

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter August 2025

Tuesday Night SNO

For the first social gathering, it's set once more at the Canterbury Hill Winery in Holts Summit on Tuesday eve, Sept 2nd. It's to be on the patio, unless any rain moves in. First ones there, simply grab a table and converse, enjoy the views, discuss things listed below, or whatever. I likely will reserve a table, so ask for the Ski Club's gathering spot. Membership form attached. Please do NOT send that form back to me or this e-mail. Just mail it to Jim Henley at the address on the form. Thanks. Nothing big to present, other than we, CSC, are not in the best of standing with FSA due to non-participation for these past 4 or 5 years. Discussion to follow at the meeting.

ASPEN / SNOWMASS Dec 14 – 19, 2025

Save the dates: These are the dates this year for this annual trip that originated in 2005 and has had very good comments over the years. From initial input, there's around 20 that have already asked about, or stated that they are participating once again. This is the 21st time there, but covid 19 wiped out the 2020 year. I've got this one set up for the dates noted above to Aspen Square once again. I made the standard rooming request back in April, and last week a request for another 2br condo unit was made for a family of 9 or possibly more. Those annual increased costs sure are coming into play once more, too. See the attached flyer for the price for this five night stay with a 3 day lift ticket included. We already get lodging at a much-below-the-norm pricing. Rental info on ski equipment is at Four Mountain Sports, just to the west of our condo hotel. Note that there's a code needed for this group rental of equipment. For Saturday night, Dec 13th, we'll have the similar room reservations at Starlight Lodge for those interested, and not included in the trip pricing. Captain Ron, trip captain one more time, as long as I don't get kicked off the planning on this. 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 likely the first and the final nite there – and somewhat included in the cost. It's been a group effort on food and drink. On the other 2 nights, we'll likely have some group dinner arrangements, with probably a Monday evening trip to the Hickory House BBQ joint on the main hwy coming into Aspen. Another night usually happens at the Jerome Hotel. It's a loose plan..

FSA 2026 @ STEAMOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO Jan 24 – 29, 2026

The current plan for next January's FSA ski event is to visit Steamboat again for a week-long trip. Cost will be a bit on the steep than our previous, standard 4 day ski trip. The dates are the last week of January, from the 24th thru the 29th, 2026, and the other clubs have planned pricing out there. Lodging at Steamboat deals only with week long bookings, and has become a longer trip - hence, a more expensive than that of our previous 4-day trips. Each club has to make their own lodging plans. Plan to be a \$1500 to \$1900 total trip cost. And we would need someone to operate this trip as 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 this trip for this Columbia/JeffCity Ski Club. This trip has 4 to 5 deadlines to meet with deposit and full payment commitments. I will be outta state for most of the winter months, so, folks, it aint me.

As an offering, anyone interested in attending this event can always tag on with another FSA club, such as St. Louis, KC, Omaha or Topeka, to go. Info is available, so you are urged to see just what their trips are costing and how much is included in their pricings. Just check their various websites, most of which can be viewed thru our own website of <http://columbiajeffcityskiandboard.org/> by clicking on "links". There's a variety of trip lengths, set-ups and pricing from the various clubs.

Ron Lueck – aka "Captain Ron"