

February 2024 Newsletter

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2023-2024 Trips - Two trips left, three completed

December 10-15 – Snowmass, CO, drive out, with the Cornhusker Ski Club. Completed.

January 20-27 - Steamboat, CO, drive out, with the Flatlands Ski Association. Completed.

February 4-9 - Taos, NM, drive out. Completed.

February 24 - March 2 - Banff, Canada, fly out, with the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council. This trip is full. See the flyer on page 7.

March 10 - 15 - Summit County, CO, drive out. See the flyer on page 8.

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Upcoming Events

February 18th (Sunday) 3:00 p.m.

Board Meeting

Greek Islands, 3821 Center St

On Center Rd between 38th and 39th St. All members welcome,

February 18th (Sunday) 4:00 p.m.

Social Gathering, Greek Dinner, Steamboat Post-Trip, Taos Post-Trip and Banff Pre-Trip Party

Greek Islands, 3821 Center St

After the board meeting. On Center Rd between 38th and 39th St. They have a wide selection to meet your taste buds. Everyone welcome.

February 24th (Saturday) to March 2nd (Saturday)

Banff Trip with the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council

See the trip flyer on page 7.

March 5th (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.

Board Meeting

Legends Bar and Grill, 6910 N 102nd Circle

Near the NW side of the Rt 133 (Blair High Rd) I-680 exit. All members welcome.

March 5th (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.

Social Gathering, Banff Post-Trip and Summit County Pre-Trip Party

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Membership February 2024

No new or renewal memberships at this time.

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!



Jeff Krinsky, Mark McCracken, Joe Reitman, Dave Burden, Phil Bintz, Teri Hammon, Jamie Lewis, Simon Lewis, Andi Neumann, Richard Wilson, Ben Novograd and Jon Garrigan. (Steamboat January 2024)

Trips Update February 2024

We are down to our last two trips of the season. The Banff trip, which is filled, will be leaving in less than two weeks. March is almost here with our last trip of the season going to Summit County. I will be cancelling rooms when I return from Banff. If you would like to join us on this trip, get your trip application to the PO Box before March 5th!

- ***Taos NM*** February 4-9, 2024 Seven members attended and had a great time in the fresh snow! Sorry you missed it!
- ***Banff, Alberta, Canada Trip is full!*** CMSC weeklong trip 2/24-3/2/2024. Information was emailed to the 24 people signed up for this trip. We leave in a little over a week! I can't wait! Don't forget your PASSPORT! See you at the PRETRIP PARTY at Greek Islands 38th Center on the 18th!
- ***Summit County CO!*** March 10-15, 2024. Cost \$495 Lift tickets on your own. **14 spots available.** This drive-out trip includes five nights lodging at Luxury Inn & Suites in Silverthorne, free continental breakfast, hot tub and welcome party. You chose where you wish to ski. See trip flyer for more information. This will be the last trip of the season!
- **Save the dates** for *FSA week at Telluride - January 25-February 1, 2025.*

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

Teri Hammon
Vice President of Trips

Steamboat Trip

January 20-27, 2024

Twenty-three members joined us for the annual Flatlands Ski Association Week at Steamboat Resort. There were seven other clubs from Kansas City, Topeka, Wichita, St Louis, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Lincoln who participated for a total of 206 attending the FSA functions. (Columbia was not represented) It is always a great time to see old friends and participate in friendly competition during the races.

Most of the Omaha Ski Club members drove out and arrived on Saturday afternoon. We held a welcome party potluck dinner that evening at Jamie, Simon and Andi's condo #110 in order to hand out packets, tee shirts and give information to everyone. We had a variety of food from chili and pizza to cornbread and margaritas. Bill Hronek brought the margarita machine, but it didn't want to cooperate, so we had margaritas on the rocks. We enjoyed a nice evening and celebrated the January birthdays with a cake for Richard Wilson 1-2, Pat Connelly 1-21 and Steve Grunberg 1-29. Happy Birthday!

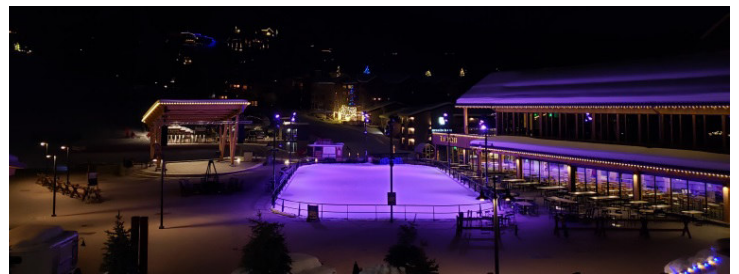


Pat, Richard and Steve celebrate January birthdays

During this time, I also discovered I had forgotten my camera at home. The phone and a little help from my friends will yield all the pictures to document the trip. This was a first!

