

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter

January 2021

A Happy New Year to All!

The hope here is that everyone is plugging along safely in this time of a pandemic, and the families are remaining on the healthy side of these tough times. AND that all of you have plowed thru the holiday season in good shape. I, for one, am so thankful that all from the Columbia/Jeff City Ski & Board Club had made the decision to take a pass on this year's ski season. Read on below to see the situations.

NO SKIER'S NIGHT OUT SET FOR JANUARY - *wait until maybe Feb 1*

Well, we'll see if there's a bit of lag time in the pandemic time going into February. 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 in groups larger than 10. SO, any January club meeting is suspended, for now. We may be able to host something in Feb on the 1st, but that'll be a topic for a later consideration.

All: If you're included in the dues paying roster, you have an automatic \$3000 policy toward Accidental Death & Dismemberment with American Income Life Insurance. Those having paid up their memberships, are included totally free 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.

FSA 2021 TELLURIDE TRIP UPDATE

San Miguel County, where Telluride is located, declared in December a Code Red for the remainder of December. That has currently been lifted to a Code Orange (see next paragraph) but here's the basics for Code Red, for your information:

- 1) **The only occupants allowed to stay in your rental unit are individuals from the same physical household.** There are no exceptions to this policy, including adult children or family members who may be joining you for your trip but reside at another address.
- 2) **At no point during your stay may you have people not from your household inside your rental property.** Only family units allowed in the same condo.
- 3) **Additionally, you are not allowed to have more people in your rental property than what is listed as the maximum occupancy in your respective rental unit.**

4) There will be no indoor dining offered in Telluride or Mountain Village until further notice.

Now, as of the 1st of January, it's been backed down to this lower Code Orange level:

Level Orange has now been attained by San Miguel county and all clubs have the ability to put two singles in the same room and technically comply with any household restrictions. Restaurants will now have dine in capability at 25% level and many other restrictions have been lifted.

KCSC has cancelled their 2021 FSA trip as of Dec. 30. From reports coming in, there's now maybe 150 from the other seven FSA member ski clubs planning to attend the annual FSA trip, set for Jan 30 thru Feb 3 without any racing competition. We will only ski with members of the 7 clubs.

There are slots available with other FSA clubs, IF you've got an overwhelming desire to go ski in western Colorado. Topeka has an availability for 1 to 2 yet 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.

There will still be the standard Welcome Party and Banquet with room inside for 200 (seating for only 98). It's to be a grab & go situation for the food service. 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 each other.

As I stated earlier, glad to have taken a pass on this season... And as always, wash you hands often, keep the 6 ft. distance, limit exposure to crowds, and wear a mask. Do this and hopefully, you may just void the virus.

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