

March, 2022

# Flatirons Ski Club

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Social Group <u>www.FlatironsSkiClub.com</u>

# NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE MARCH 3RD, 2022 VIA ZOOM

#### **President's Message**

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Nicole deL., has been hard at work identifying candidates for the Flatirons Ski Club 2022-2023 Board of Directors. Members will be voting on the slate of Board Members at the April General Meeting. The Committee is currently searching for a Downhill Chair, Activities Co-Chair, Publicity Co-Chair, and Newsletter Editor (possible replacement has been identified). The responsibilities for these four positions are listed in the FSC Bylaws. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions or would like additional information, please contact Nicole deL. Thank you to FSC members who agreed to take on leadership responsibilities necessary to keep the club running smoothly.

For the February FSC General Meeting, Jeff Blumenfeld, a member of FSC, presented on voluntourism and introduced his book, *Travel with Purpose: A Field Guide to Voluntourism.* Jeff, thank you for a fun and informative presentation! The March General Meeting will include a speaker from Ecocycle.

Beth G., President

# **March General Meeting Speaker**

Your Waste Questions Answered: How often do you stand over your waste bins, wondering how to dispose of the item in your hand? In this presentation, Rosie Briggs from Eco-Cycle will go over the Boulder County recycling and composting guidelines, and answer any waste questions you may have! Eco-Cycle, an environmental nonprofit, started the first recycling program in Colorado (and one of the first in the nation!) back in 1976, and runs the Boulder County Recycling Center to this day. They also operate the Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials (CHaRM), and work on sustainability infrastructure, legislation, outreach and education.

Louisa Y.

### **Message from the Treasurer**

Hello members! We are excited that so many want to attend trips this year. As you can imagine, being a leader is a difficult task. To make things easier on these wonderful volunteers, please send in your deposits and balances by the due dates. Thanks for making checks out to FSC or Flatirons Ski Club.

Martha P.

#### **Photos Needed**

Skiers, trip, activity and event leaders: please make sure you take photos on your trips. We will be in need of these photos for the May General Meeting as a summary of the past years's activities. Send them to me, Dorothy C. via email. Roger B. can post them on our Facebook page or you can post them directly yourself.

## **Snowshoe and Cross Country Skiing**

The snowshoeing/cross country ski group is continuing on Tuesdays. We will meet at 9:00 AM, leaving at 9:15 AM. We have changed meeting location to the southeast corner of 28th and Iris, behind the old 3 Margaritas restaurant on the corner (dark green roof, arched windows). We will continue as long as snow is good and does not get too warm, look for my email. Please let me know if you will be coming.

Dorothy C.

# 3rd Thursday Hike - March 17<sup>th</sup>

Green Mountain Trail - Boulder Mountain Park - from Gregory Canyon or West Ridge. There are two starting points for this hike; Gregory Canyon being the most popular and longer steeper trail, however, the parking area is small. West Ridge has more parking, shorter and easier approach. Details the Monday before the hike by email.

Dolores A

#### THURSDAY HIKERS

Fall hiking has been very colorful. Winter is here! We continue to meet on Thursdays at the Meadows Shopping Center. We will meet there at 8:45 AM and leave at 9:00 AM. People can car pool from the Shopping Center or they can drive by themselves to the trailhead. It is up to the individual and their comfort with carpooling. Meadow Shopping Center is at the southwest corner of Foothills Highway and Baseline. We usually park close to the 1<sup>st</sup> Bank and ReMax Realty building. Just look for people standing by their cars.

The weather is changeable. Be prepared for all types of weather. We generally hike 3 to 6 miles in the winter. Be sure to bring yak tracks. Call Sue E. or Louisa Y. to let us know if you are planning to hike and to confirm that we will be hiking if the weather forecast is questionable. Call Dolores A. for information about the third Thursday hikes. If you are not on the hiking email lists call Dolores or Louisa to get on the list.

#### **FSC Book Club**

**DATE:** Monday, March 14 at 6:45 PM

PLACE: via Zoom

**BOOK:** Elmer Gantry by Sinclair Lewis

Universally recognized as a landmark in American literature, *Elmer Gantry* scandalized readers when it was first published, causing Sinclair Lewis to be "invited" to a jail cell in New Hampshire and to his own lynching in Virginia. His portrait of a golden-tongued evangelist who rises to power within his church--a saver of souls who lives a life of duplicity, sensuality, and ruthless self-indulgence--is also the record of a period, a reign of grotesque vulgarity, which but for Lewis would have left no trace of itself. *Elmer Gantry* has been called the greatest, most vital, and most penetrating study of hypocrisy that has been written since the works of Voltaire.

