



July, 2020

Flatirons Ski Club

An Outdoor Multi Sports and Social Group
www.FlatironsSkiClub.com

NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 1ST, 2020

Message from the President

Flexibility is the key word for the last few months. COVID 19 has caused us to make a lot of changes. Until it is safe to have group gatherings, we have had to cancel many of our plans. One of the primary foci of the Club is social, so it is very disappointing. On the other hand, we are still having our Tuesday evening hikes without the traditional pot luck, and the Thursday hikes are still happening.

We had to find a way to have our election without General Meetings, and we accomplished that with email and snail mail ballots. Thanks to everyone who figured it out and participated. The Nominating Committee didn't know that their job was going to become even more complicated than just finding people to serve. They rose to the challenge with the balloting. We now have a new Board, listed elsewhere in the newsletter. Please welcome our new and continuing Board members who give of their time and effort to make the Club run smoothly. Regarding retiring Board members, special thanks go to Donna S., who has been our President for 3 years; Roger P., who has been our Treasurer for many years; Reed B., who has been our Publicity Chair for several years; and LeAnn C., who has very ably produced our Newsletter for 2 years. They have earned their retirement, although Donna will continue as Publicity going forward, so she isn't exactly retired. It is worth noting that our newly created position of Safety Chair is being inaugurated with Sue E. at the helm. I am honored to be your new President after being Vice President for 2 years. Some of you may have noticed that Beth G. was on the nomination ballot for President originally. She withdrew her name because of timing and personal reasons. We can hope she will be available in a future year. Having trouble keeping track of the days, with so few commitments to keep you on track? The new term is Blursday.

Louisa Y., President

SPRING FLING GATHERING 2.0

This year the Spring Fling was rescheduled to take place on **August 22nd at the Louisville Community Park**. It may be difficult to maintain social distancing at this locale and I am sure that we would all miss not having our usual feast. It is possible that we may try to reschedule to have a safer and more relaxed picnic in the Fall. Stay tuned and more information will be sent to all members In August when we know the current social rules etc. Meanwhile enjoy hiking, reading, biking while staying safe. Any questions or comments to -
Elease M.

THURSDAY SUMMER HIKING 2020

Thursday hikers are hiking every Thursday morning. Most of our hikes have been in the foothills. However, we are starting to hike at higher elevations. We hiked at Ceran Saint Vrain this week and will continue to move higher as conditions permit, different from hiking in prior years.

Due to Covid 19, hiking will be different this summer as we are making changes to how we conduct our hikes. Most people have been driving alone to the trail. As we travel further afield, we will be carpooling more. It is up to the individual and their comfort with carpooling. We meet at the trailhead at the designated time. Everyone must have a mask and be willing to wear it. Social distancing is followed. **Please call Sue E. or Louisa Y. by Tuesday of each week if you are interested.** We generally make plans on Wednesday and need to know who is coming. Note: We do not meet at the Meadows Shopping Center.

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. If you cannot, please do not come. We cannot afford to have hikers get lost, hurt themselves, or be unable to do the hike. Please be considerate of others.

Third Thursday Hike – July 16th Arapahoe Glacier Trail from Rainbow Lakes

This is an in/out trail, two miles to treeline, tundra flowers, magnificent views, and five miles to glacier overview. An easy dirt road to the parking area before entering the camp grounds at Rainbow Lakes. Trail is above 10,000'. Meet at 9 AM in the hikers parking area. Dolores A.

Bicycle Ride SEPTEMBER 9-11

A BICYCLE RIDE in summit County is planned for September 9-11: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. 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 mountain bike is suitable. The outing is designed so that a wide variety of abilities can be accommodated with easy 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.

Tuesday Hikes – July 2020

Hikes begin at 6 pm at the designated trailhead or meeting place. All hikes are approximately 2-3 miles.

Contacts: call trip leader or Pat I.

Due to COVID 19, no pot lucks will be held on these occasions, until further notice. Please wear a mask and observe social distancing when hiking. We value all our members!

July 7 – Tenderfoot Trail to Artists' Point

Louisa Y.

Meet at Realization Point on Flagstaff Road. Take Baseline west of Boulder 3.4 miles up Flagstaff Road. Park just before you would start toward the summit of Flagstaff. There is parking on the Left side of Flagstaff Road and ahead to the Right.

July 14 – Golden Pond

Janet F. and Sandy R.

Take the Diagonal toward Longmont. Take a Left on S. Hover St (Heading north). Go 1.7 miles and take a Left on 3rd Ave. Park is 0.4 miles on the Left.

July 21 – Dowdy Draw

Dorothy C.

Meet at trailhead off Eldorado Springs Road. From Boulder go South on Broadway (Hwy 93) – turn Right onto Eldorado Springs Road and go about 2 miles to parking lot on the Left.

July 28 – Bike or Hike

Pat I.

Meet at Pat's. Non-bikers come and hike South Boulder area.

