



## March 2026 Newsletter

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### 2025-2026 Trips - one left

December 7-12 – Copper Mountain, CO, drive out. Completed.  
January 24-31 - Steamboat, CO, FSA trip, drive out. Completed.  
February 21-28 - Jackson Hole, WY, drive or fly out. Completed.  
April 5-10 - Snowmass, CO, drive out. This trip is full. See the flyer on page 9.

### Two Board Positions to Be Filled at this May's Election

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 5th (Sunday) to April 10th (Friday)**

#### **Snowmass Trip**

This trip is full. See the trip flyer on page 9 .

**April 7th (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.**

#### **Board Meeting**

**The Gant, 610 West End St, Aspen, Colorado**

In conjunction with the Aspen/Snowmass trip. All members welcome.

**April 22nd (Wednesday) 5:30 p.m.**

#### **Social Gathering and Snowmass Post-Trip Party**

**Foodie's, 351 N 78th St, Omaha**

On the east side of 78th St between Dodge and Cass St. Everyone welcome.

**May 5th (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 24th (Sunday) 5:30 p.m.**

#### **Election Party**

**El Siebert's residence, 3215 Belvedere Blvd**

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

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# Membership March 2026

No new or renewal memberships this month.

## Membership Renewal for the 2026-2027 season.

We will start accepting membership applications for next season after the last trip returns. Please 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) Word of mouth is the most effective way to recruit new members.

*Teri Hammon* - Membership

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*It's all about our members!*



February 2026 Jackson Hole Trip – Bruce Mundie, Phil Bintz, Simon Lewis, Teri Hammon, Mark Johnson, Jamie Lewis, Joe Reitman, Tim Adams and Jeff Krinsky.

# *Trips Update March 2026*

I just returned from Colorado and I must say that I have never seen so little snowpack. Several areas are closing March 22<sup>nd</sup>! It is Spring skiing at it's finest. I am hoping that we can ski while on the Aspen/Snowmass trip. If not, perhaps bring your hiking boots. The Aspen area is beautiful. It is sad to see that they have had so little moisture. Drought conditions are never a good thing.

## *Final trip for the 2025-2026 Season*

- **Snowmass April 5-10, 2026** We are staying at the Gant in the town of Aspen. These are 2 and 3 Bed/2 and 3 Bath condos. Ski at Aspen, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk or Snowmass. Shuttle to the transit station to Snowmass. See the trip flyer on page 9. This trip is full.

*Teri Hammon*

Vice President of Trips

*Pray for  
snow!!*

Moose grazing in the trees. View from the lift at Jackson Hole, February 2026



# Steamboat Trip

January 24-31, 2026

What a great week! The snow wasn't much to write home about, but we had a great time! The week consisted of a Chili dinner, a Welcome Party, an FSA Banquet, a Brownie party and a Farewell Dinner. We had to ski in order to keep the extra food from going to the waistline. Then when we thought we were done with the sweets, we came back to the condo after skiing to find plump, beautiful chocolate chip and nut cookies. They were so good! Thank you, Dee!



(Back Row) Tim Adams, Mark Johnson, Dave Burden, Joe Reitman, Jon Garrigan, Phil Bintz, Ben Novograd, Brian Moore, Pat Connelly, Simon Lewis, Vance Peterson, Fred Hutson, Mark McCracken, John Heiman. (Middle row) Cindy Johnson, Grant Bayless, Gretchen Hutson, Dee McCracken, Scot Jones. (Front Row) Teri Hammon, Jamie Lewis, Rebecca Hutchinson, Kim Lee and Jeff Krinsky.

We arrived on Saturday and had fun climbing stairs with our bags and coolers. Those more fortunate members were on ground level. The Lodge 3 bed/3 bath condos were spacious and accommodated all of us. Jamie and Simon started things off with a chili dinner. Each condo contributed to the dinner with salad or desserts. It was fun hanging out visiting with everyone. Thank you, Jamie and Simon! The chili was wonderful!

The FSA events were shuffled around due to many flight delays and too many people getting in on Sunday night or Monday morning. We didn't have much to do on Sunday besides ski all day. It was mild and overcast so some of us took to the trees. The snow was much better there. We came back to the condo and tried the hot tub. It wasn't too hot, but we relaxed for a while. I ran off to the Board Meeting. Everyone had dinner on their own tonight.



