



September, 2020

# Flatirons Ski Club

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Social Group  
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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>,  
2020**

## Message from the President

We have had almost 2 months of 90 degree days, and very little rain. One of my personal strategies to beat the heat is to gain some altitude. The Thursday hikers are going strong, despite the pandemic. There are still plenty of objectives in the high country that we haven't visited, so if you are up for it, please join us. Tuesday evening hikes have been well-attended, especially since recently we have been able to linger afterwards at someone's large back yard or a park. We all miss the pot lucks, but we can still socialize within limits.

Remember the program we had on fire mitigation? With some major wild fires in Colorado, it might be time to review the recommendations. Don't be thinking it can't happen to you.

Thank you to those who responded to our poll about when General Meetings should be held. The results were amazingly varied. See related article elsewhere in this newsletter. We can and will revisit that decision from time to time. Of course, large in-person meetings are still banned as of this writing.

If someone has a crystal ball, the Board would sure like to know if trips and activities can resume to traditional practices. We are planning that way, but everything is subject to change. Traditionally we have trip sign-ups for the first meeting program, which is the first Thursday in October. That may have to be managed through email.

September is the time to pay your dues and sign the waiver. Pay attention to instructions from our Membership Chair since, at this writing, we are not able to have a traditional social event.

In the meantime, everyone stay well.

Louisa

## Membership

Sadly, I have been unable to reserve a park for the Club to have our Fall Membership Picnic. It is time to renew your membership. Please go to website [flatironsskiclub.com](http://flatironsskiclub.com), click on membership, print waiver. Fill out and sign. Couples may sign the same waiver, both should sign. Send with check to Flatirons Ski Club, P O Box 6120, Boulder CO 80306. \$40 for couples, \$25 for singles. I will send waivers by snail mail to the members who are already on the snail mail list. Thank you for your cooperation.

Linda G., Membership Chair

# **FSC GENERAL POLICIES**

## **FSC Board approved 08-15-2019**

**Sign-up Procedures:** FSC doesn't intend to profit from activities, but usually charges a fee to cover costs.

- 1.1 The deposit holds your spot on the activity. Deposits in general are non-refundable.
- 1.2 When an activity is full, sign up on the Wait List. Cancellations often occur.
- 1.3 If you must cancel, notify the Leader promptly so a replacement person can be found.
- 1.4 It is preferred that when a person cancels and a replacement is found, the replacing person reimburses the cancelling person directly.
- 1.5 Pay your balance by the Due Date, or the Leader will replace you from the Wait List.
- 1.6 Pay separately for each activity, noting the activity name and date with the payment.
- 1.7 Make payments out to "**Flatirons Ski Club**" and give them to the Activity Leader.
- 1.8 The Treasurer will alert the Board to trips that have a significant profit after all known income and expenses have cleared. The Board will consider the reasons for the profit, and authorize refunds if appropriate. An example of an appropriate situation is if the trip made money because one or more person(s) paid the full charge for the trip, cancelled before the trip started and the Club was able to recover whatever costs it had paid for the participant.
- 1.9 Communicate any issues promptly to the activity leader.

**Capability:** When a person's capability is inadequate for the activity, it negatively impacts other participants.

- 2.1 For the group's safe enjoyment of a given activity, members and guests must participate only in those group activities (skiing, hiking etc.) that are well within their current endurance, ability and skill so as not to cause an incident.
- 2.2 An incident is defined as any accident or adverse disruption to the safety of the planned group activity, an increase in the group's time or cost to accomplish the planned activity, or undue imposition on the group or outside parties.
- 2.3 Recognizing that mistakes can occur and accidents can happen, repeated incidents caused by a participant's lack of capability may disqualify that member from group activities, and may result in use of FSC's Grievance procedure.

**Guidelines for Conduct:**

- 3.1 During the activity, the Leader's decision on member participation is final.
- 3.2 Participants should be provided a list of contact information of all participants, when possible, being aware that mobile devices might not be in service in remote areas.
- 3.3 Group activities should be done with two people minimum in the case of rescue patrolled areas, and with four persons minimum in other cases (so one person can stay with the victim and two people can go together for help).
- 3.4 If a group member becomes incapacitated, the group must care for him/her because participation in the activity implies agreement to help out in case of trouble.
- 3.5 A group must not split up unless there is a clear plan for a regroup place and time.
- 3.6 Turn-around times should be determined so that return can be accomplished in a timely manner.
- 3.7 In case of separation, wait at the first fork in the trail or the base of the agreed ski lift.
- 3.8 Voluntary solo-diversion from the group is strongly discouraged, effectively removes the person from the activity, and relieves the group from responsibility.
- 3.9 Carrying communication devices (e.g., cell phones and walkie talkies) are strongly encouraged for all members.

