

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter December 2023

SKIER'S NIGHT OUT December 6th @ Park

For the final time in this year of 2023, we'll be meeting once again at Park, the Restaurant at 4380 Nocona Parkway at or near the Discovery Ridge overpass on Hwy 63 on Monday evening, December 4. It's 6pm for social and food order if needed, and then 7 pm for final touch ups to the ride out plan to Glenwood Springs on Dec 9, or earlier. 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. Aspen/Snowmass should have the four different mountains ready to use by the time we arrive at the hotel on December 10, and lodging is at the extremely convenient Aspen Square Condominiums. Read below for attending the annual FSA event with all 9 clubs, this January, at Steamboat. See our website of <http://columbiajeffcityskitandboard.org> for the membership form or use the attached version. I will be in contact with those needing to have their membership payment in, and the three who need to sign the form/waiver. 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 the most up to date info, 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 with optional ski vacation opportunities, and other club's news.

ASPEN / SNOWMASS Dec 10 – 15, 2023

It's been snowing there at Aspen for the past weeks, and the temps have been hospitable to humans! The trip is set with 24 booked into 7 rooms on this trip, our 18th at Aspen Square Condominiums in downtown Aspen. Welcome to the three joining us from the St. Louis Ski Club! 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. A three day lift ticket is included in the pricing for this trip. If you're not going to be using all 3 of those days, please broker that thru me and don't wait until the final day to do this, as that presents a logistic problem. I already know of 2 who may just be in need for that 4th day ticket. The discounted equipment rental reservations can be made at FOUR MOUNTAIN SPORTS by using the password "Columbia_2324 ". The phone number is 800-525-6200 and you'll get 35% off the in-resort rack rate by booking at least 24

hours in advance of Dec 10. The Advanced Group Lesson and Rental Reservations info was sent out from my e-mail on Nov 2. If needed, I can re-send that.

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. I NEED A HEADCOUNT FOR THOSE PLANNING ON STAYING AT THE 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 your entire day of driving across the state of Kansas, it's just 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 to options on dining and imbibing.

To see the condos, go to <https://www.aspensquarehotel.com> and preview the rooms, pool, workout room (as if needed), hot tubs & courtyard. Try out the webcams mounted around the condominiums for some live views.
Captain Ron, trip captain once more. 573-881-8861.

Flatland Ski Association @ 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. KC Ski Club has blasted plenty of options to my e-mail. Just ask and I'll relay that info along to ya.

Ron Lueck – aka "Captain Ron"