



January/February 2010 Update

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Two Trips Left

The Schweitzer and Winter Park trips have been completed. The Crested Butte trip is closed and will be leaving this week; the Park City trip still has space available. Information about the Park City trip is on page 3.

February 23rd (Tuesday) to February 28th (Sunday) Crested Butte Trip

This trip is closed.

March 2nd (Tuesday) Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Indigo Joe's, 7425 Dodge St

On the south side of Dodge St, across from the Crossroads mall.
All members welcome

March 16th (Tuesday) Social Gathering Crested Butte Post-Trip and Park City Pre-Trip Party 7 p.m. – Old Chicago, 78th and Cass St

Everyone welcome.

March 20th (Saturday) to March 27th (Saturday) Park City Trip

This trip still has space available. See page 3 for details.

March 30th (Tuesday) Social Gathering Park City Post-Trip Party 6:30 p.m. – Senor Matias, 90th and Arbor St

A little north of 90th and Center St.
Everyone welcome.

April 5th (Monday) Board Meeting 7 p.m. – Brazen Head Irish Pub, 319 N. 78th St

On 78th St between Dodge and Cass St.
All members welcome

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Chicago Week @ Park City UT (March 20-27, 2010)

Fly-Out Trip

Space available

\$1230.00 per person

\$875.00 per person without round trip airfare

Join the Omaha Ski Club and the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC) as they host the annual CMSC Week to Park City Utah. The trip includes:

- Lift-tickets for 5 days of skiing/snowboarding (2 days at Park City, 2 days at Canyons and 1 day at Deer Valley) Optional 6th day ticket available. Cost depends on which resort chosen.
- 7 nights of lodging at The Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center. These are newly remodeled hotel rooms (2 queen beds/room). The Yarrow will be where most of the activities take place. The Yarrow has an outdoor pool/hot tub, complimentary high-speed internet, mini-fridge, daily breakfast, and is ½ mile to Main Street, across the parking lot to the grocery store and it is also on the free shuttle route.
- Round trip airfare from Omaha
- Ground transfers
- Welcome Breakfast
- Welcome Reception
- Après ski parties
- Racing opportunities for anyone who wishes to participate (but it's fun to experience racing without being pressured to win!)
- Mountain Picnic
- Banquet Dance
- Trip Insurance included in the price!

The 3 Resorts offer terrain for all levels of skiing/snowboarding. There are also opportunities to take lessons at each of the resorts if needed (not included in trip pricing)

Trip Captain: Mary Soar

Phone: 402-515-1686

Email: msoar11@yahoo.com

Payment Schedule:

9-27-09 \$100.00 deposit

10-27-09 \$250.00

11-28-09 \$250.00

12-28-09 \$250.00

1-28-2010 \$380.00

Checks made out to the
Omaha Ski Club

Everyone is required to be a member of the Omaha Ski Club. If you are not a member of the club, please fill out a membership application and return it to the address below with your membership fee. New members are WELCOME!

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 trip, please contact the trip captain or:

Teri Hammon

Vice President of Trips

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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

SCHWEITZER TRIP 2010



Nine members of the Omaha Ski Club left Omaha and the below zero temperatures to explore Schweitzer Mountain, located in northern Idaho approximately eleven miles from Sandpoint. Seeing the sunshine for the first time in weeks was refreshing. I believe we almost had more snow in Omaha than they did anywhere in the country! At least it seemed like it. The skies were blue and the temperatures were in the low 30's. It was just like spring skiing in *January!*

We flew to Spokane and had over an hour's drive to the resort. Jackie, our van driver, took the scenic route and showed us a few points of interest.



We arrived at the Selkirk Lodge, unpacked and joined Gwen and Christy for a wine and cheese reception and a brief resort orientation. After this, we went next door to Chimney Rock Grill for dinner and casual conversation. Our newest member, Bill Berger joined us on this trip. He



lives in the Chicago area and learned of the trip through Dave Burden. Another new member, Russ Freitag joined us for his first trip with the club.

