

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter

December 2020

SKIERS NIGHT OUT (SNO!) *maybe* for 1st Monday in January (on the 4th?)

First, to simply report that once again, the November 1st Zipline excursion was a hit for those who went. Outside adventures is in agreement with Health Dept. guidelines. And it was followed up by a visit to downtown Hermann for some wine and a Chiefs' win!

Next up on the winter agenda should be the annual Christmas party, but due to the situation on Missouri this fall & winter, that too, has become a casualty of the pandemic. It's been discussed by the Board that it's not in the best interest of anyone to attend in defiance of the State Health Dept. recommendations of not to gather for holiday parties. With the current state of affairs in Missouri, it's unlikely that more than 8 club members would be attending, just from casual conversations.

And now, after the small turnout at Woody's in Ashland on November 2, there's not much need seen for a December meeting.

NOW, here's the motivation for submitting your membership payment: If you're included in the dues paying roster, you have an automatic \$3000 policy toward Accidental Death & Dismemberment with American Income Life Insurance. Sometime later, such as possibly in January, there should be a solicitation from an AIL agent, but you do *not* have to partake of their insurance offers. This totally free 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 her virtually, there's additional discounts to be added to your policy such as vision, dental, and chiropractic options. These benefits are also at no cost to you. BUT A PAID MEMBERSHIP in the club is the simple requirement. We've had this insurance since 2009, but it was suspended in 2016 for some reason. It's now been reinstated with a fresh look and contacts.

There's not much good news to disperse, but that's just another part of 2020. The hope now is that *maybe, just maybe*, there'll be a spring ski trip to assemble at a low cost to Aspen in late March. This would be at trip entirely dependent on how the virus vaccinations are proceeding.

Good luck to all with Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's this season. And as always, wash your hands often, keep the 6 ft. distance, limit exposure to crowds, and wear a mask if so inclined.

FSA 2021 TELLURIDE TRIP UPDATE

From reports coming in, there's still about some 200 from the other eight FSA member ski clubs planning to attend the annual FSA trip. It's scheduled for Jan 30 thru Feb 3 without any racing competition, and just to ski with members of the 8 clubs.

Both the standard Welcome Party and Banquet are still planned 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.

Our reservation for 24 was cancelled, and we did receive a full refund. There are slots available with other FSA clubs, IF you've got an overwhelming desire to go to western Colorado. Topeka has an availability for 2 to 3 at this time and is reaching out to our club.

Flying into Telluride or driving yourself 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. .

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