



February 2009 Update

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Space Still Available On the Utah Trip

Space is still available on our Utah trip.

The Copper Mtn FSA trip has been completed, and the Snowmass trip is full. See the detailed trip information on pages 3 and 4 for details.

February 26th (Thursday) to March 1st (Sunday) Snowmass Trip

This trip is full. See the trip information on page 3 for details.

March 2nd (Monday) Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Feta's, Miracle Hills Mall

NE of 114th and Dodge St. All members welcome.

March 13th (Friday) Bowling

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. – ICC Recreation Center

2701 S 25th St, near 25th and Bancroft St. Free to members.
All members welcome.

March 15th (Sunday) Social Gathering

Snowmass Post-Trip Party

Utah Pre-Trip Party

6 p.m. – Muldoons Pub, 12143 W. Center Rd

SW of 120th and Center in the back of the shopping mall.
Everyone welcome.

March 17th (Tuesday) to March 22nd (Sunday)

Utah Trip

Space still available. See page 4 for details.

April 7th (Tuesday) Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Two Fine Irishmen, 180th and Q St

All members welcome.

April 19th (Sunday) Social Gathering

Utah Post-Trip Party

6:30 p.m. – Indigo Joe's, 7425 Dodge St

On the south side of Dodge St, near 74th St.
Everyone welcome.

The FSA summer trip to Playa del Carmen, Mexico has been canceled.

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The Omaha Ski Club welcomes the following new and renewal members:

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Omaha Ski Club Remaining 2009 Trips

Snowmass Colorado

Feb 26-Mar 1, 2009

Full

\$545.00 per person

DRIVE-OUT

Join the Omaha Ski Club as it hosts its first invitational to the Omaha Sports Club. The trip includes 3 days of skiing/snowboarding at Snowmass (The lift tickets are 4-mountain passes which entitle the user to ski at Aspen, Aspen Highlands, Snowmass or Buttermilk) and 3 nights of lodging in 2Bed/2Bath condos. We will stay at the Woodbridge Condos which are a short shuttle ride to the lifts. (Shuttles run every 20 minutes) There is a large outdoor hot tub and pool at the condos for those who enjoy socializing and sipping while soaking those sore muscles after a great day of skiing. Snowmass offers a variety of terrain for all levels of ability and lessons if you want to learn the sport or just improve your skills. This trip also includes a Welcome Party. The trip captains and members of the trip will decide on a theme for the party so that you can pack accordingly. Grab a friend and carpool.

**Trip Captains: Teri Hammon (402) 571-4517 or (402) 680-0971
Len Szmurlo (712) 526-2334 or (712) 310-6895**

Omaha Sports Club Liaison: Brenda Meyer (402) 699-5510

Payment Schedule:

9-28-08 \$100.00 deposit

10-28-08 \$150.00

11-28-08 \$150.00

01-28-09 \$145.00

Checks made out to the Omaha
Ski Club

Everyone is required to either be a member of the Omaha Ski Club or the Omaha Sports Club. If you are not a member of either club, please fill out a membership application and return to appropriate club with your membership fee.

Participants who are Omaha Sports Club members must fill out an Omaha Ski Club membership application with the word "RECIPROCAL" across the top. You do not need to join the Ski Club or pay the membership fee to go on this trip. (If you are signing up for other trips that are offered, we require a paid membership with the Omaha Ski Club) Your paid membership with the Omaha Sports Club or the Omaha Ski Club will be verified.

All prices 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 please contact the trip captain or:

Teri Hammon

Vice President of Trips

Omaha Ski Club

(402) 571-4517

vp-trips@omahaskiclub.org

SEND YOUR DEPOSIT AND A COPY OF THE TRIP APPLICATION FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

(WWW.OMAHASKICLUB.ORG) TO:

OMAHA SKI CLUB TRIPS

P.O. BOX 3104

OMAHA NE 68103-0104

Utah Trip

Snowbasin and Powder Mountain

Beach Party!!!!

March 17-22, 2009

Ski all day, dine and dance all night...sounds like a ski trip!

Join us for 4 days skiing at Snowbasin (site of the 2002 Olympics men's downhill) and Powder Mountain (one of Utah's best kept secrets).

Trip includes:

- 5 nights lodging at the Hampton Inn in Layton UT (walking distance to restaurants and bars!)
- 4 days lift tickets (2 days at Powder Mtn, 2 days at Snowbasin)
- Antelope Island Beach Party Friday March 20, 2009 includes a barbeque, cash bar and DJ for dancing.

