

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter

March 2018

Let's get together for a Monday, March 19 meeting to go over our spring and summer activities, plus a preview of next ski season. We'll have it at the **Broadway Brewery**, 816 Broadway, at our usual time of 6:00 for social and 7-ish for business.

First, let me report that SNOW is FINALLY GOOD, now that we've gone into Feb & March. Your Capitan spent a week at Winter Park, with a Wednesday at Steamboat, and enjoyed the Sitzmark Ranch while there. I will give a brief report on that place for future reference.

Spring Activities: Need a date in May for the Eco Tour Zip Line at Hwy 19 north of Hermann to get that going for interested parties to tag on. We discussed a Sunday or Saturday afternoon for this event. Jim & Mary Henley will pick a date, and see if we can get a dozen involved for that, along with a winery visit too. We could also use a date for an MU Baseball game - \$2 Tuesdays admission w/ \$2 tacos, w/adult bev's in the parking before & after as a tailgater. This could be the alternative to an April meeting!

Summer: We've still got the JUNE FLOAT TRIP w/TOPEKA SKI CLUB ON THE NIANGUA. Topeka Ski Club has invited us once again for the June 24-25-26 camping trip and float on the Niangua River at Magard's Corkery Campgrounds, a camping spot halfway along the float. It has showers, electric & water available at the site. We've been here before - for a few years now, and the water is always the right temp, usually the correct flow speed & clarity. It's a trout fishing stream & stocked daily.

Next Ski Season: I've got another trip to Aspen/Snowmass (our 14th) lined out for December 9 thru 14, 2018.

The FSA trip will be held at Steamboat Springs and is set for Jan 23 thru 27, 2019.

Interesting Stuff: Have you seen this up & coming competition with **Vail's Epic Pass** yet? This is called the **Ikon Pass**, with information just to come out March 6.

The **Ikon Pass** costs \$899 for unlimited access to 12 destinations including California resorts Mammoth Mountain and Squaw Valley, Alpine Meadows, and Colorado resorts Steamboat, Copper Mountain and Winter Park. Passes offer limited access — seven days per company — at Jackson Hole, Big Sky Resort in Montana, Revelstoke in British Columbia, Aspen Snowmass in Colorado and nine others.

The **Ikon Base Pass** costs \$599 and includes unlimited access to 9 resorts, but with 10 blackout dates at Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows. In addition to the unlimited days, skiers will get five days to 16 destinations with blackout date restrictions. Jackson Hole is included in the five-day access.

This looks to be a lot better than the **Epic Pass**, that deals with Vail's network. You can get Ikon at certain designated places, all at the same price, but Sitzmark Travel is the local (sort of) agent for the Ikon Pass. Skiing about 15 days a year will make this a better option. If you go on more than 2 trips, the Ikon Pass is definitely worth a look.

Be sure to see the IkonPass.com website for complete details.

Our Spring activities schedule is not solidified yet because **we need someone** to organize any such activities or trips.

We still could set a quick date for the Sitzmark Ranch in April as an offer for getting 8 folks together to go after Easter (April 1). At this point no one has shown interest in late season skiing. **We welcome and help new or old members to take lead on any event or trips.**

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