Monday, we found more trees with great snow. We had lunch at Thunderhead most days because Rendezvous was so crowded. At the end of the day, we attended the Welcome Happy Hour at the Range at the base. This was a new concept this year where everyone showed up and met with their Race Chairs to get their race bibs and buy raffle tickets. Phil was ahead of the game and handed out race bibs at the chili dinner. Teri had already handed out the welcome bags with the activity tickets and tee shirts. It was a come and go event and gave everyone a chance to see old friends.



It was time for the club's Welcome Party at Teri's condo. Mark and Scot grilled burgers, we had salad and baked beans. Everyone sat around and visited all evening. I could get used to this relaxing. Of course, I must thank Dee again as she had everything prepared before we got back.



Tuesday, the Women's Challenge Race was in the morning. In the afternoon, was the Novice Race followed by the Snowshoe Races at the base. Everyone showed up, including those who were alternates. We could



have had two teams! Perhaps next year. Jamie, Jon, Mark and Vance were our team running against others who were MUCH younger. We had fun and came in 5<sup>th</sup> place. Did I mention...we had FUN! Our Novice racers were Scot, Cindy, Gretchen and Teri. Some of the members went to the Pub Crawl, others had dinner on their own after the races. Jamie invited the group over for fresh-baked brownies. Thank you, Jamie! They were delicious!



Wednesday, I was stuck at the Men's Challenge races and the Open Race most of the day. It was warm standing in the sun. I didn't get many pictures of the guys racing since I was lining people up, or should I say, "herding cats". During this event, I got a phone call that John had fallen by the bus stop while he was on his way to the races. He was taken to the hospital. He suffered a broken hip socket and injured his collarbone. Jamie went to the hospital with him. Update: after spending time at the hospital for a

few days, he was transferred to a Rehab facility for recovery. He was able to go home, back to St Louis MO, on the 17<sup>th</sup>. He is doing well and looks forward to skiing with us again.

Wednesday evening, we loaded the gondola for the Awards Banquet at Thunderhead. The food was good, Western BBQ. Phil sold \$495 in raffle tickets, which is donated to STARS program for adaptive skiers. Several members won door prizes. Bronze medals were awarded to Jamie, Rebecca and Simon for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their age brackets. 19 of our 24 members raced. As a club, we came in 5<sup>th</sup> place because we are a small group, but we had FUN! After dinner and awards, the DJ played until 11 PM.





Thursday, we skied. We found trees and more trees. It was a great day to be in the trees! It was overcast and foggy. Lunch was at Thunderhead. After skiing, everyone had dinner on their own.

Friday was overcast and cooler. We found the trees and more trees all day long! It was great fun. Rebecca was recording as we went through the aspens. Beautiful trees. We were tired after all the trees. This evening, we had the Farewell Dinner for everyone. We had a lot of food. Kim fixed the Bulgogi, we had leftover hamburgers and beans,

lots of salad, chicken and rice and cookies. Everyone was hungry and the food disappeared. Again, thank you to Dee for helping make all this happen. I would have been hurried to have everything ready for these gatherings.

Many of us departed on Saturday morning. A few stayed and skied until lunch before going back to Frisco. It was a wonderful, FUN trip. Let's repeat it again next year! FSA will be at Steamboat again next year (with better snow I hope!) We are staying at the Lodge with all of us in Building B! Will you join us?

Thank you to everyone for all of the help. It truly was a group trip. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. Next up, Jackson Hole!

Teri Hammon  
Trip Captain

Jeff Krinsky, Cindy Johnson, Teri Hammon,  
Ben Novograd, Kim Lee, Vance Peterson, Scot Jones,  
Jamie Lewis, Tim Adams, Grant Bayless,  
Simon Lewis and Mark Johnson