Sunday, we got to see all the new changes that were made to the base area. The ice skating rink next to the Range Food & Drink Hall, the Steamboat Gondola, which was moved over and

an escalator installed to take you to the transit center. I was thrilled! It did make it easier than climbing the stairs at the end of the day. Timber & Torch is still at the base. We rode the new Wild Blue Gondola (10 person) to the top. This gondola also stops at the Greenhorn Ranch area which is a new area for beginners. They have a new lift in that area called Greenhorn Express for the beginners. They have done away with the picnic area by Bashor and extended the Nastar base area. They also installed a new lift in the expanded area off of Pony Express called Mahogany Ridge Express. Some folks made it over there this trip. We skied around Sunshine Express and stopped at Rendezvous for lunch. After skiing, we checked out the three hot tubs at Timber Run.

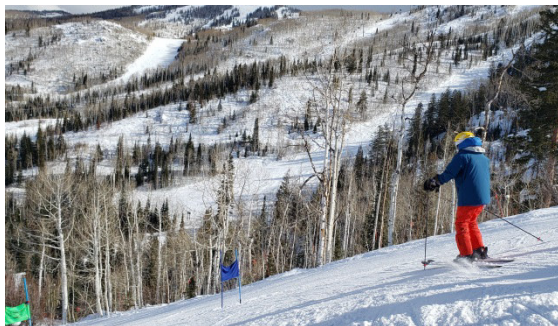


Monday, the visibility was better and we skied around Storm Peak and Sunshine. Westside run was beautiful.

We had lunch at Thunderhead, skied a while longer and went back to get ready for the Welcome Party at 6:30 at the top of the Gondola. It was a nice dinner and we had time to sit and visit with our friends while the race chairs sold raffle tickets and socialized. STARS gave a presentation on the adaptive sports program. Proceeds of the raffle ticket sales will be donated to STARS. It was about a \$2500 donation this year. Thank you all who donated!



(Front) Andi Neumann, Bill Hronek, Jeff Krinsky, Jon Garrigan (Back) Mark Johnson, Simon Lewis, Tim Adams, Richard Wilson, Teri Hammon, Mark McCracken, Joe Reitman, Sherry Adams, Steve Grunberg, Dee McCracken, Brian Moore, Phil Bintz, Jamie Lewis, Vance Peterson, El Siebert, Dave Burden, Pat Connelly. Missing Ben Novograd & Cindy Johnson



Tuesday was race day. Phil did the Open Race in the morning. This was followed by the Men's challenge races and Women's Alt Race. Jamie and Andi competed in the Women's Alt Race and we had several men participate in the races (Pat, Simon, Richard, Ben, Jon, Phil, Jeff, Mark, Joe). Unfortunately, Mark Johnson fell and sustained a concussion and was not able to ski the rest of the week. Vance Peterson also fell and injured his back and had to take a couple days off. Both are okay and doing better. After the races, we had lunch at Thunderhead and skied the afternoon. The snow was nice and the temperature wasn't too cold.

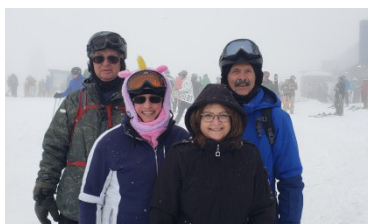
Wednesday, we skied. We didn't have any women racing, so we had fun skiing. We had lunch at Four Points lodge and gathered at the base for the Snowshoe Team Relay Race. Phil, Jon, Jamie and Mark ran for the Omaha Team. We were in the first heat. It is fun to cheer on your team and watch them try to run with a glass of water. I really think they should put this race into age categories. Not



everyone has 20 year olds in their clubs. We came in fifth place, not last. At least we were out there doing a great job! On the evenings that we didn't have plans, everyone did their own thing for dinners. Some of us gathered to eat leftovers while others went downtown to eat.



Thursday, we skied in the morning, had lunch and went to the Novice Race. We got several people interested in this "race" just to experience going through gates. El, Bill, Tim, Cindy, Vance and Teri all participated and did well making all the gates. Perhaps we can have them try the Nastar course next year? That evening, we went to the Steamboat Grand Ballroom for the Awards Banquet. Dinner was fantastic and consisted of prime rib, chicken, salmon, salad, mashed potatoes, mac & cheese and veggies. Billy Kidd came and spoke to the group. Still a wonderful ambassador for Steamboat Resorts! Andi won the raffle prize of \$200. Several members won door prizes. Simon received a bronze medal in his age group and Richard got the gold medal in his age group. Phil, Mark and Richard received Nastar medals. The true surprise of the evening was receiving the Judy Cup Award. The Judy Cup is awarded by the FSA Board and is presented to persons who have made exemplary contributions to FSA, demonstrating service and/or sportsmanship in the Flatlands' tradition. This was truly an unexpected honor.



