

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter

November 2017

For those who missed the last Monday Oct 2nd meeting, it was a pleasant nite for a get-together at **Woody's** on the patio in some pretty nice fall weather. We should have two more of these Monday meetings before the first ski trip to Aspen. NEXT one up will be **Monday, Nov 6th**, at **The Broadway Brewery** at 816 E. Broadway in Columbia. Time is 6pm for food order & a sort of semi-organized meeting w/pertinent info on skiing & other trips. At the 7 o'clock hour, we've been invited to a night at **Alpine Shop**, just to the east of the Brewery by a couple of blocks. Josh, the manager, will be ready to show & display the latest in winter gear. And if you've got skis in need of a tune, that service is being provided by their shop (albeit in a transfer to the St. Louis shop), but the time line is within a week from drop-off to return. AND rumor has it there's to be some hot buttered rum available at the shop.....

Most folks have returned their membership forms and dues, as Kenton has been busy with the log ins. Your 2017 form is available from our website of <http://columbiajeffcityskiandboardclub.org> \$10 for a single membership & \$15 for family. This is mandatory for attending of one of the ski events we've got planned.

ASPEN / SNOWMASS Dec 10 – 15, 2017

Join us for a 13th time back at **Aspen Square Condos** during that 2nd week of December, 2017. The \$696 price for this trip includes 5 nites at the condos, and a 3-DAY lift ticket. You can expand to a 4-day or 5-day ticket with paying of the additional \$59 per day *in advance* on this trip. The low price of \$696 includes the 5 nite stay at one of the most convenient places in Aspen, just across from the Aspen Mountain gondola. **NOW:** that extra day lift ticket that we used to be able to get at the window will cost this year, an additional \$89, with your existing club ticket if you WAIT to decide on an extra day of skiing. I cannot stress this enuf (that if you wait it will be \$30 over what you could get it for by ordering in advance) so if you plan to ski additional days, get the order into me by **Nov 20**. I will be making the ticket order for what we have on board, on that day. If you wish another day's ticket, get me the \$59 in advance of the order (Nov 20). The place we stay is just a mere 64 steps to the gondola from our complex. As always, this trip is a get-yourself-out-there transportation mode. Most that have been on this trip know about a Saturday nite gathering in Glenwood Springs for a get acquainted party usually at the CanyonBrewPub and I've made reservations for 10 at the Starlight

Lodge (same place as last year) within walking distance to the Pub & AmTrak Station. The motel has very economical rooms, with separate sleeping rooms in the units. We will be overlapping KC Ski Club's pair of Aspen trips by a couple of days, once again. The hope is to hook up with some of the ones who are more outgoing, at Little Nell's across the street and at the base of the mountain, for Sunday nite's tree lighting ceremony. This thing is rather nice event for Aspen community and brings in kids to see Santa during the Christmas tree lighting, live music, rum chadas & other drinks being made available, along with free cookies & punch. We'll have the welcome party, probably on the Monday nite, put on by the lodge. The steak dinner for our final nite there at Aspen, is included in the cost (no Elks dinner this year due to not being open until Dec 16). To date, there's 25 committed to going on this trip. Captain Ron, trip captain as always. There's plenty of past pictures located on the website to see.

For some added info: at least 6 folks have procured air fare outta Columbia, thru Dallas, straight to Aspen for a \$337 price. WHAT A BARGAIN THERE!

And now, speaking of bargains: Aspen Ski Corp. is celebrating their 50th year this year, and there happens to be a SPECIAL taking place on Dec 15 (yes, that's the day we're set to leave). Lift tickets for THAT DAY ONLY, are back at the 1967 prices of \$6.50. Yes, that's correct; 6 & a half dollars for a ticket for FRIDAY. I'm staying, so those riding with me – you're staying to ski another day too!

CRESTED BUTTE Jan 24 – 28, 2018 w/Topeka Ski Club

As our *Alternative FSA trip* this season, we're set to attend Crested Butte, and for a lot less than the FSA event the following week! Booked for 66 at the Plaza, between Columbia Ski Club and the Topeka Ski Club, Columbia has room for 24 and Topeka reserved for 42. There's a bus option outta Topeka with their group and it's been a great working arrangement these past 5 years. We'll load at 4pm Tuesday Jan 23, arrive at the mountain Wed morn and find a changing room to be able to ski that same day. A wine & cheese party is scheduled for later Wed afternoon after the 1st day of skiing, and we'll set up for pizza following that. It comes with a 4 nite stay on the mountain at the **Plaza Condos** (#2 on the town map that's posted on the website of ours). Friday nite is tentatively dinner w/ some sort of a loose pub crawl in downtown Crested Butte. Then for the bus riders, we'll load on Sunday Jan 28, and return to Topeka on Monday morn Jan 29. Last I've heard, there's 14 on board. We have some 1st-timers coming along. And at least 5 of those attendees will be on their own drive-out plan w/ 1 on the fly-in plan. James Quinn, trip captain for this one, has been & will be taking payments. Bring deposits to the Monday meeting. See the attached form & CB map. Plaza is convenient to a liquor & grocery convenience store just a very short distance across the main drag. Bus ride is optional & set at \$225. Pick your lift ticket number of days and calculate the total. With 66 folks on this, there's likely to be both people looking for that additional day's ticket, and some selling a day or two during the week, so plan accordingly.

ADDITIONAL SPRING TRIP PLANNED FOR LATER IN SEASON (MARCH):

Watch for more on this as the ski season progresses. Winter Park has been discussed as another train trip on the AmTrak once again, or Vail is an option w/ KCSC.

See the Invite from ST. LOUIS SKI CLUB to a **“Voyage of the Glacier” in ALASKA** – Aug 29 to Sept 8, 2018

A trip to Glacier Bay & Denali National Parks. Flyers & info on this is located on the website if you’ll just click the flyers button.

Offered thru Winter Ski & Sport & thru St. Louis Ski Club. It’s stated that the \$100 deposit is totally refundable.

See ya at 6pm at the **Broadway Brewery**, 816 East Broadway in Columbia & in the southwest corner on MONDAY the 6th of Nov. Then it’ll be off to the Alpine Shop at 7pm.

Yes Jim, it’s sticking to tradition (still) with Mondays.

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