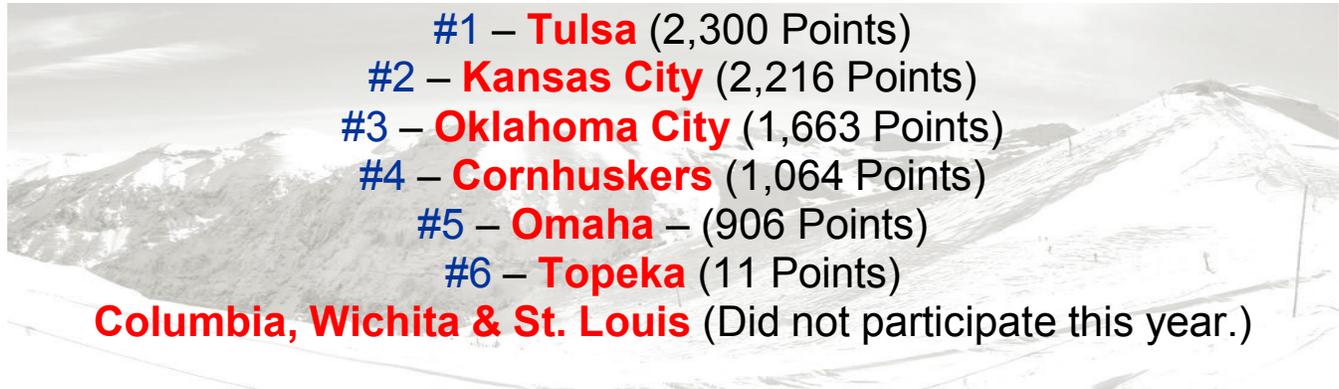


# FLATLAND SKI ASSOCIATION

## 2026 Ski Week Wrap Up



CONGRATULATIONS to all of the clubs and individuals on your outstanding performance at this year's Ski Week! Special congratulations go to those taking top honors:



#1 – **Tulsa** (2,300 Points)

#2 – **Kansas City** (2,216 Points)

#3 – **Oklahoma City** (1,663 Points)

#4 – **Cornhuskers** (1,064 Points)

#5 – **Omaha** – (906 Points)

#6 – **Topeka** (11 Points)

**Columbia, Wichita & St. Louis** (Did not participate this year.)

Each Club received a copy of the race results, so for more details contact your Club's Race Chair. Results are also posted at the FSA's Website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/flatlandskiassociation/results>

For more information on all things related to the FSA, don't forget to check the Website on a regular basis. ([www.flatlandski.org](http://www.flatlandski.org)) And please make sure that your Club keeps the Webmaster and the FSA Secretary updated on your club's activities!

**OTHER SPECIAL AWARDS** were also handed out at this year's banquet:

The Race Committee awarded this year's **Dave Vannett Trophy** to **SCOTT BRANUM** of the Kansas City Ski Club. Scott has been deeply involved in racing with the FSA for many years, serving as FSA Race Director three times. He has also been FSA President. Scott is known to encourage racers and offer tips on and off the racecourse.

The FSA Board honored **WAYNE SIMPSON** of the Cornhusker Ski Club with the **Judy Cup**. This year's FSA race was Wayne's 56<sup>th</sup> and he was our first-ever 90-year-old racer. He has served as FSA rep for his Club as well as numerous Club race chair positions. In 1980, Wayne was FSA Race Director when we had 1,200 racers. He continues to serve as inspiration for Flatlanders from all Clubs.

For more information on both of these special awards, and their history, visit our Website. ([www.flatlandski.org](http://www.flatlandski.org))

We're also happy to announce that **\$3,052** was raised to support **Steamboat Adaptive Recreational Sports (STARS)** with this year's raffle ticket sales. Since 2017, our total raised for STARS has been an amazing **\$11,649!** Think of all the people we've helped to enjoy snow adventures over the years. If you'd still like to make a donation, you can do so at <https://www.steamboatstars.com/donate>. Thank you all for your generosity!

### Final Thoughts from our 2025-26 FSA President, Evan Elsberry

Hello, Flatlanders - what a great week we had! I personally had an amazing experience being FSA President and able to serve such a great group. I find it amazing to learn how resilient the FSA Race Committee, Club reps and Board members are.

With the weather, flight delays and transportation difficulties, everyone sure did a great job to make this year's Flatlands Ski Week successful. And once again, the racing and camaraderie did not disappoint - amazing job, racers! Great competitive week. I also thank the racing staff at Steamboat for being versatile and working with us to make this happen. We don't get this same type of special attention everywhere we go.

