

# The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter

November 2021

## NEXT MEETING:

It'll have to be a Tuesday night, this month, on November 2 at Park, the restaurant on the west side of Hwy 63, just north of the Discovery Ridge overpass at 6pm. Go to the exit ramp and get on the west outer road. You cannot miss the place. (meeting info at 7). We'll gather at the long table in the northeast part of the place, since it seats 16, with 3 more tables along the window for use. Go in the front door and turn right and another right, by the fireplace. If you are in need of an address for those using GPS navigation (and I cannot imagine why for this place) it's 4380 Nocona Parkway. Some driving arrangements to Glenwood's Starlight Lodge for Sat, Dec. the 11th, will be close to being finalized at this meeting.

## NEWS:

Topeka is still having at least ten folks attend their FSA trip to Telluride, with a terribly expensive bus ride to hotel lodging in town. The tallies for the other 8 FSA clubs (besides our zero interest), total 225 as of the Oct 17 Zoom meeting. AND from that meeting, it was learned that Steamboat Springs for 2023 is becoming harder and harder to deal with, and at the same time, increasing rates *by a lot* on rooming, food service, party sites, etc. Sooooo, there was this unanimous vote via the Zoom meeting, to hold the 2023 FSA event at a Montana ski resort. It'll be a fly-in deal, but with a lot less costly overall once you get to the site. I'll have some comparisons to divulge with the group from the FSA meeting, at Park restaurant. But we've already decided to punt the Steamboat 2023 offering at the Zoom mtg.

ASPEN / SNOWMASS Dec 12 – 17, 2021 (please read the notice on a \$40 adjustment in cost) OK FOLKS, here's the bad news from a quick preparation on the cost for Aspen that I had put together last Summer, and before I had solid numbers on rooming pricing: There's to be a slight increase in cost by \$40 per person to make it now a \$850 trip w/the 3-day lift ticket. I have to do my budgeting to get a price for the trip flyer, so that it can be posted. I got the true rooming figures about a month ago, and have been dealing with how to make the \$810 price work. I've been wrestling with how to address this and not lose too much on the trip, and this is simply what it will take to break even. As you notice, prices are up everywhere. AND if you wondering, I'm in for the same cost as everyone else. Three of us have already paid in the adjusted cost of an extra \$40 bill to cover things. Others, please send in the added \$40 fee or bring it to the meeting on Tuesday. I'm so sorry to inform everyone of this, but it happens when I'm making a budget and trying to keep this as close to a break-even trip as possible. The full rooming situation sure makes the cost work out good this time, and I'm thankful for that.

Now for those that didn't read it or understand the [covid-19 protocol](#) that was released by Aspen Ski Corporation last Thurs Oct 21, here is more disconcerting news on mask wearing and vaccine requirements as it applies to us: Guest vaccines are required at the on-mountain full service seated restaurants. Vaccine requirement does not apply to market-style restaurants, which is what we mostly go to anyway. Don't know if this would apply to deck seating or a grab 'n go, but it does not apply to lift access. Pitkin County does require masks to be worn whenever indoors, except when seating for dining. Now, my question is: how is it that covid only affects those who are walking to the table and not to the already seated individuals? Just a comment here. Go to <https://www.aspensnowmass.com/safety/covid19-operating-procedures> to view the list of locations and what each requires.

And as of now, we've got 24 signed on for this 16th annual Aspen/Snowmass trip, set actually, for the 3rd week of December. We're up to three studio units being filled now, along with now 3 two 2 bedroom condos and a 3 bedroom condo (that will double as a "party room" for a couple of nights – and Brenda likes this). This trip covers 5 nights at Aspen Square Condominium Hotel, starting on a Sunday afternoon, and with a 3-day lift ticket included. NOW, for Steve H. and Jana S. – if you're looking at a 4-day lift ticket, get in touch with me before we leave Park next Tuesday. I believe all the others on board are all at senior rate (65 yrs old). For Saturday night, Dec 11th, get with me for the reservations at Starlight Lodge, to plan a bit on rooming arrangements there. Most of what I've reserved is in the 2 room suites in the rear of the place. We'll likely visit that Canyon Brew Pub on the south side of I-70 in downtown Glenwood Springs. It's a short walk over the pedestrian bridge to the Pub or Juicy Lucy's Steakhouse, both across from the AmTrak Station, and on 7th Street & just a few blocks to the southeast. Groups can make their own decision on Sunday, for a trip to either the Glenwood Hot Springs or Iron Mtn. Hot Tubs. Then, it's a drive up the canyon to the Frying Pan River Outfitter's bar with drinks, lunch, and NFL games, before the last leg of the trek to Aspen Square.

16 have paid the original \$810 pymt and many thanks to those having done so. Rooming is pretty well set. I'll need lift ticket arrangements for the non-senior folks by this coming weekend. Others that are seniors, here's the good news: To extend the 3-day ticket to a 4th day at the window, with the "secret code" that I've been sent, is cheaper than what I budgeted. A plus!

To see the condos, go to <https://www.aspensquarehotel.com> and preview the rooms, pool, workout room (as if needed), hot tubs & courtyard. There's about 6 webcams available on their site, for viewing downtown, lower Aspen mtn., the courtyard, etc. These condos are a mere 64 steps to the gondola from our units! At this time, that welcome party put on by the lodge on one of the earlier nights, seems unlikely. But some sort of dinner for the final nite there, is included in this cost. On the other 2 nights, we'll likely have some group dinner or a trip to the BBQ joint on the main hwy into Aspen. Captain Ron, trip captain once more. [573-881-8861](tel:573-881-8861)

#### FSA 2022 TELLURIDE TRIP

The current plan for next January's FSA ski event is back to Telluride and said earlier, with 225 sign-ups. The dates are the thrid week of January, from a Sat the 22nd to the morning of Wednesday the 26th, 2022. Placement on this trip would be needed with another Missouri club, likely St. Louis, Topeka or KCSC.

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