



President's Letter

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As we get ready for the 2023-2024 season, we start to prepare for the cooler temps and the fall colors. Snow is already falling on the tops of some mountains. I get excited when I see the Facebook posts of the snow covering the ground. Ski season is almost here!

We have some great trips planned this year. We start the season with a trip to Snowmass with the Cornhusker Ski Club. The Tamarack Condos are a perfect place to stay and Snowmass is a beautiful place to ski. Hopefully, Mother Nature will bless us with early season snowfall. This trip is followed by the Flatland Ski Association trip to Steamboat January 20-27, 2023. We will stay at Timber Run Condos, with great outdoor hot tubs and their own shuttle service to the ski area. There are many changes to the base area at Steamboat including an escalator! They moved the gondola over and built the Range Food and Drink Hall. The new Wild Blue Gondola is the longest and fastest 10 person gondola in North America. It has a mid-station at Bashor bowl, where our racing takes place, and continues to the top of Sunshine Peak. Top to bottom is 13 minutes! Total length is 3.16 miles with 10,000 people per hour. Very impressive! They have also expanded the terrain by 650 acres of expert/advanced terrain in an area called Mahogany Ridge. I cannot wait to spend the week here. Come help us explore the changes Steamboat has made! Following this trip, we will spend five days in Taos, NM. Last time we explored this area, the snowfall was a little sparse. Hopefully, we chose a time for great skiing! We will stay downtown at the Hampton Inn. Taos is a great town full of art and culture. Finally, we fly to Banff Canada to ski the Big3-Sunshine Village, Mt. Norquay and Lake Louise. We are staying in the town of Banff, near the shopping and restaurants. We stay at the Caribou Lodge with a beautiful indoor hot tub. The ski shuttle bus picks us up at the door and there is also a free ROAM bus stop nearby that will take you around town. Teri is still working on putting together yet another trip for March. We can never have enough skiing!

I want to thank our members for renewing their memberships and welcome everyone to the club! As a result of our recruiting efforts, we have a few new faces and we have welcomed back members who have been absent for a few years. We like to see new members and welcome their ideas. The club does offer our members a \$25 trip voucher for each new membership (single or family) that they bring in. The larger we grow our membership, the better deals we can get for lodging. Most places like groups of 20. So get out there and get your friends and family members to come with us! The more the merrier!

Pebbles has also done a good job planning Social Events, going to new places and spreading them out throughout the city. Everyone is welcome to join us at any of our social gatherings. Come meet other fellow sports enthusiasts! Visit our website at omahaskiclub.org for updated information. Ben does an excellent job keeping our events current as well as posting all those pictures that Teri likes to take. Thank you both! Also, save the date, November 26, 2023, for the showing of the Teton Gravity Research's film *Legend Has It*. It is being hosted by Mt Crescent Ski Patrol at the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema in LaVista.

I want to close by saying "Thank You" to all of our members, reciprocal clubs and Board members who keep the Omaha Ski Club alive and going strong! Please join us on one or all of our trips and at the social gatherings to meet others and have some great conversations. Oh the stories we hear....

Cheers to the 2023-2024 Ski Season!
Let it Snow!