

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter September 2024

Monday Night SNO

It's about time for a meeting with this group, huh? Sorry for being so late this season, but it's been a bit of a wait to get the final spots set on the Aspen trip. AND so, Monday evening, Sept 16 at 6pm, is the time for the annual fall gathering of the club members at PARK, the restaurant at Discovery Ridge along the west side of US Hwy 63. Address is at **4380 Nocona Parkway**. Just go to the Discovery Ridge exit ramp and go North on the west outer road. You can't miss the restaurant (a meeting can should take place 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. Se ya at PARK. OH yeah, there's the membership application attached to this newsletter, to print and either send in to the address on it, or bring to PARK w/your pymts.

ON THE WEBSITE

Notice a change of address on the membership application located 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 15 – 20, 2024

HEY guys: I finally got this pricing AND a flyer done! (attached). And so far, there's about 18 committed or having stated that they're going on this one again. I've got this one set up for five nights at the Hotel on the dates noted above at Aspen Square Condominiums once again. I made the standard rooming request (5 studios, 3 two br condos, and the three br condo), with those annual increased costs coming into play. The price for the five night stay with a 3 day lift ticket comes to \$1100, with a price for room and party being set at \$900. And that's if you're not using any lift ticket. Same price applies to having your own IKON pass and no need for that 3 day lift ticket. We already get lodging at a much-below-the-norm pricing. For Saturday night, Dec 14th, we'll have those similar room reservations for about 16 to 20 of us at Starlight Lodge in Glenwood Springs on the north side of I-70, and not included in the trip pricing. Some

may book into this lodge a bit earlier in the week Captain Ron, trip captain one more time around. 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 (this time) is included in the cost. On the other 2 nights, we'll likely have some group dinner arrangements, with at least a trip to the Hickory House BBQ joint on the main hwy coming into Aspen.

FSA 2025 @ TELLURIDE, COLORADO

The current plan for next January's FSA ski event is to return to Telluride for a week-long trip. Cost will be a bit on the steep side, rather than our standard 4 day ski trip. The dates are the last week of January, from the 25th to the 30th, 2025, and the other clubs are much farther along on planning than we are. The lodging at Telluride deals only with week long bookings, so this one now becomes a longer trip - hence, a more expensive trip, too. Plan to be a \$1500 to \$1900 trip cost. Discussions promise to be forthcoming and plentiful on this event. As requested before, we will need a trip captain to present this, organize and run the thing, if we are to participate. Get in touch with me or Jim Henley, if you are interested in running an FSA trip for this Columbia/JeffCity Ski Club. This trip has 4 to 5 deadlines to meet in January, with deposit and full payment commitments. As an offering, anyone interested in attending this event can always tag on with another FSA club, such as St. Louis, KC or Topeka, to go. You are urged to see just what their trips are costing and how much is included in their pricings. Just check their websites, of which most can be viewed thru our own website of <http://columbiajeffcityskiandboard.org/> by clicking on "links".

RED RIVER, NEW MEXICO w/Topeka Ski Club Feb 19 – 23, 2025

I've been contacted by the Topeka Ski Club to ask if any of us from the Columbia/JeffCity area would have any interest in attending this Red River area ski trip they've recently arranged in the Taos, NM area. You can see the flyer, the dates of Feb 19 to 23, and the lodging set up is for 25 people. It's a VRBO 9br house, w/8 baths. The attractive item is there's free skiing for 70 year-old folks (of which a lot of us are currently in that age range). Rentals are \$30 per day at the slope (much cheaper than Colorado sites). Now, it's a get-yourself-out-there type of trip, so you'd have to drive – as in "no bus". Anyway, this offer to join in has been extended to us, so if there's some interest, contact Topeka Ski Club, or me, or better yet, Eric Wenrich of Topeka at 785-215-8215 ericwenrich@live.com would be best. This comes in at about a third of that FSA trip cost. flyer attached also. Two of you, so far, have expressed interest in joining in for this trip.

Ron Lueck – aka "Captain Ron"