

# The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter

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## SKIER'S NIGHT OUT for later in Oct

If there's to be a ski club meeting, I intend to keep it outside at either the Canterbury Hill Winery patio or at Woody's on Oct 20 or 27 for an update. Always wanting to keep safe and a six foot distance from others during these trying times.

## NOVEMBER 1, 2020 ZIPLINE

Some of us are planning on a return to the Hwy 19 zipline of ECO Zipline Tours (or whatever the name is now) about 5 miles south of I-70 on the right side of the highway. We've done this event a couple of times and more folks are planning to attend. We'll just need a head count. Karen Philp will be coordinating this for late morning on the first Sunday of November. More info to come, or you can contact Karen Philp @ 573-239-6330 to sign on.

## DECEMBER 5, 2020 CHRISTMAS GATHERING

Brenda Holmes has offered up her hospitality for a December gathering for the holidays again this season at her new home in Fulton. Just save the Saturday date for now, but more details are forthcoming. Fulton is supposed to have a holiday parade that afternoon. We'll just need a head count for this evening, too. Brenda's phone is 573-220-7275 for rsvp-ing sometime in Nov.

## FSA 2021 TELLURIDE TRIP UPDATE

Currently, this trip is still set for Jan 30 thru Feb 3. The plan is simply ski time w/o racing, and simple camaraderie with members of the other 8 clubs that attend. We've got reservations for 24 but likely not needing that many any longer. Our trip captain, Karen, has stated that she is not attending, what with all the concerns. I have stepped in, but if anyone else would care to run this trip, feel free to contact me. The bus situation we've had w/Topeka Ski Club has been canceled. As I understand it, there's not a bus available for any overnight drives connected with ski trips. So flying into Telluride or driving are the two options. And I don't fly and I'm not planning on driving my vehicle. Too far into the Rockies in winter w/my 2WD van for this guy. If you do fly, you would be required to take, at the very least, a minimal health test upon your return, and if a fever should show up, you would not be allowed to board. That's a scary thought there; no transportation back and you just left your lodging. Hmm,,

As for the racing, Telluride mountain just canceled all racing functions, even closed their Nastar course, on Tuesday morning the 6th. Here's what was received on Tuesday morn: "Effective immediately Telluride has officially cancelled all NASTAR and racing events for 2021 due to safety restrictions related to covid. Yes we realize it is outside and easy to distance as necessary, however some of these decisions are not under our control nor were

accepting outside input. The NASTAR course will not be setup to even run practice sessions or unofficial club organized events.” So we would not have any competition between the 9 clubs, other than maybe that relay race at the base area. For our club, this issue would not be any deal breaker, for we, as a group, are not the most competitive folks out there during FSA events. Without race venues, the cost of the Activity Ticket certainly has to decrease. There would still be the standard Welcome Party and Banquet at the end of the trip, but both are set to be earlier in the daytime, and outdoors in a courtyard. Estimated trip numbers are down to 175 from our recent 9-club numbers of 375.

NOW, with this new info affecting our late January plans, not to mention a lower revamped cost of the trip, I would need to get any of you interested parties to get in touch w/me, Captain Ron, this week! If, IF there’s still some interest in this annual FSA trip after I’ve painted such a disaster picture, I’ll get a pencil going to figure in just what the lower ski trip cost would be. I have a FSA zoom meeting on Sunday the 11th with all other club reps, and will need to report something or just how many are planning to attend. If we would have any interest whatsoever, I would need to convey that info to the FSA Board as to our intentions. Currently, Topeka had only 5 paying in as of the end of last month. We are currently booked for 24 at the Cimarron and Lulu City condos in the southwest corner of the town of Telluride, just a block from Lift No. 7. I am in need of canceling out some or all, or paying more deposit for these units, so, hence the urgency. If you think you want to attend in January/February, please get in touch w/me immediately!

### **ANNUAL DECEMBER 2020 ASPEN/SNOWMASS TRIP UPDATE**

Ok folks, here’s the other bad news; Aspen Square is currently, not set to be open for our annual 2nd week of Dec – you know, the bargain week for stays & lift tickets with all four mountains being open (from the 13th to the 18th). They are scheduled to re-open on Dec 18th. That Friday-before-peak-season has been traditionally our final morning there and departure. If anything should change (as in if reconstruction is ahead of schedule by a week), I will get a notification from Aspen Square. This 5 day/night trip is one that is much simpler to throw together, but I would be in need of immediate payment from partakers – no promises to pay! Another option would be to scramble for a different lodging facility, but that will take more work. So we could shake things up a bit, because now, there’s a suggestion from Aspen Square; how about a Spring trip at the same rates? Say late March into the 1st weekend of April. Highlands and Buttermilk are set to close April 4, so it would be before then. It’s warm weather ski time, but you do deal w/mud sometimes. I’ve had great results skiing at Aspen in Spring, and never with any mud issues. A thought there. But for now, going to Aspen Square Dec 13 - 18 is off the table.

Ron Lueck – aka “Captain Ron”