Price per person \$490.00

Payment schedule

Deposit \$100.00 due now
Jan 28, 2009 \$150.00
Febr 28, 2009 \$240.00

Trip captain: Contact Teri Hammon at vp-trips@omahaskiclub.org
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Sölden 2009

Two OSC members – Mark and Ben – participated in this season’s Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC) Europe ski trip to Sölden, Austria, from Friday, January 16th to Saturday, January 24th. Sölden is in southwestern Austria (red star on map at right) in the Ötz valley, near the Italian border. The Ötz valley is also known as the place where a four thousand year old “iceman” was found several years ago, frozen in a melting glacier on the Italian side of the border. The valley contains a half-dozen ski areas, of which Sölden is the largest. During six days of skiing, on the 18th through the 23rd, we skied 5 days at Sölden and one day at two nearby smaller ski areas, Obergurgl and Hochgurgl. CMSC is a group of over 80 ski clubs; 27 of their people, including the two OSC skiers, were on the trip.



Getting to Sölden was time-consuming; we took three flights and a 4-hour bus ride. Ben began the process with a one-hour flight from Omaha to Chicago’s O’Hare airport; Mark’s initial flight departed from Denver. Once at O’Hare, we picked up our luggage, did a bag drag from the domestic to the international terminal, then checked in again at Air France. We then got on 2 more flights; an 8-hour flight from Chicago to Paris and a one and a half-hour connecting flight from Paris to Munich, which was followed by a 4-hour bus ride to the hotel (picture at left) in central Sölden. Along the way, we shifted time zones; the time zone in Austria is 7 hours ahead of Omaha and 8 hours ahead of Colorado. Once there, we were able to ski six days on a wide variety of terrain.

We skied one day in the nearby Hochgurgl and Obergurgl areas, and the other five days at Sölden. We did this to take advantage of the weather; the Hochgurgl and Obergurgl areas were higher up and more sensitive to bad weather, so we picked the day with the best weather to ski there. We spent most of the time skiing with a group of about 15 people led by the trip’s co-captain, who had done some advance research on the area. The 27 skiers on the trip are shown at right in a group picture.



We began our first skiing day, Sunday the 18th, with a short bus ride to the lifts. We skied mostly in the lower levels of Sölden, to get acclimatized and oriented to the area. The weather was cloudy, but the visibility was good and the snow was excellent. That night, and every following night, we had dinner at the hotel – it was included in the price of the trip. Breakfast at the hotel was also included.



The following day, Monday the 19th, we became more adventurous and covered the entire Sölden area, including the glaciers at the top altitude of about 10,000 feet. We also skied the entire “big 3 rally” route, which covers all of the three mountains within the Sölden area.



On Tuesday, the 20th, bad weather made an appearance – heavy snow and high winds. The higher lifts were all closed. We retreated to the lower portion of Sölden, and skied there for the rest of the day. We also spent some time inside interesting and unique on-mountain rest huts and restaurants.



Wednesday, the 21st, was very foggy. The mid-mountain runs were part pea soup, part whiteout. Conditions were challenging. We slowly found our way around, and then ended the day with Austrian party music at a bar near the base of the mountain below the fog layer. Early Wednesday evening, we attended a party in the trip leader’s condo, and consumed our share of red wine, white wine, whiskey and appetizers. It helped us to forget the bad weather earlier in the day.



Thursday, the 22nd had perfect weather; dry and pleasant, with crystal clear blue skies. We spent the day at the nearby Obergurgl and Hochgurgl ski areas and took in the great snow and scenery. That evening, we stayed late at a local on-slope restaurant, then skied back to the Obergurgl base after sunset, and then caught a bus back to Sölden.



Clouds returned for our last skiing day on Friday, the 23rd. Fortunately, the snow, wind and fog stayed away. We explored Sölden one last time during the morning, then had lunch at an old mountain hut filled with unusual old farming tools.



That afternoon, we stopped at the Giggijoch mid-mountain restaurant area to listen to a live band's Austrian version of U.S top 40 songs. Definitely unusual – the hundreds or so people gathered near the outdoor stage enjoyed it, we did also.



We then returned to the Sölden base, stopping along the way for one last chance to look at the scenery.



Early Saturday morning, on the 24th, we left Sölden and went our separate ways. Ben left with nine other people to go directly back to Chicago (and then to Omaha) by bus and plane the same way we got there. Mark left with the other 16 people to go by train to Budapest, Hungary for a two-day non-skiing extension of the trip, to investigate Hungarian culture and exotic food. Both of us made it back on time and in one piece; Ben on the 24th and Mark three days later. A good trip!

Ben Novograd
OSC skier



TRIP APPLICATION

(Required for each individual on the trip) (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Trip Destination _____ Trip Dates _____

FIRST NAME _____ M.I. _____ LAST NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ SEX _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
HOME PH. _____ WORK PH. _____
E-MAIL _____ CELL PH. _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____
I Prefer to Room With _____ OTHER INFO _____

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 or rcpt 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 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.
- 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 en route 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.