Richard P.

#### \*\*\*\*MOAB\*\*\*\*

Moab spring trip will be May 9th to 14th. We again will be staying in Watermelon and Grandma's houses run by Lazy Lizard Hostel. We have bedrooms, baths, kitchen, common living rooms and laundry room. We will be staying 5 nights. Cost will be \$150, with a \$30 deposit. If you want to room with someone please mark it on your check, make check payable to FSC. For further questions contact Debbie W. or Dorothy C.

There is still space. Deposit needs to be sent in to hold space and full amount is due April 1. Please sent deposit to Debbie W., see address in membership roster

# SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL AT CU! SAVE THE DATE! WEDNESDAY, JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> 2022 @7:00 PM

I have reserved 15 seats at the Mary Rippon Outdoor Theater to see "Two Gentlemen Of Verona". It's promoted as a comedy. Seating is in the Orchestra 2 section. We MIGHT have a pre-play picnic at the Shakespeare Garden (in the same vicinity). Send me\* an email if you want to be put on the list: nicoluna975@gmail.com.

I'll start accepting checks, made out to FSC, at \$40/ticket on 1 March and funds must be received by me\* by 1 April to stay on the list. Once the group tickets are purchased (very early April), there will be NO REFUNDS.

If more than 15 apply, I will try to get additional seats, but tickets are selling now, so it's doubtful more will be available. I will keep a waiting list, in case you need to cancel. You could attempt to re-sell your seat if that becomes your situation.

I prefer making contact via email, not by phone. Only vaccinated participants please! Thank you for your consideration.

Nicole deL.\* (Address available in Membership Roster)

### DCPA Buell Broadway shows in 2022!

#### August 6th 2 pm Pretty Woman

*PRETTY WOMAN: THE MUSICAL*, based on one of Hollywood's most beloved romantic stories of all time, is now on tour! Starring Broadway superstar and Tony Award®-nominee Adam Pascal as Edward Lewis and rising star Olivia Valli as the charming and charismatic Vivian Ward, *PRETTY WOMAN: THE MUSICAL* springs to life with a powerhouse creative team led by two-time Tony Award®-winning director and choreographer Jerry Mitchell (*Hairspray, Kinky Boots, Legally Blonde*).

Brought to the stage by lead producer Paula Wagner, *PRETTY WOMAN: THE MUSICAL* features an original score by Grammy® winner Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance ("Summer of '69", "Heaven"), and a book by the movie's legendary director Garry Marshall and screenwriter J. F. Lawton. *PRETTY WOMAN: THE MUSICAL* will lift your spirits and light up your heart. "If you love the movie, you'll love the musical!" (BuzzFeed News).

Are you ready to fall in love all over again?

#### September 11<sup>th</sup> 2 pm Hadestown

Winner of eight 2019 Tony Awards® including Best Musical and the 2020 Grammy® Award for Best Musical Theater Album, this acclaimed new show by celebrated singer-songwriter Anaïs Mitchell and innovative director Rachel Chavkin (*Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812*) is a love story for today... and always. *Hadestown* intertwines two mythic tales — that of young dreamers Orpheus and Eurydice, and that of King Hades and his wife Persephone — as it invites you on a hell-raising journey to the underworld and back. Mitchell's beguiling melodies and Chavkin's poetic imagination pit industry against nature, doubt against faith, and fear against love. Performed by a vibrant ensemble of actors, dancers and singers, *Hadestown* is a haunting and hopeful theatrical experience that grabs you and never lets go. (cont'd next page)

Please contact Sandy Morris at <a href="mailto:swimmie864@hotmail.com">swimmie864@hotmail.com</a> or 303-955-4910 if you are interested. <a href="http://www.denvercenter.org/shows/specific-series/Get?Id=b1f9dc77-cdec-68a4-921b-ff10004d5814">http://www.denvercenter.org/shows/specific-series/Get?Id=b1f9dc77-cdec-68a4-921b-ff10004d5814</a> Group tickets (includes service fee)- \$40.50 each Price Level 4 (tickets are limited)

After you are confirmed, please send checks to:

Sandy M.

