



March 2008 Update

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One Trip Left

The Whitefish, Montana trip from the 12th to the 19th of March had excellent snow conditions. 26 club members participated; a detailed article about it will be in the April newsletter. The last remaining trip this ski season is with the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council to Breckenridge in Colorado; it begins on Saturday, March 29th, and ends a week later on Saturday April 5th. Conditions also look good for this trip.

Bike Rides to Resume in April

The weather is gradually getting warmer, so, as in past years, we'll be resuming the Sunday morning club bike rides in April. The rides are on the local bike trails, usually between 15 and 30 miles long, and start at 10 in the morning when temperatures are cool, then shift to 9 when things warm up and 8 in the morning in July and August to avoid hot temperatures. If people are hungry afterwards, we usually stop at a nearby diner for breakfast or lunch. The first ride will be rather short (around 15 miles) since some participants haven't ridden since last fall. Later in the season, we also periodically join the Thursday evening taco ride, on the Wabash Trace trail from Council Bluffs to Mineola. Bike ride messages are sent by email to all club members in the local area 3 to 4 days before each ride. This timing allows planning for weather conditions; we normally start each ride against the wind, and finish the end of the ride with a tail wind to ease the stress on tired participants. The 3 to 4 day lead time also helps us to avoid riding in the rain; rides won't be scheduled on days with a high likelihood of precipitation.

March 29th (Saturday) to April 5th (Saturday) Breckenridge Trip

See the trips flyer on page 5 for details.

April 15th (Tuesday) Board Meeting 6 p.m. – Legends, 6910 N. 102nd Circle

NW of the I-680 Irvington exit. All members welcome.

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**April 15th (Tuesday) Social Gathering
Breckenridge Post-trip Party
7 p.m. – Legends, 6910 N. 102nd Circle**

NW of the I-680 Irvington exit, after the board meeting.
Everyone welcome

**May 6th (Tuesday) Board Meeting
6 p.m. – 1125 S. 103rd St.**

Across from Wheatfields. All members welcome.

**May 18th (Sunday) Election Party
Time and location to be announced**

Save the date – we're working on a time and location.

New Members

The Omaha Ski Club welcomes the following new members:

Ryan, Barbara, Samuel and Charlie C.

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We're nearing the end of another successful ski season. We traveled to Copper Mountain, Monarch, Winter Park and Steamboat in Colorado and to Whitefish Resort at Big Mountain in Montana. There's one remaining trip to Breckenridge, Colorado on the agenda. Now's the time to start planning for next year's ski season. Please use upcoming social activities to talk to any board member about where you'd like to see the club visit next year. Your input is crucial to our ability to offer trips you're interested in taking. We had great participation for our trips this year and hope to exceed your expectations again next year.

As summer approaches we're getting closer to Sunday morning bike rides. Watch your emails for trips as they're announced. It's a great way to stay in shape and also to stay in touch with other Club members.

Sunday, May 18, is the annual election party. Details will be announced soon so watch for that important email. The club will provide the entrée and members are encourage to bring a side dish and whatever they plan to drink that afternoon/evening. As always, we're having the end of year "picnic" celebration along with the election where you vote for new board members. Two members' terms expire so we're looking for new candidates to run for two-year terms as board members. The positions require monthly attendance at our board meetings where we plan club activities and the all important ski trips. This is a volunteer, unpaid position. We also encourage candidates who are willing to actively interact with other club members to gather their thoughts and opinions so we get input from many different perspectives. So if you're interested in running for a position on the board please forward a short paragraph about yourself. Typically people include something about themselves, their ski club experience and what they hope to accomplish as a board member of the Omaha Ski Club. Your mini-autobiography is due by April 27 in order to allow time to prepare the ballots to be voted and returned on or before the May 18 election party.

Hope to see you at an Omaha Ski Club event soon!

**Andrea McMahan
President, Omaha Ski Club**

2007-2008 Trip Information

Join the Omaha Ski Club this season for some exciting trips. We have included a variety for everyone. Grab a friend and join the club! Sign up early as spots are limited. Participation in a trip requires [current membership](#) and a [trip application](#).

Copper Mountain CO (Dec 11-16, 2007)

Completed

\$290.00 per person/dbl occupancy. This trip includes 5 nights lodging at the Summit House West 2 BR condos located in the Village at Copper just a short walk to the lifts. Pool and hot tub located in the Athletic Center. Lift tickets are not included. You are responsible for obtaining your lift tickets.

Trip Captain: Pat McCall (402) 342-8898 or cell 659-0911.