## GENERAL MEETINGS DURING COVID19

FSC will be conducting its general meetings using the Zoom platform. Please familiarize yourself with the Zoom application so you can effectively participate. You can participate using a variety of devices, PC, i-pad, tablets, phone. HOW TO information can be found at [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and from links on the [club web site](#). There will be two practice zoom meetings (Sept. 3 and 10 at 7:00 pm). This provides YOU time to get set up to join the October General Meeting where Winter Season Trip information is normally presented. Please refer to information provided elsewhere in this Newsletter about “Modifications to the Trip Sign Up Process”. For problems opening the hyperlinks, try CTRL-CLICK on the link.

### GENERAL MEETING – JOINING AND MEETING PROTOCOL

In your Mail client You will receive an e-mail. The Newsletter Distribution e-mail will be used to send you the information needed to join these practice meetings. Snail mail will be sent to those without e-mail access. It will contain a long link, click on it and follow the instructions. If the direct link doesn't get you in, use the provided meeting ID and password information. Additional information on how to join a meeting is provided on the Club Web page.

#### General Meeting Protocol:

When you connect you will be placed in a Waiting Room from which the meeting host will admit you. On admission your microphone will be muted. The Host will unmute you when it is appropriate for you to speak. For clarity only one person can speak at a time. Therefore you will not be able to unmute your own microphone. Your screen should show a number of small pictures of the participants. If there is only one larger picture switch to Display View. If you have a small screen there may be multiple pages of participants you can scroll through. Find the meeting's menu and click on the Participants and Chat icons. This will open a panel containing a list of participants and give you a place to type in comments and questions. If you wish to comment use the chat feature or look for the Raise Hand icon. The Host can recognize you and unmute your microphone in the order the hands were raised. Use the **Chat feature** for a more efficient way of asking questions, In the Chat panel accept the (To: Everyone) for who can see the comment, enter your comment then hit the return key. Hitting the return key WILL send the message.

At October's meeting the Downhill Chair will present a brief overview of Ski trips to come and then introduce each trip leader who will present their information. At the end of their presentation there will be time for the Trip Leader to respond to Chat Questions and comments that came into the Chat Room during or at the end of the trip leader's presentation. This process will be repeated for each trip.

During the meeting if you see a Polling question click to select each trip you are interested in. When all the trips you are interested in have been selected click SUBMIT. This is **does not sign you up**, It only provides trip leader information about how many are interested in each trip.

Roger B.

## 2021 CHANGES TO FSC SKI TRIP SIGN-UP PROCESS

Please know that a lot of time and effort has gone into finding a workable, simple solution to handling trip sign-ups in the time of COVID-19 when large social gatherings are prohibitive. These are the guidelines we will be following for our October ski trip sign-up in the 2021 season.

- 1) The trip leader will present each of their trips via Zoom at the October general meeting Thursday, October 1 at 7PM. See the other announcement in this newsletter about connecting to Zoom.
- 2) The October newsletter will have the pricing and balances due for each trip, which is our usual way of providing pricing information.
- 3) The newsletter will also contain 3 copies of the envelope template which we used last year for trip sign-ups. This template allows you to identify the trip name, your name, email, phone, deposit amount, and roommate preferences. Please make copies of these templates if you are planning on going on more than 3 trips and use one for each trip you go on.
- 4) After the meeting is over, please email the trip leaders for each trip you are planning on attending (so they can get a head count) and let them know you are sending a deposit. **You have one week from the meeting to mail in your deposit with your template to reserve your spot on the trip.** Emails and addresses for each of the trip leaders can be found in the membership roster that Linda Giandinoto sends out each year. If your deposit is not received, the trip leader will give the space to the next person who has mailed in their deposit. Where possible, the trip leaders will add rooms.
- 5) If you want to be wait-listed, please let the trip leader know via email and provide them with the pertinent information contained on the template. This does not guarantee you a spot on the trip, but if a spot becomes available, the leader will notify you and you can send in your deposit guaranteeing your spot.
- 6) When monies are due to the trip leader for the balance of your trip, the date of which will be contained in the October calendar, please mail in that balance to the trip leader to be there by due date.

