

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter June 2023

SKIER'S NIGHT OUT June 19th @ Park

This month for Skier's Night Out, I'm calling for a general gathering at Park this coming Monday night. The restaurant is on the west side of Hwy 63, just north of the Discovery Ridge overpass at 6pm for drinks and conversation, as in "what to do with this club?". I've just come from the annual Summer FSA meeting and there's some urgency for a commit to Steamboat Springs. **WE NEED A TRIP CAPTAIN IF THERE'S TO BE A TRIP THERE FOR OUR CLUB.** We could also use another leader for the group meetings – hint, hint. I'm able to still run the Aspen trip, but that's it.

Just go to the Discovery Ridge exit ramp and go North on the west outer road. You can't miss the restaurant (any info on a meeting can be handled at 7). Grab a seat at the long table in the northeast part of the place, since it seats 16, with 3 more tables along the window for our use. Go in the front door and turn right and another right, and grab a chair at the table by the fireplace. If you are in need of an address, it's **4380 Nocona Parkway**. No other real topic at this time, just come and enjoy, imbibe, and maybe eat while you're there.

ON THE WEBSITE

To get most updates, view the website for the club at <http://columbiajeffcityskiandboard.org/> . There's plenty of past ski trip pics for memories & viewing, plus the Aspen ski trip flyer, the club application, other FSA club's trips and general news. Please send any old pics from ski trips past to Bill Harris, our webmaster at his email of comoskiclub@gmail.com . If you've not visited this site, it's a trip down memory lane. You can get to the other 8 clubs in the FSA thru this site of ours, too.

ASPEN / SNOWMASS Dec 10 – 15, 2023

I've got this one set up for the dates noted to Aspen Square once again. I made the standard rooming request, with those annual increased costs coming into play. I can and have adjusted rooming as necessary during the Fall months. We already get lodging at a much-below-the-norm pricing. Last two years, it's been an \$850 trip w/the 3-day lift ticket. And last year, that price should have had a significant increase. Now, it'll show up this year, so beware. Cost will likely be close to \$1000 for this December trip. It does include a 3 day lift tic and a meal or two. For Saturday night, Dec 9th, we'll have the similar room reservations at Starlight Lodge, and not included in the trip

pricing. Captain Ron, trip captain one more time, as long as I'm not kicked off the planning for this. 573-881-8861

To see the condos, go to <https://www.aspensquarehotel.com> and preview the rooms, heated pool, a workout room (as if this is even needed), hot tubs & courtyard. These condos are a mere 64 steps to the gondola from our units! A group dinner is in the plans for the final nite there – and is included in the cost. On the other 2 nights, we'll likely have some group dinner arrangement, with at least a trip to the Hickory House BBQ joint on the main hwy coming into Aspen. Captain Ron, trip captain one more time. 573-881-8861.

NIANGUA RIVER SUMMER FLOAT M-T July 17 & 18

And, it's back again for a two-day Mon & Tues float of the Niangua River, to the west of Lebanon, MO. This is a 2-day float trip in conjunction with the Topeka Ski Club, starting with a Sunday evening campout (July 16). The standard 2 day float comes out of Bennett Springs State Park on Monday morning, and we'll float back to our usual campsites at Maggard's Corkery Campground. The current plan is for primitive camping in a group setting on Sunday and Monday nights, and electric hook-ups are available. July 17 & 18 are now the revised planned floating dates, with a bus ride back to the camp site on the 2nd day, a Tuesday, and usually by 2pm or so. Camping is also available at the State Park or make arrangements at the area's Sand Spring Motel, or the State Park even has cabins available. Call me and I'll get your spot in the campgrounds w/Topeka's planning dept. There's usually around a dozen folks taking part in this enjoyable, easy float on one of Missouri's best float steams. Topeka Ski Club folks are bugging me to find out just how many may join in from Columbia Ski Club, so if you are thinking about this, please respond soon.
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FSA 2024 STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO

The current plan for next January's FSA ski event is to return to Steamboat for a week-long trip. Yeah, that will be a little more cost (ok, a lot more) than our standard 4 day ski trip. The dates are the last week of January, from the 20th to the 27th, 2024, and the other clubs are much farther along on planning than we are. The lodging at Steamboat is now a separate set-up and deals only with week long bookings, so this one now becomes a longer trip - hence, a more expensive trip, too. Discussions promise to be forthcoming and plentiful on this event. As requested above, we will need a trip captain to present this, organize and run the thing, if we are to participate.

Ron Lueck – aka "Captain Ron"