Payments: \$100 due Sep 28, \$100 due Oct 28, \$90 due Nov 28

Monarch CO-New Year's Trip (Dec 28-Jan 1, 2008)

Completed

\$290.00 per person/dbl occupancy. This trip includes 4 nights lodging at the Monarch Mountain Lodge, (2 bed hotel room style) Newly renovated, including 3 outside hot tubs and new management at the restaurant. Lift tickets can be purchased at the lodge for \$43/day. New Years party (TBA). Lodge has bar, DJ and dancing. Experience the gems of Colorado. Monarch Ski area is a short drive from the lodge.

Trip Captain: TBA Payments: \$100 due Sep 28, \$200 due Oct 28, \$140 due Nov 28.

Winter Park CO (Jan 9-13, 2008)

Completed

\$284.00 per person/dbl occupancy. Stay at the base area at Winter Park in the Vintage Resort Hotel. This trip includes 4 nights lodging and welcome party. There is a restaurant and bar on the main level of the Vintage Hotel. Lift tickets are not included. Trip Captain: Ben Novograd (402) 291-5704

Payments: \$50 due Sep 28, \$100 due Oct 28, \$100 due Nov 28, \$34 due Dec 28.

Steamboat CO FSA Trip (Jan 30-Feb 3, 2008)

Completed

\$448.00 per person/dbl occupancy. This trip is filling up now with 37 people. We do have one spot left.

Join members of the Flatlands Ski Association on an exciting trip to Steamboat. Trip includes lodging at the Timber Run Condos (2 BD 2BR and a hot tub), 4 day lift ticket and the FSA activity ticket to all the events, races, welcome party, final event banquet and après ski parties. Come and socialize, try your skills at racing (just for fun or competition) and meet new friends that love to ski.

Trip Captain: El Siebert (402) 453-9088.

Payments: \$50.00 due Sep 28, \$150 due Oct 28, \$100 due Nov 28, \$148 due Dec 28.

Ski Cooper CO (Feb 20-24, 2008)

Cancelled

\$210.00 per person/dbl occupancy. Trip includes 4 nights lodging at the Columbine Inn (2 dbl queens per room) and a welcome party. Lift tickets extra. Great trip for families!

Trip Captain: Sally Hammond (402) 493-6056

Payments: \$50.00 due Sep 28, \$50 due Oct 28, \$50 due Nov 28, \$60 due Dec 28

Whitefish Resort @ Big Mountain MT (Mar 12-19, 2008)

Completed

\$995.00 per person with airfare (\$930 if signed up before Oct 26) \$530.00 per person ground/dbl occupancy. Trip includes 7 days lodging at the Morning Eagle Condos (2 bed/2 bath, ski-in/ski-out, complete with hot tub and pool on the roof overlooking the mountain), airfare to Kalispell, ground transfers, 5 day lift tickets and a welcome party. Let's explore a new resort!

Trip Captain: Teri Hammon (402) 571-4517

Payments: \$150.00 due Sep 28, \$270 due Oct 28, \$300 due Nov 28, remainder due Dec 28.

Breckenridge CO (Chicago Metro Ski Week) (Mar 29-Apr 5)

Starts in a few days

\$825 per person/dbl occupancy. Join the Chicago Metro Ski Association members for a fun filled week at Breckenridge. Trip includes 7 nights lodging (condos), 6 day lift tickets (the group plans on having option of one day at Vail, one day at Keystone). Chicago week activities including a welcome reception, après-ski party, 2 races, mountain barbeque and final night awards dinner/party. It is a great way to have fun and meet new people!

Trip Captain: Ben Novograd (402) 291-5704

Payments: \$150.00 due Sep 28, \$300 due Oct 28, \$200 due Nov 28, \$175 due Dec 28

All prices stated above are subject to change or cancellation if participation is not adequate. The Omaha Ski Club is able to offer our members great trips because of the member participation. Please support your Club.