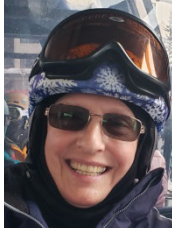
Friday, Mark, Phil and I took Dee, who wasn't skiing, up the Wild Blue gondola to see the top of the mountain and experience what it is like to get off the gondola at the top, put on skis and ski down. We came down and walked over to the Steamboat gondola and rode up to Thunderhead and had lunch with the group. After lunch we rode down, the guys went skiing and we got ready for the potluck farewell party that we were having at

Dee, Mark, Jon and Joe's condo #309. Everyone brought their leftovers and we had dinner. It was a wonderful evening sharing stories of the week.

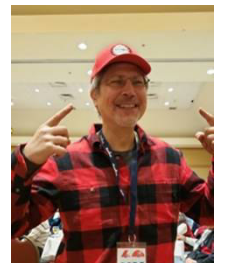
Saturday morning, we fixed breakfast for those leaving early and to get rid of the eggs, finished packing everything and drove home. The roads were good and we all arrived home safely. The week went by way too fast!



Thank you to everyone who made this trip a success! I appreciate all the help. You are truly a wonderful group of people. I hope Mark and Vance continue to recover and we wish them all the best!
Next trip...Taos!



Teri Hammon
Trip Captain Steamboat





Trip is full!
(Passport Required)

Chicago Week 2024

Ski Big 3-Sunshine Village, Mt.

Norquay and Lake Louise

February 24 – March 2, 2024

Price per package- Airfare separate

1030	Adult or Senior- NO air- NO transfers- NO lifts (IKON & 80+ & non-skiers) drive-out
1095	Adult or Senior- no air with transfers - NO Lifts (IKON & 80+ & non-skiers)
1540	Adult (5 day lift pkg)- no air- with transfers
1625	Adult (5 day lift pkg)- no air- with transfers-plus 6th day lift
1450	Senior (65-79) (5 day lift pkg) no air- with transfers
1515	Senior (65-79) (5 day lift pkg) no air- with transfers-plus 6th day lift
1560	Adult (5 day lift pkg)- no air- NO transfers-plus 6th day lift

Join us in beautiful Banff Canada for a week of skiing at Sunshine Village, Mt Norquay and Lake Louise, sightseeing and parties. The Canadian Rockies are beautiful in the winter! This trip will include:

- 7 Nights lodging at the Caribou Lodge in hotel style (no condos available) rooms. Hot tubs, Wi-Fi and parking.
- Daily breakfast in the hotel restaurant IS included in the trip
- 5-day lift ticket (not necessary if you hold an IKON pass) Good for all three areas (Ski Big3)
- Optional 6th day lift ticket price is \$83 for adults under age 65 and \$66 for seniors (age 65-79)
- Welcome reception
- Race
- Pub Crawl and Après ski parties
- Dinner Banquet
- Optional Travel Insurance
- Complimentary shuttle to and from each of the mountains from our front door
- Complimentary ROAM bus around town

Other things to do in Banff

- Take the town gondola to the summit of Sulphur Mountain. Take boardwalk trails around the area. Inside, visit the world class discovery center or dine at the Sky Bistro. The views are excellent! Book tickets on line approximately \$45. Look up Banff Gondola
- Explore the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel
- Walk along the river
- Shop on Banff Avenue. All of the hotels are walking distance to downtown area or take the ROAM bus along Banff Avenue
- Find an adventure tour of the area
- Visit the Banff Park Museum
- Take a guided ice walk of Banff's Johnston Canyon
- Take the bus to Lake Louise then take a shuttle to the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise to walk out to the glacier or have a drink at the hotel or browse through the shops located in the hotel itself. It is a memorable experience.

Payment Schedule:

Due at signing (now): \$50

September 1, 2023: \$350

October 1, 2023: \$350

November 1, 2023: \$250

December 1, 2023: \$100 + optional items

January 1, 2024: remaining balance

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

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 if you are a current member of your club, only a reciprocal membership application. Membership and Trip Applications can be found on our website: www.OmahaSkiClub.com.

Prices subject to change.

Summit County Colorado

You decide which resort you plan to ski!

March 10-15, 2024

Cost: \$495

ONLY 14 spots available



Join us for late winter 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 Luxury Inn & Suites, 540 Silverthorne Ln. Silverthorne CO. Hotel style double queen beds, refrigerator and microwave in each room. Check-in 3 PM, check-out at 10 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 pool
- Free continental 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.

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Payment Schedule:

\$100 due at signing

\$200 due January 10, 2024

\$195 due February 10, 2024

Mail payments to:

Omaha Ski Club

P O Box 3104

Omaha NE 68103-0104

OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2023 – MAY 2024

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW ____ RENEWAL ____

FAMILY \$25____ (\$30 if paid after September 30, 2023)

SINGLE \$22____ (\$27 if paid after September 30, 2023)

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.