

# The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter

September 2018

## 1ST SKIER'S NIGHT OUT September 4th

Well, folks, it's looking like the annual September meeting is going to be at the Canterbury Hill Winery once again in Holts Summit on the bluff for our first Skier's Night Out with sign-ups going on. We'll simply be on the patio on Tuesday (yeah, they're still not open on Mondays) Sept 4th, a day after Labor Day. 6pm is the time for social & snacks on the east patio somewhere – w/food orders taken then. It's time for membership dues to be current, and actually there's several already showing up in the Ski Club PO Box (#7705, Columbia, MO 65205-7705). And that's a pleasant surprise there. See the website of <http://columbiajeffcityskiandboardclub.org> for the form, but Kenton or I will have some available on Tuesday. It's attached as well. It's only a \$10 bill for a single membership & just \$15 for family – and this membership will get you in with a legitimate membership needed for attending other club's trips, if so desired. See the website noted above for a list of St. Louis 2019 & KC Ski Club's 2018/19 associated trips. After this meeting, look for the standard return to the first Monday night for the Fall months of 2018.

## MESSAGE FROM THE FSA BOARD CONDUCTING A SURVEY FOR FUTURE FLATLAND EVENTS

The Flatland Ski Association (FSA) Board is responsible for planning future Flatland events, soliciting bids, and selecting locations. We need your input to help us in planning future Flatlands events and possible FSA summer trips. Additionally, your club's FSA Representative would like your input for planning future trips for your club. We are using Survey Monkey to collect input from you - the members of the nine Flatland Ski Association clubs.

We are interested in your preferences for resort locations, trip length, lodging, and transportation. Prices for lodging, party facilities, and race department capabilities can vary widely across ski resorts. Past bids were used to estimate prices for various resorts in Colorado. We also would like to know your interest in having Flatlands at ski areas outside Colorado.

**Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5J9KRFR> to take the survey. Please click the "DONE" button at the end of the survey to submit your responses.**

Thank you for your help. If you've not taken the time to complete the simple survey, please do so. Here is where the survey is at so far with responses by club, as of last week August 23rd:

Responses	Club
6	Columbia Ski Club
28	Cornhusker Ski Club
47	Kansas City Ski Club
25	Oklahoma City Ski Club
16	Omaha Ski Club
20	St Louis Ski Club
15	Topeka Ski Club
24	Tulsa Ski Club
2	Wichita Ski Club
183	Total All Clubs

#### ASPEN / SNOWMASS Dec 9 – 14, 2018

So since Aspen cannot possibly have a 2nd skimpy snow season in two consecutive years, we're having this 14th annual trip once more to Aspen Square Condos! Much better snow predicted for this season. And it's set for the 2nd week of December, starting out with lift tickets good for December 9th with the possibility of 5-days of skiing! We've got two regular attendees who do just this! The price for 5 nights at Aspen Square, and with a 3-day lift ticket included is just \$708 this year. About half of us will likely be meeting on Saturday night Dec 8th at the convenient & cozy Starlight Lodge in Glenwood Springs, within a short distance to the Canyon Brew Pub, Juicy Lucy's Steakhouse & the AmTrak Station, all on 7th Street & just a few blocks to the southeast across the I-70 walking bridge. It's become our annual Saturday night get re-acquainted party. From what I'm hearing from prior attendees, it looks as if this trip will get around 30 on board again this season. It's booked for 36, but expandable. Ten have already committed with deposits & full payments already made. Lift ticket arrangements will need to be purchased by Thanksgiving weekend, so don't wait until the last minute to join in.

Additional info: for Sunday evening, Dec 9th, we could meet up with KCSC members at the Little Nell across from our condos, for Aspen's Christmas celebration at 5pm. Always known as a local big party to kick off the holidays. The condos we've booked are a mere 64 steps to the gondola from our units! And a 4th day's lift ticket can be purchased for an additional \$62 cost in advance. Ask about a 5-day, if desired and that can be arranged, also in advanced. We'll likely have a welcome party on one of the nights, usually put on by the lodge, and a steak dinner with plans being made for the final nite there – all included in the cost. Other nights have impromptu dinners and/or parties happening. Captain Ron, trip captain one more time around. [573-881-8861](tel:573-881-8861)

#### STEAMBOAT SPRINGS January 23 – 27, 2019 in conjunction w/Topeka Ski Club

We're back on board with the Flatland Ski Association trip to the most popular Colorado ski area of Steamboat Springs. This place is known as the Champagne Powder of Snows, and is a lower level elevation mountain. It's booked for 24 for the Columbia - Jeff City contingent, and there's

already 10 to 12 on board, so don't wait too long on this annual trip. There's a sleeper bus reserved with Arrow Coach Lines (just west of the KC stadium complex on Van Brunt Blvd.) set to leave Tuesday afternoon January 22, and arrive at the mountain Wednesday morning in time to ski that day. We'll have a mixer with both Columbia-Jeff City & Topeka ski clubs on Wednesday afternoon with wine & cheese following the initial day of skiing. Price on this trip is set at \$700 with bus, or just \$450 if arranging your own transportation to Steamboat. The condos are the Snow Flower 4 bedroom units for 4 nights at the mountain, just a short distance from the base area. An FSA welcome party on Thursday night at the top of the gondola is a part of the price, as is competition in the Thursday & Friday racing, and an award dinner on Saturday at the Sheraton.

Additional info: lift ticket prices are a separate cost at \$69 per day if getting either 3 or 4 days, and set at \$65 per day for the 5-day ticket. Single or 2 days of lift tickets are available at a higher rate of \$76 per day.

Note: there's a need for early reservations on the bus, as it will fill early on, so if you're considering this trip, advice is to get on board soon. We've usually taken 12 or so for Columbia – Jeff City's part, but already have 8 spoken for. Load out for the return bus will be Sunday afternoon January 27th, allowing for a Sunday ski day, a dinner somewhere on the road back, and returning to Topeka on Monday morning January 28th. James Quinn, trip captain, [573-875-1183](tel:573-875-1183), will have additional details at later meetings, with deposits already in.

#### FALL ZIPLINE TOUR Oct 2018

We may just be ready for a weekend zipline over at the Hermann area during the Octoberfest some weekend when colors are changing, so kick around some ideas for that and bring 'em to the Tuesday meeting.

See ya at the Canterbury Hill winery patio on Tuesday the 4th of Sept. Cindy can give a report on how to avoid the summer heat in Mid-Missouri.

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