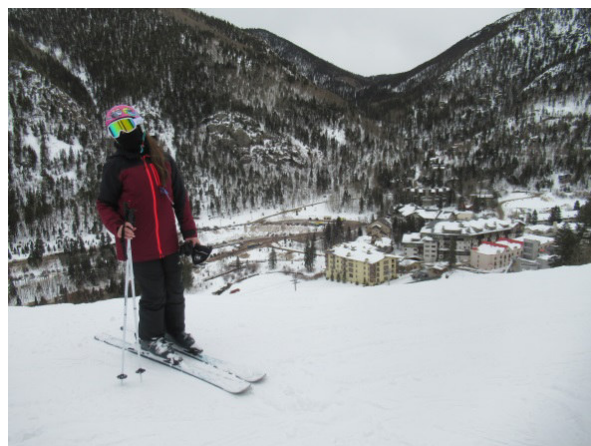


We skied Monday and Tuesday. The first day was sunny and we explored the whole mountain except the steeps. Jordyn took a day of snowboard lessons and decided that skiing was much better than falling many times. We had lunch breaks at the base or at the Phoenix Grill. The skiing Thursday was interesting. 6-8 inches of fresh, windblown snow over the groomed runs slowed you down. It was better on Friday with another 2-3 inches of fresh snow to cover the groomed runs.



The Welcome Party was held at 5 Star Burgers. They had great burgers and brownies with ice cream. Other nights we enjoyed Chinese at Songs (great service, not good Chinese), Mexican at Guadalajara Grill (average food), American at Sagebrush Inn (traditional American menu, with live music and dancing nightly. The Jesse Wayne band was playing when we were there) and Italian at Mondo Italiano (great food and great service).

Wednesday, it snowed and was very windy. The lifts were on a wind hold until 11 AM. They opened for about 15 minutes, and then closed down again. By noon, the area had closed. Some of us didn't ski and returned to the hotel. We went to a couple of shops to look around.



We stayed at the Hampton Inn, which was on the south end of town. They did not have a working hot tub. After a change of rooms due to a loud blower overhead all night long and a non-working TV, we settled in. It was adequate, but we will not stay at that property again.



Some of us explored the Earthship Biotecture homes made from recyclable items. They were built into the earth and looked very different from the road. They are self-sufficient off-grid buildings that work in harmony with natural phenomena in order to reuse materials, heat and cool, generate power, collect water, treat sewage and grow food. We also went to the Rio Grande Gorge Bridge which is 656 feet above the Rio Grande River and is 1273 feet long. The views of the surrounding gorge and mountains were spectacular. It is the fifth highest bridge in the United States.

The seven of us had a good time and returned home safely. Taos is a nice mountain for 4-5 days of skiing. For those who do not ski, the town and surroundings have a lot to offer.

Thank you for making this a great trip!



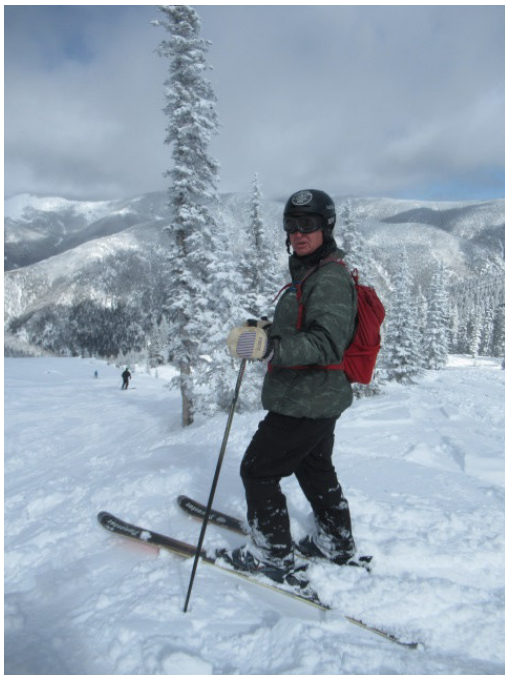
Teri Hammon
Trip Captain



Teri Hammon, Jordyn Hargis-Forster, Billy Coghill, Ellen & Pebbles Forster, Debbie Williamson and Phil Bintz. Dinner at Mondo Italiano.



Jesse Wayne band



Debbie riding the shuttle



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.