

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter

December 2017

The Broadway Brewery was the spot for last month's Nov ski club meeting, followed by a late nite at Alpine Shop in Columbia. If you've got skis in need of a tune, that can be handled by the Alpine Shop, perhaps not in time for the upcoming Aspen trip, but for the Crested Butte trip, it should be fine.

And now for the final group meeting before the first ski trip to Aspen/Snowmass. We'll have a general get – together once more at **Bek's** in Fulton at 511 Court Street in the Historic District. Time is 6pm for drinks, then onto the food. Oh yeah, there'll be some last minute planning going on for drive outs to Glenwood Springs on Sat Dec 9th & for the other trips as well. See our website of <http://columbiajeffcityskiandboardclub.org/> for info on trips, membership apps, and general pics from trips now gone by.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY (*after* the holiday trifecta)

Finally, a plan has come together! AND, because there were so many different directions we were trying to go, so many others had plans in place that didn't work out, yadda yadda yadda, the discussion took us to "Hey, let's have a post-holiday party, after the Christmas / New Year's rush is past!" So, that's the deal this time around: plan for Friday night, January 5th at D Rowe's in their back room, for a dinner and drink party starting at 6pm for all members, spouses &/or significant others to attend. It's a party *between* the two planned ski trips! Just like the past few December parties, it's open to all members of the ColumbiaJeffCityskiandboard club! Just simply rsvp to Captain Ron so we'll have an idea for a number to plan around. D Rowe's is located in southwest Columbia, at 1005 Club Village Drive. It's just North of the Walgreens on Nifong Blvd. And the food is really great there! Drinks too! If there's more than 25 attending, it'll be buffet style so plan on attending.

ASPEN / SNOWMASS Dec 10 – 15, 2017

Time is coming quickly for this 13th ski trip to Aspen Square Condos in December, 2017. For the bargain price of \$696 you'll get 5 nites at the condos centrally located in downtown Aspen, plus a 3-DAY lift ticket. The place we stay is just a mere 64 steps to the gondola from our complex. Most folks now have their transportation set up, and know about the Saturday stay in Glenwood Springs at Starlight Lodge, where about a dozen of us are staying that Saturday night, along with dinner & drinks at the Canyon BrewPub – just a short walk away. This clean little motel is very economical, with lots of 2 bedroom units. Sunday is the check-in date for us at the condominium hotel, and just in time for Sunday nite's tree lighting ceremony at Little Nell's across the street from our place. It's one of Aspen's well attended events, with Santa, a Christmas tree lighting ceremony, live music in different rooms at the lobbies, and with rum chada and with cookies & punch. A welcome party put on by Aspen Square awaits us likely on

Monday after the first ski day, with another group dinner on Thursday nite furnished in the trip cost. We're up to 27 for this trip. See some of the past pictures on our website. Snowmass is celebrating the 50th year of being open, with Friday's lift ticket reverting to the 1967 price of \$6.50. So on Dec 15th, I know of at least 15 of us staying to mix in with the masses at Snowmass only. Most of us will settle on travel plans away from the mountain later.

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

There's still room for the *Alternative trip* to that standard FSA version, and this one is headed to Crested Butte with 4 nights at the Plaza Condos. For 44 folks, it's a bus trip outta Topeka, leaving from Wal-Mart's lot on Wanamaker Road in the west part of town. We're booked for 24 and Topeka has room for 42, to bring a total to 66 this season. Plans are to load the bus around 4pm, Tuesday Jan 23rd, with plenty of drinks, snacks and other items to feast on during the drive across Kansas & eastern Colorado. We will be at the mountain in time to ski on Wednesday thru Sunday Jan 28th, if desired.

After that first ski day, there's to be a wine & cheese party Wednesday afternoon with some pizzas following that. Friday nite should be a time for dinner w/ some a pub crawl thru downtown Crested Butte. We're set to return to Topeka on Monday morn January 29th. James Quinn, trip captain, can still accommodate folks wanting to attend. If you've got an interest, there's more info on the website, so just bring your payment to Monday's meeting at Bek's. The Plaza is convenient to a grocery convenience store just to the south along the main road. Of course, the bus ride part is optional & a \$225 cost. Decide just how many days you think you'll want to ski and calculate the cost for your lift ticket.

ADDITIONAL SPRING TRIP PLANNED FOR LATER IN SEASON (MARCH)

Still waiting to likely have a Winter Park ski trip and as an AmTrak trip set up thru Sitzmark, that I've been hearing murmurs about. Vail is another option for Spring skiing 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.

So if you're on one of these trips, come to Bek's in Fulton, on Monday night, 6pm, for discussions on what arrangements still need to be made, for transportation info or whatever else you can think of.

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