

The Ski Boonie

Columbia Ski Club Newsletter September 2025

Monday Night SNO

For this, the second social gathering, it's set at The Kitchen a new place of games and meeting areas on Monday evening, Oct 6th. It may be on the patio or inside, depending on weather and/or noise from those pickleball players. First ones there, simply grab a table, converse, play a game or two, or whatever. Membership form is attached. And do NOT send that form back to me or this e-mail. Just mail it to Jim Henley at the address on the form or fill one out at the meeting. Thanks.

ASPEN / SNOWMASS Dec 14 – 19, 2025

Save the dates: And a THANK YOU goes to the 4 who have paid in full. This certainly does help to make those necessary monthly payments on lodging. Made the first \$5k payment, and gotta cover that next one, soon. Got 23 on board, tentatively, for this, the 21st time at Aspen Square Condominiums. This 5 nite/4 day ski trip is set for the dates noted above to Aspen Square once again. I've increased the rooming request this year, for the 3br condo unit #126 that we usually get, along with four 2br condo units and five of those studio condos. See the attached flyer for pricing for this five night stay with a 3 day lift ticket included. 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 the night's cost NOT included in the trip pricing. More to come on planning...

Captain Ron, trip captain one more time. 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 a likely happening the Monday and Thursday nights there – and somewhat included in the cost. We usually get a group pitch-in 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. As always, it's a loose plan... sorta like herding cats here...

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 a 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"