(Address available in Membership Roster)

# **AVALANCHE RANCH TRIP and APPLE FESTIVAL trip in 2022**

(None scheduled for 2023, so this may be the last)

#### https://avalancheranch.com/

Avalanche Ranch is 11.35 miles south of Carbondale, CO and 5 miles north of Redstone, CO We will arrive on September 30<sup>TH</sup> and leave on October 3RD.

For those who are new to the club, the Avalanche Ranch trip has been run for many years by the club. We rent cabins at Avalanche Ranch and soak in the brilliant color of the area, especially the golden aspen, the green pines, the gray mountains, the blue sky and occasionally the white snow on the mountains. The Apple Festival is an event run by the staff once a year. They provide meat and others provide everything else. But what I find most interesting is the community of people who attend, most are local, and they play bluegrass music for at least an hour around the campfire.

Other than the Apple Festival, there are wonderful hikes to be made and the weather is almost always perfect. Did I mention that there are several hot tubs and a hot pool which are free and open to us twenty-four hours a day.

The club provides chili on Friday night and protein on Sunday night. On Saturday, the ranch will provide the protein and each guest is asked to bring something for the huge pot-luck. We have the Ranch House this year for happy hours and generally getting together.

The price will be \$255 a person for three nights of paradise but there are many queen beds which will need to be filled so anyone willing to share a bed with someone else will have a much better chance of getting on board this remarkable trip. To reserve your spot, send a non-refundable, (unless a substitute is found) check of \$50.00 made out to FSC. Send checks to:

Roger P. (Address available in Membership Roster)



# Keep Those Hands and Feet Warm!

Do your hands and/or feet get cold when you hike or ski? If so, consider buying battery-heated gloves, mittens, and/or socks. They've saved me many a ski day (and hiking/snowshoeing day).

I'm a really happy user of Snow Deer heated gloves, which are relatively inexpensive. I never thought I could ski with anything but mittens, but these are amazing. The key thing is, they heat your fingers/fingertips! They also sell battery-heated mittens, and I use them when it's *really* cold.

To my knowledge, Snow Deer products are not sold in stores. (The stores carry more expensive brands.) You have to order them online. They come with one set of rechargeable 2200maH lithium batteries. I find that on a cold day, they last just a couple of hours, even on the low setting. So I carry a spare set of batteries, which you can order separately. I upgrade to the 3000maH batteries just to be on the safe side. Snow Deer also sells heated socks, which I have used a couple of times for hiking--the heat goes straight to your toes! They should work for skiing too, especially if you carry an extra set of batteries. You'll need to wash these by hand and hang dry.

If you're really feeling like treating yourself, get the much more expensive Lenz heated socks, which you can operate via your smartphone!

Rosie P.

# Want to Sell Something?

Every month, members will now have the opportunity to sell something (ski equipment, etc.) by having their items listed in our FSC Club Newsletter. Submit your items via email to Monica A. in the body of your email or as an attachment (.doc or .docx). Submissions will need board approval. Monica will need to receive your information by the Wednesday before the monthly board meetings. Items will be posted in the Newsletter sometime during the 4<sup>th</sup> week of the month. Items will appear in the newsletter only once, they will not roll over to the following month's newsletter.

# **2022 Flatirons Ski Trip Calendar**

Dates	Destination	Lodging	# of Spaces	Nights	Lift Tix	Total Cost per Person	Deposit	Balance Due	Trip Leaders
Feb 22-26	Park City, Utah	Park City Peaks Hotel	24	4	IKON EPIC	\$470	\$100	2/3/22	Sandy M.
Mar 1-4	Fraser, CO	Fraser House	12	3	Misc.	\$150	\$25	1/6/22	Linda & Chris P.
Mar 7- 10 or 11	Aspen, CO	Element Hotel, Basalt	40	3 or 4	IKON	\$345 or \$455	\$75 3N \$100 4N	2/3/22	Sandy M.
Mar 15-17	Leadville, CO	Columbine Inn	20	2	Misc.	\$160	\$30	2/3/22	Elease M.
Dec- Apr	Mid-Week Skiing Mon & Thurs				EPIC or IKON depends on ski area				Ed H., Mon. Arnie M., Thurs.