Donna C., Downhill Chair

## Attention Members

I am happy to report that we have filled the open positions for trip leaders. Thanks so much to Louise G. and Rich E. for volunteering to lead the Wolf Creek Ski trip this coming season. It will take place in February of 2021. Also, a big thank you to Ed H., who has volunteered to facilitate the Monday trips for those members who have the EPIC ski pass.

Please know that our 2021 FSC Save-the-Date Ski Calendar is below and you can start planning ahead for your next ski adventure.

Thanks again,  
Donna C., Downhill Chair

## Introduction to Save-the-Date Calendar

Well, the 2020-21 Ski Season promises to be an interesting one with all the changes brought on by COVID-19. Following on the next page is the FSC Save-the Date Ski Calendar for the coming season...there are 9 trips planned for your skiing enjoyment. Yes, that is the good news...our awesome trip facilitators are weathering the COVID-19 storm and have

9 trips planned. The number of spaces available for some trips is flexible, and spaces can be added, but with some of the smaller hotels the numbers are firm. Check with trip leaders if you have questions.

Secondly, know that due to social distancing issues, trip leaders think it is best to forego the potlucks (normally held on the first or second nights of trips) in favor of smaller, perhaps staged gatherings with shared individually wrapped appetizers. Or people can break up into small groups and go out to dinner. A lot depends on the comfort level of each participant, so your feedback is important. Consider how you travel to over-night and day trips. Identify with whom you want to carpool, and make arrangements with them as soon as possible. It is understandable if you want to drive solo.

Thank you all - Donna C., Downhill Chair

## Save-the-Date: FSC Ski Trip Calendar

Dates	Destination	Lodging	# of Spaces	Nights	Lift TIX	Trip Leaders
Jan 12-15	Steamboat, CO	Steamboat Mtn Lodge	20 rooms 40 people	3	IKON	Carol S.
Jan 22-25	Crested Butte, CO	Cristiana Guesthaus	11 rooms 21 people	3	EPIC	Linda & Chris
Jan 27-29	Granby, CO	Snow Mtn Ranch	8 rooms 16 people	2	Misc.	Beth G.
Feb 3-5	Snowy Range, WY	Old Corral Hotel	8 rooms 16 people	2	\$49 70+ free	Stew W.
Feb 9-11	Leadville, CO	Columbine Inn	TBA	2	Misc.	Elease M.
Feb 17-20	Wolf Creek, CO	Spruce Lodge	5 rooms 10 people	3	65-79 \$43	Louise G. Rich E.
Feb 22-24	Steamboat, CO	Fairfield Inn	12 rooms 24 people	2	IKON	Sandy M.
Feb 26- Mar 1	Fraser, CO	Fraser House	8 rooms 16 people	3	Misc.	Linda & Chris
Mar 8-11 or 12	Aspen, CO	Element Hotel, Basalt	20 rooms 40 people	3-4	I KON	Sandy M.
Dec-April	Mid-Week Skiing Mon & Thurs				IKON/EPIC Depends on area	Ed H., Mondays Rich E., Thursdays

## Results of the General Meeting Day/Time Survey

Thank you to the 56 members who responded to the survey on when we hold our general meetings this season. After reviewing the results of the survey, the FSC Board decided that there was no clear mandate for moving the meeting day and time at this time. So we are proposing that we remain meeting on the first Thursday evening of the month, as we have in the past. To view the online-results, you may go back to [the survey](#). To summarize:

- 1) 62% of the respondents were downhill skiers.
- 2) Most (44%) didn't care whether we moved the GM meeting day of the week or not; while 31% wanted to keep it on Thursday and 26% wanted to move it to another day... but then things got complicated!
- 3) What day of the week should we hold the GM? Most (27%) indicated Thursday; 23% indicated Wednesday; 21% indicated Tuesday; 19% indicated Sunday; 8% indicated Monday; and, 2% indicated Saturday. Again, not exactly a mandate to change to a specific day.
- 4) What time of the day should we meet? 69% indicated 7PM and 16% indicated 3:30 PM.
- 5) 63% want to keep the meeting on the first week of the month;
- 6) Lots of personal comments. No clear mandate.