I thank everybody again for the opportunity to serve and I'm totally eager for next year!

### Comments from the 2026 FSA Activities Director, Teresa Ingram

Hello to all who attended the FSA Ski and Race Week in Steamboat Springs, Colorado! Despite the chaos of changing the racing and activities schedule to accommodate those whose travel was impacted by bad weather, it was a pleasure to serve as your Activities Director for this year's event.

Kelli Kinnamon did a great job working with the Steamboat staff to rearrange the racing schedule – it was my job to make sure you knew about it. Did you like the black “slalom ski line squiggle” on the back of your activity pass and the ¼-page updated schedule in your welcome bag?! ☺ It's a lot of work getting everything coordinated, but great when it all comes together and people have a good time.

If you have any feedback about the event, *please* email me at [tringram01@gmail.com](mailto:tringram01@gmail.com). We also ask you to share your constructive suggestions of changes/improvements with me or your Club's FSA representative.

I sincerely thank the FSA officers, Board members and FSA reps for their encouragement and support, as well as the Club Trip Captains. A special thanks to **Penny Morgan** (Topeka) for getting the medals and awards, to **Daphne Reitz** (Kansas City) for her valuable assistance ordering the T-shirts from her favorite vendor, and to **Melissa Breeding** (Oklahoma City) and **Melissa “2”** for selling T-shirts at the awards banquet.

I'll be back for the task next year too – let's make it another great Ski Week for all!

**As with most organizations, nothing gets done in the FSA without many dedicated volunteers! Our thanks to the FSA officers and key FSAers who served in 2025-2026:**

**Evan Elsberry** – President (Tulsa Ski Club)  
**Michael Messimore** – Vice President (Tulsa Ski Club)  
**Elizabeth Knechtel** – Secretary (Kansas City Ski Club)  
**Melissa Breeding** – Treasurer (Oklahoma City Ski Club)  
**Teresa Ingram** – Activities Director (Cornhusker Ski Club)  
**Kelli Kinnamon** – Race Director (Oklahoma City Ski Club)  
**Matt Knechtel** – Race Data Coordinator (Kansas City Ski Club)  
**Ryan Breeding** – Immediate Past President (Oklahoma City Ski Club)  
**Daphne Reitz** – Webmaster and “T-Shirt Math” Expert (Kansas City Ski Club)

**And, of course, a BIG THANKS to all the individual Club representatives and race chairs who freely give their time!**

# Aspen/Snowmass CO

April 5-10, 2026

Drive-Out

Cost: \$680 lift tickets not included

**\*\* This trip is full \*\***



Join the Omaha Ski Club on a Spring trip to Aspen-Snowmass CO. It is later season and we must get as many turns in before the season ends! We will be staying at the Gant, located in downtown Aspen. This will give you an opportunity to ski at Aspen, Aspen Highlands, Buttermilk or Snowmass as well as shop, enjoy the restaurants in town or just hangout and people watch. There is a shuttle from the Gant to anywhere in town and to the transit center to go to Snowmass. This trip includes:

- 5 nights lodging at the Gant in downtown Aspen. These are 3-bedroom condos with full kitchens. 610 S. West End St. This property has two heated outdoor pools, as well as three hot tubs.
- Free parking (Our parking fees were waived, but still try to carpool as much as possible)
- Welcome Party
- Lift tickets are not included. IKON Passes are acceptable

Trip Captain: Teri Hammon  
Phone: 402-680-0971  
Email: [dragonsrock@cox.net](mailto:dragonsrock@cox.net)



#### Payment Schedule:

\$100 due at signing

\$100 due September 1, 2025

\$100 due October 1, 2025

\$100 due November 1, 2025

\$100 due December 1, 2025

Remaining balance due

January 10, 2026

#### Mail payments to:

Omaha Ski Club

P O Box 3104

Omaha NE 68103-0104

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)

**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION  
JUNE 2026 – MAY 2027**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW \_\_\_\_ RENEWAL \_\_\_\_

FAMILY \$25 \_\_\_\_ (\$30 if paid after September 30, 2026)

SINGLE \$22 \_\_\_\_ (\$27 if paid after September 30, 2026)

**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)

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