After dinner, we enjoyed the outdoor hot tubs and pool area. The view of the mountains from the pool area was

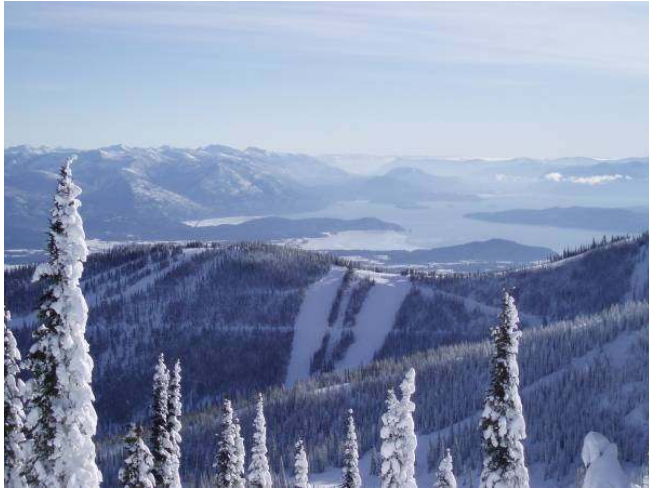


nice. The Selkirk Lodge had nice accommodations with kitchenettes in each room and memory foam toppers on the beds. Each morning we enjoyed a hot buffet breakfast.



Thursday, we met Chip for a guided tour of the mountain. He showed us areas where we could explore and areas that we might want to avoid. There was adequate snow cover but we could have had more powder. The snow was a bit crusty off piste. We did find some great tree runs with soft powder. The area was nicely groomed, even the chutes! The bluebird skies were nice for a change. I was willing to ski the groomed runs for a day or two just to enjoy the sun. From the top of the mountain, we had a fantastic view of Lake Pend Oreille.





Schweitzer was comparable to Whitefish only a bit more vertical. The area is located in Northern ID about 40 miles south of the Canadian border. Top elevation is 6400 feet. Since this area is the Pacific Northwest, it is subject to the warmer temps, fog, wet snow and rain. We experienced them all, although the rain did wait until we were on our way to the airport.

The next evening, we went to Thor's Pizza for dinner. Three large pizzas combined with eight guys and a gal leaves only empty plates and crumpled napkins. Other places in the area that we sampled were Pucci's Pub where we had sandwiches wine and beer; and Tap's Bar for après ski.



Russ took advantage of the complimentary ski tips that were offered as part of our package. He was very busy practicing his skills during the day. Most of us skied 5 days. Andy, Brian and Pat went into Sandpoint for lunch and to explore the town. It resembled the



trip to Whitefish; the only thing that was missing was the shuttle to town. There was one shuttle that only went as far as a parking lot about 2 miles from town. They are working on this as a future improvement.

The third day was cloudy and mild. We slowed the pace and stayed by the trees. It was fun to relax and not have to rush anywhere. We had dinner at one of the pubs near the lodge and then there was a long political discussion that lasted for a couple hours I am told. I fell asleep. The next morning we woke to cloudy skies and fog. We had a prolonged breakfast and went to ski. It was a great day as we explored more areas of the mountain and took a few more pictures. The final day we pushed ourselves on the slopes and relaxed in the hot tubs. We finished the day with a nice dinner at the Chimney Rock Grill.



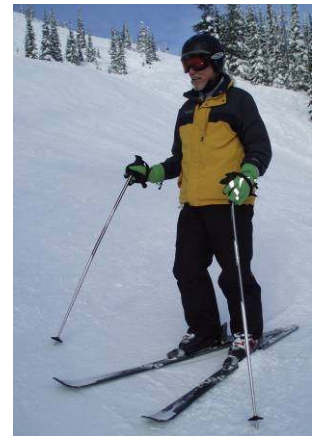
We woke to pouring rain as we finished packing and had breakfast. By the time the van arrived, the rain had let up a bit. We arrived in Spokane, had time for a sandwich before we boarded the plane.

We arrived in Omaha to yet more snow and very cold temps. I was ready to go ski again just to escape this weather!

Overall, the trip was successful. No injuries and great skiing! Schweitzer will be a place to return to in the future. Thanks to Russ, Steve, Pat C, Andy, Brian, Dave, Bill, Ben and Teri for exploring this new area.