The FSC Board feels that it will take some in-person discussion and perhaps a champion with a definite plan on what is being proposed to justify making a change. Plus, given we will most likely be meeting virtually for the foreseeable future, it might not be such a hardship on down-hill skiers to meet on Thursday evenings. If anyone wants to discuss this, please contact me Janet F.

### **Bicycle Ride September 9-11**

A BICYCLE RIDE in Summit County is planned for September 9-11, Wed, Thur, Fri. This is a three day, two night ride. The rides are nearly 100% on hard surfaces and NOT on highways. Either a road bike or a mountain bike is suitable. The outing is designed so that a wide variety of abilities can be accommodated with easy rides and more difficult options. Attendees should make their own room arrangements. Nineteen people have registered but there is room for a few more.

For details, please contact Richard P.

## Thursday Hiking 2020

**Changes in Meeting Place:** as of September, we will start meeting at the Meadows Shopping Center at 7:45 on Thursdays. After deciding on the hike, we will leave at 8:00 am. People can car pool from the Shopping Center, if they want to 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 south east corner of Foothills Highway and Baseline. We usually park close to the frontage road that circles the parking lot. Just look for people standing by their cars.

Everyone must have a mask and be willing to wear it. Social distancing is followed. **Please call Sue E. or Louisa Young if you have any questions.** Because of the virus, please come prepared for all possibilities. We generally hike 6 to 8 miles at a moderate pace. Please be prepared to do this and please be considerate of others.

## Third Thursday Hike – Mud Lake to Caribou Ranch Loop

Fall colors are outstanding at Caribou Ranch but the parking is better at Mud Lake (let's hope). Meet at Mud Lake 9 AM. Take the transition trail to Caribou Ranch Loop and waterfall. The hike will be about 7/8 easy miles with fall colors all a long the trails and creeks.

Dolores A.

## FSC BOOK CLUB September 2020

**TIME:** September 14, 2020 6:45 PM

**PLACE:** This will be a virtual meeting using Zoom

**LEADER:** Babette B.

**BOOK: Educated by Tara Westover**

Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from mainstream society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education, and no one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent. When another brother got himself into college, Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge University. Only then would she wonder if she'd traveled too far, if there was still a way home.

**OCTOBER BOOK: DDAY GIRLS** by Sarah Rose, October 12, 2020

Contact: Richard P.

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## Tuesday Evening Hikes September 2020

For September there has been interest in continuing our short social hikes. Usually we end in August but due to Pandemic and not having a potluck we think we will have enough daylight through September.

Here is the plan: We will meet at 6:00 PM at East Boulder Rec Center. There are 3 to 5 hikes from the open space trail head just east of the Rec Center. We will decide which direction/hike we will do when we get there. No designated leader. There is plenty of parking at the east end of parking area, east of the tennis courts.

**Directions to Rec Center:** From Baseline: go east of Foothills Pkwy to 55th, then go south and follow around to East Parking lot.

If you are on south Boulder Rd. go east of 36 and Manhattan, turn south (it might be labeled 56 but turns into 55) and goes around to that East parking lot.

Thank you to all the leaders that made our hikes so interesting all summer.

A special thanks to those who stepped up *2 times*.

Thanks to all who came despite masks and distancing and helped with socialization. And fellowship we all need.

Hope to see you all in September!! Pat I.

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## September Board Meeting September 17th (via Zoom) 7 PM

### Board Members

President	Louisa Young		
Vice President	Janet Fredericks		
Secretary	Mary Anne Davitt		
Treasurer	Martha Parks		
Publicity	Donna Scott		
Downhill	Donna Cooper		
Activities	Stew Woodward		
Social Chair	Elease Miller		
Membership	Linda Giandinoto		
Newsletter	Monica Abbott		

### Members at Large

Mailing	Larry Rittenhouse		
Webmaster	Roger Briden		

## September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Tuesday Hike 6PM	2	3 Thursday Hike 07:45	4	5
6	7	8 Tuesday Hike 6PM	9 Bike Ride	10 Thursday Hike 07:45 Bike Ride	11 Bike Ride	12
13	14 Book Club 6:45	15 Tuesday Hike 6PM	16	17 Caribou Ranch Loop 9AM	18	19
20	21	22 Tuesday Hike 6PM	23	24 Thursday Hike 07:45	25	26
27	28	29 Tuesday Hike 6PM	30	1 Thursday Hike 07:45	2 Avalanche Ranch	3 Avalanche Ranch
4 Avalanche Ranch	5					

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