

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter November 2023

SKIER'S NIGHT OUT Nov 6th @ Park

Ok for this month, it's back indoors at Park, the Restaurant at 4380 Nocona Parkway at or near Discovery Ridge overpass on Hwy 63 on Monday evening, November 6. It's 6pm for social, and 7 pm for dispersing of info for the upcoming Dec. trip. At this time, we've got a full group of 24 folks on board for this annual Dec ski trip to what I consider the most versatile ski areas that we attend. It just snowed a foot over this past weekend, and A-Basin opened last Sunday to national coverage. Aspen/Snowmass will have the four different mountains ready to use by the time we arrive in December, and lodging is at the extremely convenient Aspen Square Condominiums. Travel/ride arrangements can be somewhat set at this meeting. And there's some info in this newsletter for attending the FSA event at Steamboat, if desired. See our website of <http://columbiajeffcityskitandboard.org> for the membership form or use the attached version. This form, along with the included waiver and appropriate fee, needs to be in my hand for the December ski trip. At this time, four need to have their membership payment in, and three need to sign and send in or deliver the form/waiver. 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. And for some advance planning, the December gathering to tie up some loose ends, will also be at Park on the 4th.

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

Wow, we now have 24 on this trip, our 18th at Aspen Square Condominiums in the heart of Aspen. Rooming for this group is for the five nites in 3 of the 2-bedroom condo units, plus the only 3-bedroom condo unit now available. There's also the six folks staying in the 3 studio units on the north part of the complex. If more decide to tag onto this trip, it will need to be in a group of 2 or 4, providing that lodging can be secured at the same discounted rate that was booked last April. Payment for the trip is now due (a total of \$960, or \$755 if you've got the IKON pass), along with an extra \$80 for a fourth day lift ticket. To date, only one 4 day ticket has been requested and paid in. Three days of lift tickets are included in the pricing for this trip. Discounted equipment rental reservations can be made at Four Mountain Sports by using the password "Columbia_2324". You'll get 35% off the in-resort rack rate by doing so at least 24 hours in advance of Dec 10. If needed, I can forward the Advanced Group Lesson and Rental Reservations info that was sent my way by an e-mail. Just give a shout-out and it'll get sent your way.

This would be the first week that Buttermilk and The Highlands are scheduled to be open. Kansas City Ski Club, Cornhuskers and Omaha Ski Clubs are also to be there in Dec, overlapping our stay, so you could and likely will see some of their membership around town or the ski areas. For those driving out on Saturday, the night of Dec 9th is usually the first nite in the mountains at Glenwood Springs - but not included in the pricing. Reservations have been made for 14 at Starlight Lodge on the north side of I-70 in downtown Glenwood Springs, using the two story part of the lodge (rooms 23 thru 26). Let me know your plans for that Saturday to finalize the stay a bit better with Andrew, the owner. Then, after a day of driving across KS, it'll be 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 dining options that we've found in the downtown area, too. As always, lift ticket arrangements have to be secured before Thanksgiving week, so get your payments in.

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! The IKON pass is supposed to be good for all 4 mountains. A group dinner is planned for the final nite there and included in the cost. It would be great if that annual welcome party just happened to be held while we're there at Aspen Square, this season. No promises there...
Captain Ron, trip captain once more. 573-881-8861.

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS JAN 20 – 27, 2024

Topeka Ski Club has offered up their Saturday to Saturday trip to us at the cost of \$1022 with the FSA Activity ticket included, or \$867 w/o attending any of the FSA racing, welcome or banquet parties. Lift tickets are at \$120 per day (and not much discount from window rates). The IKON pass works here. No bus trip is included, so it's a get-yourself-out-there trip. Contact Barb Wittmer @ 785-215-5883. Reservations

on this trip thru Topeka Ski Club, as well as payment, will need to be into her before December 1st. Membership with Columbia Ski Club, or another FSA club, will be required.

If you're in a desire to attend the annual Flatland Ski Association's week-long event in January, there's also 6 of the other 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”