

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter October 2023

SKIER'S NIGHT OUT Oct 2nd @ Woody's

Well, guys, in keeping with what I've been using as a traditional meeting"/gathering, it's time for another get-to-gether, this time at Woody's in Ashland. Our first Skier's Night Out was comfortable outside, and this one promises to be the same, with agreeable temperatures. The main reason for this meeting is for the late sign-ups for the Aspen/Snowmass Dec trip, plus a discussion on further FSA trips by our club. Meet outside on the patio on Monday the 2nd for getting trip payments in, completing of the membership form with the appropriate fee, discussion on what we wish to do about the trip to Steamboat at the end of Jan, etc. 6pm is the time for socializing and drinks. And then it's 7pm for some sort of meeting. See our website of <http://columbiajeffcityskitandboard.org> for the membership form or use the attached version. I will have more available on Monday. It's only a \$10 bill for a single membership & just \$15 for family – and this membership will get you in with a legitimate membership needed for attending other club's trips, if and when that might work out. We have a reciprocal agreement with the other 8 clubs in FSA, so those folks with other club's paid memberships need not send in anything additional. See the website noted above for a list of St. Louis Ski Club's 2023 & KC Ski Club's 2022/23 associated trips. Yes, we can tag onto theirs, if desired, and do not have to pay into their respective club memberships

ON THE WEBSITE

To get most updates, view the website for the club at <http://columbiajeffcityskitandboard.org/>. There's plenty of past ski trip pics for memories & viewing, plus the Aspen ski trip flyer, the club application to complete and send in, other FSA club contacts, and general news.

ASPEN / SNOWMASS Dec 10 – 15, 2023

If all who've stated that they're attending, do actually come thru, we will have something like 24 on this trip. The 2nd of 3 payments of \$320 is now due. Five have already paid in full, some with partial payments, and there's at least 11 stating that they plan to go, but not committing with their wallets just yet. We are heading back to Aspen Square for the 18th time out of the past 19 Decembers, with a year off for that covid-19 item. The trip is taking place the 2nd week of December, as this would be the first week that

Buttermilk and The Highlands are scheduled to be open. Kansas City Ski Club will be there with a group before we are in town for the weekend, and overlap the first few nights of our stay, so you could and likely will see some of their membership around the ski area on Monday and Tuesday. We've got 5 Studios (w/3 filled) and 3 two bedroom condos (w/all 3 tentatively filled) and a 3br condo, all on hold. Currently, there's some 2br condos units available, as this trip is open ended on attendees, but only as long as those units are available. This trip covers 5 nights at Aspen Square Condominium Hotel, starting on a Sunday afternoon, and with a 3-day lift ticket included. Pricing is set at \$960, with a non-skier price set at \$755. If you have an IKON pass, the latter would be the price for you to attend. Saturday night Dec 10th is usually the first nite in the mountains at Glenwood Springs for most of us and is part of this trip's planning - but not included in the pricing. Reservations will be made for about a dozen at Starlight Lodge on the north side of I-70 in downtown Glenwood Springs. And I will need to gather info on just who and how many are planning for that Saturday evening stay. Then it's a short walk over to the Canyon Brew Pub or Juicy Lucy's Steakhouse, both across from the AmTrak Station, and on 7th Street & just a few blocks to the southeast across the I-70 walking bridge. There's a few other later evening dinning options that we've found in the downtown area, too. Rooming for the 5 nights in the condos will be set by late November. As always, lift ticket arrangements have to be secured before Thanksgiving week, so if the payment is not in, I will not be able to add anymore onto the trip. If you wait until November to opt on board for this trip, there might not be any rooming available either, so if you choose to attend, I'd advise to do so immediately.

To see the condos, go to <https://www.aspensquarehotel.com> and preview the rooms, pool, workout room (as if needed), hot tubs & courtyard. These condos are a mere 64 steps to the gondola from our units! A 4th day lift ticket can be purchased for an additional cost in advance. Ask about a 5-day, if desired and that can be arranged, if interested. As said earlier, the IKON pass is good at all 4 mountains. Here's hoping that there may be a return to that welcome party that we used to get on one of the earlier nights, hosted by the hotel. A group dinner is in the plans for the final nite there – both are included in the cost. On the other 2 nights, folks likely will make some smaller group dinner arrangements, with at least a trip to the Hickory House BBQ joint on the main hwy coming into Aspen.

Captain Ron, trip captain once more. 573-881-8861.

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS JAN 20 – 27, 2024

If you're in need of attending the annual Flatland Ski Association's week-long event in January, there's 6 of the member clubs promoting a trip ranging from a low of lodging only at \$1402 with the KC Ski Club to \$1950 with the St. Louis Ski Club (fly-out trips only). Lift tickets are not included in these prices, as most of the members have an IKON or EPIC pass, or both. And there's an organized trip to Steamboat also with the Cornhusker Ski Club, OK City (\$1291 – \$1556), Tulsa (\$1314) and Omaha (\$1185 drive-out) ski clubs to check out. Feel free to tag on with any of the FSA member clubs.

Ron Lueck – aka “Captain Ron”