

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter

January 2018

Aspen/Snowmass was found to be in need of a snowstorm or ten this year for December. Not many runs or lifts open, but we made do with what we had.

Say what? There was a run open on Buttermilk??? Oh yeah, the terrain park for the kids. Highlands was not open. On Friday, the decision was made thru Aspen Ski Corp to open all 4 mountains for accommodating the 10,000 advance tickets sold @ \$6.50, and for un-estimated the walk-ups. Yeah, snow was skimpy – we did have 2” on Wed nite, so it made Thurs somewhat tolerable. But, the great thing w/ us is that no one was pissed at the conditions – just rolling w/ the flow. This is a great group! By now, Bill Harris must have some 30 to 50 pics having been sent his way.

I gave instructions to a half dozen photo takers to share their snapshots from the trip to Bill @ comoskiclub@gmail.com so he can post them into the Aspen 2017 folder on the “photos” segment of the site. (Note: please do not send pix to my cel phone number! Can’t process it!)

See our website of <http://columbiajeffcityskiandboard.org> for info on trips, membership apps, and general pics from trips now gone by.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY (the “Between the Trips” party)

Since the idea started with “Hey, let’s have a post-holiday party, after the Christmas / New Year’s rush is past!”, the party is coming up on Friday January 5th at D Rowe’s in their back room. The club is springing for dinner with drinks beginning at 6pm for all members, spouses &/or significant others to attend. Like the heading says: it’s a party *between* our two planned ski trips! This dinner is, of course, open for all members of the ColumbiaJeffCityskiandboard club.

BUT we do need to have a count for planning the meal by Monday, so please, *please* rsvp to Captain Ron at rlueck@socket.net or call [573-881-8861](tel:573-881-8861) so we’ll have an idea for planning 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, less than that will be off the menu. So if you’re planning on attending, WE NEED TO KNOW by Monday the 1st!

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

There's still room for this *Alternative trip* to FSA's trip to Snowmass in 2018, and ours is headed to Crested Butte with 4 nights at the Plaza Condos. Right now, there's 19 on board from the Columbia group, but still room for more. Booked for a total of 66 folks, it's a bus trip outta Topeka, leaving from Wal-Mart's lot on Wanamaker Road in the west part of town. We did book for 24 and Topeka had room for 42, to bring that total to a possible 66, but there's been a cut back to 54. 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 just in time *to make it home for a work half-day*.

James Quinn, trip captain, can still accommodate folks wanting to attend, between the rooming that remains. If you've got an interest, there's more info on the website, so just bring your payment to Friday's dinner meeting at D.Rowe'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)

WAIT! There's rumors stirring about Sitzmark Travel putting together another March trip to Winter Park with the AmTrak option. A Vail ski trip from April 3 – 9 or a Keystone ski trip earlier from March 11-16, are two other options for a Spring ski adventure thru the Kansas City Ski Club via our reciprocal membership. Check out other club's trips thru our website by going to "Links" and selecting one of the other 8 clubs listed.

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.

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