ATTN participants: Please be reminded that monies paid for a ski trip are generally non-refundable according to FSC Policies. If you must cancel, notify the trip leader promptly so a replacement can be found. According to policy, the replacing person directly reimburses the person who is cancelling. If a replacement is not found, your payment is non-refundable.



## 2022 FSC MID-WEEK SKI SCHEDULE

Ed H. or Arnie M.

MONDAY/TUESDAY (EPIC) THURSDAY (IKON)

		March 3- Eldora 8:15 AM	\$5
March 7- Keystone	\$10	March 10- Copper	\$10
March 14 – Vail ** <b>7:30 AM</b>	\$15	March 17- Copper 8:30 AM	\$10
March 21 – Breckenridge <b>8:30 AM</b>	\$10	March 24- WP/MJ 8:30 AM	\$10
March 28- Keystone 8:30 AM	\$10	March 31- A-Basin 8:30 AM	\$10
April 4- Breckenridge 8:30 AM	\$10	April 7- Copper 8:30 AM	\$10
April 11- Beaver Creek <b>7:30 AM</b>	\$15	April 14- WP/MJ <b>8:30 AM</b>	\$10
April 18- TBD	\$10	April 21- TBD	

<sup>\*</sup> CARPOOL FEE PER PERSON (CASH) \*\* ADDITIONAL PARKING FEE (CASH)

Locations are subject to change based on weather/snow conditions. This schedule is only a suggestion, members can ski wherever they wish as we are not offering official carpool options. Occasionally, Ed and Arnie may need an alternate leader when they are away on ski trips. This information will be in the monthly newsletter.

# **Suggested Carpool Fee for FSC Overnight Trips**

After a review of the fees that were suggested as reimbursements for FSC carpool drivers for our longer overnight ski trips, I have received input from trip leaders and have decided it is time to increase some of these suggested fees based on current prices for gasoline. The figures we have been using are from 2017 and gas prices have increased about 40 percent in Colorado since then... from \$2.50 per gallon, on average, to a current state average of \$3.50.

I have decided to include the mileage since some of these figures have changed due to changes in hotel locations (ie, from Glenwood Springs, which required daily car rides to Aspen, to Basalt, etc.), and perhaps due to route changes, with the mileage in some cases being somewhat surprising.

Here are the latest estimated round trip mileage figures based on departing from central Boulder (about Jay Rd and Spine) to the city/lodge of our destination for skiing:

Park City, UT — 950 mi. Fraser — 165 mi. Basalt — 390 mi. Leadville — 230 mi.

In 2017, the amounts charged were approximately 5 cents/mile. Increasing that by about 40 percent (gas price increase), we come up with 7 cents/mile. So, here are the suggested round trip carpool fees (rounded up) for the aforementioned trips: Park City, UT — \$75; Fraser — \$13; Basalt — \$35\*; Leadville — \$20;

\*PLEASE be reminded that these are suggested fees and don't take into consideration any daily driving to the ski areas or restaurants from the hotels. Sandy M., our Aspen leader, suggests \$50 per person for people utilizing their carpool driver to get to and from Basalt to the Aspen ski areas/restaurants. Finally, pricing is ultimately up to the discretion of the driver and the type of vehicle the driver is using. Please take into consideration how many people will be driving together also. As you can see, there are too many variables to try to precisely figure out a simple master plan. If there is only one passenger, the driver and passenger will need to reach an agreement on what is fair. Importantly, discuss carpool fees prior to your trip departure, so there are no misunderstandings.

Happy skiing and commuting!

Donna C., Downhill Chair

#### **MARCH 2022**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Snowshoe/CC 9:00 AM	2 Fraser	3 General Mtg 7:00 PM Thursday Hike 8:45 AM Fraser	FAC 4:00 PM Fraser	5
6	7 Aspen	8 Snowshoe/CC 9:00 AM Aspen	9 Aspen	10 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM Aspen	11 FAC 4:00 PM Aspen?	12
Daylight Savings Time Start	14 Book Club 6:45 PM	15 Snowshoe/CC 9:00 AM Leadville	16 Leadville	17 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday Hike 8:45 AM Board Mtg 7:00 PM Leadville	18 FAC 4:00 PM Newsletter Input due	19
20	21	22 Snowshoe/CC 9:00 AM	23	24 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	25 FAC 4:00 PM	26
27	28	29 Snowshoe/CC 9:00 AM	30	31 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM		

# **Board Members**

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