From Foothills Parkway go East on Baseline to Manhattan, turn Right (South) and go .8 miles to Cimmaron on Left (first stop sign South of Middle School). Coming from South go East on S. Boulder Road to Manhattan and turn Left (North). Go to second stop sign and turn Right onto Cimmaron.

OPTIONAL: Bring sandwich and drink and eat in Pat's large backyard (big enough for social distancing).

FSC BOOK CLUB July 2020

TIME: July 13, Monday, 6:45 PM

PLACE: This will be a virtual meeting using Zoom

LEADER: Louisa Y.

BOOK: Citizens of London by Lynne Olson

Olson reveals the behind the scenes story of how the United States forged its wartime alliance with Britain, told from the perspective of three key American players in London: Edward R. Murrow, the handsome, chain-smoking head of CBS News in Europe; Averell Harriman, the hard-driving millionaire who ran FDR's Lend-Lease program in London; John Gilbert Winant, the shy, idealistic US Ambassador to Britain. Each man formed close ties with Winston Churchill – so much so that all became romantically involved with members of Churchill's family at a critical time.

AUGUST BOOK: Varina: A Novel by Charles Frazier

Contact: Richrd P.

SUMMER WILDFLOWERS in CRESTED BUTTE

Wednesday, June 24, 2020 is the deadline date for sign-up and payment for the 2020 Wildflower Crested Butte trip. Trip dates are Friday, July 24, Saturday, July 25, and Sunday, July 26, returning Monday, July 27. Information about the trip was previously distributed by e-mail to the membership on June 6 from Linda G. After June 24, the trip is closed and unutilized rooms will be released to the Cristiana Guesthaus for general hotel reservation.

Persons considering this trip may only participate if they are willing to accept the COVID-19 risk and adhere to the face mask/social distancing requirements and all other requirements during their stay.

If you are interested in the trip contact leaders Linda and Chris P. with questions and for sign-up.

AN AVALANCHE OF ASPEN

Avalanche Ranch (Carbondale/Redstone)

www.avalancheranch.com

Friday 10/2/20– Monday 10/5/20 (weekend of the APPLE FESTIVAL!)

Premier Leaf-peeping, Hiking, Autumn Air Sniffing, Antiquing in Historic Redstone and Marble. Fine dining in Carbondale and Redstone.

Avalanche Ranch has been the main autumn destination for FSC; rustic cabins, hot spring pools, trails, the Crystal River, bears (?), and golden aspen. The Ranch is at the foot of the towering Mt. Sopris, in a magnificent setting to experience Colorado's aspen colors. The Ranch will supply dinner Saturday as part of the Apple Festival; bring a potluck item. The club will provide chili on Friday night. Easy-to-difficult hikes are close at hand. Hot Springs on property, swimsuits are not optional except perhaps between 1- 4 AM...

We will occupy quaint rustic cabins. We will NOT have the larger "Ranch House"; we will have "The Loft" for potluck and gathering. Several room configurations available, if you are willing to take one of the two lofts, let me know. There is a \$25 discount if you are in a loft. For most queens, the marrieds will take first priority. We define "couples" as any mix of two people that get along, so don't be shy, be happy!

Leader: Roger P.

The trip cost is \$225/person for three (3) nights. **August 1st is the last day Roger will accept \$50 deposit to reserve your spot.**

COVID-19 restrictions will most probably still be in effect, so be prepared to be flexible with the above plans.

ATTENTION FSC MEMBERS!!

Calling all members! We have two openings for ski trip facilitators moving forward to the 2020 and 2021 ski season. Arlene G. is relinquishing her position as the Monday ski trip facilitator. This facilitator meets and helps organize people who will be carpooling for the day to ski areas using the EPIC pass. This day trip typically runs most Mondays from December through March. Thank you, Arlene for your years of service and commitment to organize these Monday trips.

In addition, Stu W. has opted out of facilitating the longstanding 2-3 day trip to Wolf Creek ski area on Wolf Creek Pass. This ski area, located in southern Colorado between the towns of South Fork and Pagosa Springs, has been a favorite particularly for our die-hard skiers who enjoy lots of powder at a very reasonable price! And, thank you Stewart for your many years of facilitating this trip and your longstanding and ongoing commitment to our club.

If anyone is interested in taking over either of these positions, please contact Donna C., Downhill Chair.

Thanks everyone.

July Board Meeting July 23rd (via Zoom) 4PM

July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Thursday hike	3	4 4 th of July Celebration!!
5	6	7 Tenderfoot Trail 6PM	8	9 Thursday hike	10	11
12	13 Book Club 6:45PM	14 Golden Pond 6PM	15	16 3 rd Thursday Hike Apache Glacier	17	18
19	20	21 Dowdy Draw 6PM	22	23 Thursday hike	24	25
26	27	28 Bike or Hike 6PM	29	30	31	

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