For information on any of the above trips, please contact the trip captain or:

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SEND YOUR DEPOSIT AND A COPY OF THE TRIP APPLICATION TO:

OMAHA SKI CLUB TRIPS

P.O. BOX 3104

OMAHA NE 68103-01

Steamboat Flash Back

The 2008 Flatland Ski Association annual ski get together was held at Steamboat Springs



January 30 to February 3, 2008. 42 members from the Omaha Ski Club joined this trip. Many people drove out early Tuesday morning. The first 150 miles were in blowing snow-white outs, and very cold temperatures. We stayed in various motels in the Steamboat area before converging on Timber Run Wednesday morning to check in and pick up lift tickets. Everybody got what they needed and were off to the slopes. El and Teri were relieved it went smoothly. Unfortunately,

Bob T injured a knee and didn't continue skiing. We still wonder how he filled his time. After skiing Wednesday, a rather large group of rowdy skiers were seen at Bear River bar extolling their skiing prowess and getting acquainted with old and new Omaha Ski Club and FSA members. We traveled by shuttle back to Timber Run where a welcome wine and cheese party was held for us. The added liberations the extent that there was no more host remarked that she had not before. At the party, Ben, our race coordinator accepted more race applications before going to the race committee meeting. After the party, many of us went downtown for dinner.



compliments of Steamboat loosened our tongues to wine to be consumed. Our witnessed such longevity coordinator accepted more



Six of our group had begun skiing on Monday and were already acquainted with the mountain, the shuttles, and the town but the rest of us got acquainted quickly with their help and the help of the resort staff. The heavy white robes were warm enough to make our journey to the outdoor hot tubs tolerable. The condos themselves were nice. Hot tub time was a social event. We enjoyed



making snow hot tub for more comfort meditating The next evening



angels in the powder and then dipping back into the warmth. Mark even found a few moments of in the powder.

the welcome party for the entire FSA group was

held on the mountain and required a chilly ride on the gondola. I estimate that there were close to 400 people



enjoying the drinks and food. Several of our members had their Kid who made an



photos taken with Billy the

appearance for the group. A live band played enticing music and the small dance floor was full. Even after skiing all day, old timers such as Jan and El were able to venture out on the floor. The younger ones like Roger, Teri, Mary, Joe, Len, Pat, Andy, Brian, Alan, Ellen, Bob, Tom, Kathy, Spencer, Felix, Kim and others managed to do their thing on the floor. By the way, the serious racers went home early and we learned later that our competition was relieved to see us wear ourselves out. Omaha stayed till the band finished.



On race day we had 13+ inches of fresh powder. Most skiers view this as paradise, not me. I hadn't skied powder before, but I learned that it does soften falls. The races were held on lower Bashor which made me thankful.

Some of our top finishers were Barb Larson, Phil Bintz, Craig Larson, and Pat Connelly. Phil and Craig received gold medals in Nastar racing. Silver medals were awarded to Barb Larson, Pat Connelly, and Phil Bintz. Bronze medals were earned by 9 individuals. Omaha placed 9th in the FSA competition. Some of our team missed the races due to a time misunderstanding or the previous night's dancing took its toll. The races went quickly after the timers were both working. Phil Bintz and Dave Lawler were in charge of the racing this year. You guys did a good job. Thank-you!



One of the highlights of the event is the awards banquet on Saturday eve. It was held on top of the mountain at the end of the gondola ride. We were seated by club affiliation and given about 26 chairs for 39 people. Since some of our skiers had left for home because of another forecasted snowfall, we did manage to gather enough chairs to sit together. We were seated next to an unnamed club with large cowbells and loud chants that pierced our ears whenever they won an award. This happened to be frequently as they were the winning club. What made up for it all was the food. It was great. There were several different meats; salmon, chicken, pork and prime rib and other sides. The prize drawings are always filled with good products and we had 7 or 8 people whose names were drawn.



I was impressed with the intermingling between our club members. We had new members who fit right in with us. They were Kim Lee, Roger Borne, Len Szmurlo, Joe Dotzler and Felix Kalinowski. Welcome to all of our new members. We are glad to

have you join us. A special thank you goes to Andy Rabick and Brian Moore for the lessons to anyone who wanted to get a few pointers. We had a first time ever skier with us, Joe Dotzler, who did an excellent job learning, We even had him on a blue run...and you should have seen his style. GREAT job Joe!! Keep up the good work. We also had a couple more “firsts” in our group. Andy, Teri and Pat felt it was time to take our new members Len Szmurlo and Russ Hans, who were more advanced skiers, to the next



level. Off to Christmas Tree Bowl we went. They both experienced their first double black runs. Congratulations! Always remember, pointed objects are bad especially in the middle of the trail where you wish to go and the sound of “click” “click” is good for



your knees but bad in deep powder with the powder cords.

Thanks for the memories. You both did a commendable job. Good effort!

I want to thank all of you for your excellent cooperation, your kind remarks, encouragement and most of all your friendship.

Your trip leaders

El Siebert Trip Captain

Teri Hammon VP Trips



P.S. Remember, if you have any complaints, you need to put them on the complaint form and submit them to me....the form that was a very tiny scrap...

Thanks El for a wonderful trip! You did a great job!!