

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter

November 2020

SKIER'S NIGHT OUT for 1st Monday in November (11-02-20)

Well, we missed any October meeting time on a patio, but how 'bout a ski club meeting on a first Monday, at Woody's in Ashland along the west side of Hwy 63 on November 2. We'll need to keep that safe and a six foot distance from others for this final day & evening of the pandemic. After all, it's scheduled to disappear after the election results on Tuesday, correct?

NOVEMBER 1, 2020 ZIPLINE

It's all about being outdoors!!! Plans are in place for the Hwy 19 zipline of ECO Zipline Tours about 5 miles south of I-70 on the west side of the highway. It takes just under an hour to get there. So far there's 7 signed on and we've got reservations at 11am for 10 folks. We can expand this group size, but will need to know in advance, so get in touch w/Karen Philp for this event. It's supposed to be a day in the mid to upper 50's w/o any rain. We'll just need a head count. Contact Karen @ 573-239-6330 to sign on, as she is handling the bookings. Late trip to Hermann is part of the plan, too.

ANNUAL DECEMBER 2020 ASPEN/SNOWMASS TRIP

Now, for a late notice on a possible ski trip before the holidays: 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. THIS IS the week that there's not much of a crowd at any of the mountains. I've got an option ready to go, for the same 5 night stay at Snowmass this time around. I've got dibs on a 4 br condo, and a 3 br condo, so we would need at least 6 (or 8) to sign on AND PAY IMMEDIATELY(!) for either or both of these options. There are some 2br units that might be available, but would be limited in the choices there, due to leaving them vacant for 48 hours following regular use.

FSA 2021 TELLURIDE TRIP UPDATE

Having heard nothing to next-to-nothing from anyone in our club about willingness to attend this trip with the other 8 ski clubs, I think this one is kaput for now. As of the Oct 11 zoom mtg. there were about 195 anticipated to attend from those other 8 clubs; Tulsa has the biggest crop at 72 (entirely optimistic there), but Omaha with 8, OKC with 6, and 5 each from Topeka and Wichita means it'll be a meager showing from 5 of the clubs anyway.

The annual FSA trip is still set for Jan 30 thru Feb 3, but the plan is simply ski time w/o racing, and simple camaraderie between members of the other 8 clubs. We've got reservations for 24 but I'm cancelling those as I write this. If you have a desire to drive thru western Colorado in Jan, feel free to contact me. The bus situation we've had w/Topeka Ski Club has been canceled. Flying into Telluride or driving are the two options. 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. Then plan on spending the next week or so confined to the local Super 8. Or the hospital....

As for the racing, Telluride mountain canceled all racing functions, even closed their Nastar course, on Tuesday morning Oct 6th. Here's what was received on that 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, but would come as a refund later on. There would still be the standard Welcome Party and Banquet with room inside for 200 (seating for only 98). There will be yurts set up just outdoors in the courtyard. Additionally, there's to be about 10 old gondolas ready to occupy for pairs or group gatherings of those that know & trust each other.

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 anyone still interested in attending, better get in touch w/me immediately!

This has become known in a lot of circles as "2020 - the lost year".

IMPORTANT NOTE: As an additional plea, please get your membership payment in. By being listed on the roster, you do have an automatic \$3000 policy toward Death & Dismemberment with American Life Insurance. You can expect a solicitation from an AIL agent, but you do not have to partake of their insurance. This policy is for groups such as ours, and at no cost to the members! IF you should feel like listening to the agent, just by talking with here virtually, you will qualify for more goodie discounts at vision, dental, chiropractic and other outlets. These benefits are also at no cost to you. MEMBERSHIP in the club is required!

Ron Lueck – aka "Captain Ron"