Teri Hammon
Trip Captain



WINTER PARK 2010



He said he was a beginner yet he followed us down the blues, through the trees and into the moguls. I asked him how many times he had been on his board before this trip. He replied, "Three", but he had "practiced" at Mt. Crescent just before the trip. By the fourth day of the trip, he was in the starting gate on the race course. He skillfully took each gate as if he had been doing this for awhile. He succeeded. Meet Eric Horn, one of our newest



members of the Omaha Ski Club. From some of the comments that were made about "paradise" I know we will have Eric with us in Steamboat next year. Another new member, Kyle Burden joined us. Kyle is also a snowboarder and has had a few years experience. He enjoyed a lesson which took him into the half pipe. I think he's looking at those jumps. The thrill of big air and no fear! We also welcomed Jeff Krinsky back with us. He joined us for a day and will be with our group in Crested Butte. Both Jeff and Mark Storz are our Colorado members. Rich and Judy Gray also joined us again this year.



Eighteen members joined us for 4 fantastic days of fun at Winter Park with the Flatlands Ski Association. Although we always wish for deep powder, we could not complain. We enjoyed bright sunny skies which was a pleasant change.

Wednesday, several of us explored the mountain and found several areas of fluffy



snow. We enjoyed the large hot tub at the Founders Pointe Condos and then had a relaxing dinner downtown.



Thursday was another great day. We found some awesome tree runs and a couple interesting mogul runs.

Brian found out that you don't go down any runs that have "out" in their title. After a full day of skiing, we stopped at the Derailer for "beer-thirty" then met to watch the snowshoe races. The Omaha team consisted of Len Szmurlo, Eric Horn, Ellen Forster and Kyle Burden. They looked great. Kyle was very fast; of course

he only had one snowshoe on. The other one was left in the "dust" at the starting line. I haven't heard if we were disqualified for this. Hopefully they didn't notice! It was all in fun and



our team did well. Thank you all for participating. That evening, all nine clubs gathered for the Welcome Party. The potatoes were yummy. A DJ entertained us for a dance after dinner.



Friday morning, early breakfast was prepared by Randy, Teri and Phil. Teri was still on Central time when she woke Randy at 5:30! Phil sure has that one handed egg breaking technique perfected. A quick breakfast, a warm up run and then to the men's race course. The races went quickly. No broken timing gates this year! Only a minor delay as one member stopped to collect the equipment that

he had lost on the course.





After a short lunch, we went to the women's course to watch their races. The races were well organized this year. Everyone skillfully navigated the gates without incidence. Beer thirty was called early and we gathered at Doc's before going to the hot tub to relax. Afterwards, we went downtown for dinner.



Saturday...got skis, gotta go! We skied hard and had a blast! I think we were all feeling a bit sore after this day. We even took time to watch Eric take his run on the race course. Andy took us sight seeing



through the trees, down the mogul runs, up the Eagle Wind lift and through the trees some more! The sunshine was fantastic and the views were over the top! A short soak in the hot tub and then off to the Banquet. Pasta and a nice salad was a good choice to complete the week. After all the announcements, Omaha took last



place in total points and Kansas City reclaimed their first place standing. They only had one rowdy outburst when they heard that Tulsa was now in second place. Phil did get to



award a silver medal to Teri for second place in her age bracket. (If I would have been a few *hundredths* of a second faster...it would have been gold). Perhaps next year. Phil will have our NASTAR medals for those who received them soon.

As we were walking around the base area, the guys found the musical instruments and started making their own music.



It is official, Flatlands will return to Steamboat next year. Mark your calendars for the last week in January. I'm looking forward to another great trip. I



would tell you all to "think snow" but I fear that our thoughts may get "derailed" and all the snow might dump on us here in Omaha! We were tired as we packed our gear and headed home. Although we didn't have any major bodily injuries, Andy's vehicle was totaled by a deer. Fortunately, neither Brian nor Andy was injured in the collision. And the silver lining...Andy went shopping when he got home!



I want to thank everyone for making this a successful, fun trip. See you next year in Steamboat! But right now, it's off to Crested Butte!

Got skies...gotta go!
Teri Hammon
Trip Captain



**OMAHA SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
JUNE 2009 – MAY 2010**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: NEW ____ RENEWAL ____
Through September 30, 2009: FAMILY \$25 ____ SINGLE \$22 ____
After September 30, 2009: FAMILY \$30 ____ SINGLE \$27 ____

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 _____

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 rpt 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.