

# The Ski Boonie

**Columbia Ski Club Newsletter    November 2024**

## **Monday Night SNO**

Ok folks, gotta have a pass on this month's ski club meeting, but look for getting together in Dec on a Monday prior to heading out to Aspen.

NOTE: Nineteen of the 23 folks are paid up for the Aspen trip. Good job. The other 4 of you can mail to the address on the flyer (attached), or drop it off by my office before Thursday the 7th of Nov. Note that the PO Box is no longer in use. And if you're waiting to tag on later, I'll be releasing the two studio condo units on the 2nd week of NOVEMBER, so as to not incur any penalty. If you're planning on going, better get with it and send in the bucks! So, in order to be on board, you'll need to get the respective payment to me asap.

## **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](mailto: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 folks: As stated, got two studios left to go, and an open bed for a single gal, as of this date. This trip is set up for five nights at the Hotel on the dates noted above at Aspen Square Condominiums, with arrangements to be made for however many are staying the Sat evening at Glenwood Springs. I made the standard rooming request (5 studios, 3 two br condos, and that 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 just the rooming and party being set at \$900. Most using this \$900 price will have an IKON pass and not needing that 3-day lift ticket. We already get lodging at a much-below-the-norm pricing. And on the preceding Saturday night of Dec 14th, those that wish to use reservations at Starlight Lodge in Glenwood Springs on the north side of I-70, can get in touch with me and I can make that happen. Note that this

Saturday night lodging is not included in the trip pricing. Captain Ron, trip captain again. 573-881-8861

To see the condos, or to view one of the many web cams, go to <https://www.aspensquarehotel.com> and preview the rooms, heated pool, a workout room (if needed), hot tubs & courtyard. These condos are a mere 64 steps to the gondola and across Durant Ave. from our units. Sunday evening is the town event of the lighting of a tree with Christmas carols by youth groups over at the Little Nell, across the street from our lodging at 5pm. Free hot chocolate and cookies available, and drinks available at the bar. I'll get something of a welcome party on Monday evening. 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 maybe, a trip to the Hickory House BBQ joint on the main hwy coming into Aspen. Last year, THAT night's gathering was a pleasant surprise with a liquor rep furnishing rounds! Here's to hoping that would happen again....

### **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**

The Topeka Ski Club has invited us to join in a 5-nite stay at the Red River ski area in Northern New Mexico next February . NOTE: you're a bit late for getting the really low priced lift tickets (\$225 for 3 days). This ski mountain is just north of 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'll have to drive out. This offer for another ski trip has been to Columbia/Jeff City Ski Club to join in, so contact Topeka Ski Club, or me, or better yet,

Eric Wenrich of Topeka at 785-215-8215 [ericwenrich@live.com](mailto:ericwenrich@live.com) would be best. This comes in at about a third of most FSA trip costs. A flyer for this is attached also.

See ya NEXT MONTH, on a Monday and at a place to be named later, for a gathering to get acquainted once again at 6pm.

Ron Lueck – aka “Captain Ron”