



April, 2021

Flatirons Ski Club

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

NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE APRIL 1ST, 2021 VIA ZOOM

APRIL FOOLS' DAY GATHERING

On April 1st, at 6:30 PM, we will gather and share April Fools' activities via Zoom!

We will again be using breakout rooms to visit, chat, and engage in a fun activity. You will then be transferred back to the main room for a break before being transferred again to meet new companions. One activity will be talking about April Fools' Day jokes you have experienced in the past – we would love to hear some fun stories. Another activity will be a “Would You Rather...” set of questions. Other ideas are still in the works.

We would love to see some Fool's costumes or silly hats, or however you would like to embrace the spirit of the day! This may be a hoax – but tune in to find out!

No need to register this time, but watch for Linda's invitation to join the fun!

******* Photos Needed *******

Stewart W. is putting together a photo slide show of Flatiron Ski Club activities this year for the FSC May General Meeting on May 13. If you have some interesting photos please E-mail them to Stew.

FSC Moab Trip May 3 - May 8

Flatirons Ski Club has now has rented 3 houses in Moab, UT for the 35 members who have signed up for car tours of Arches N.P. & Canyonlands N.P., 4WD car tours BLM lands near Moab, hikes on trails in Arches and Canyonlands, a canoe trip down the Colorado River Canyon and mountain bike trips on trails East of Moab.

All beds are now taken for the 5 nights but you can still join the group's activities by camping or renting an accommodation at a motel or the Lazy Lizard Hostel in Moab.

Info: Stewart W.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

March came in like a lamb, but then the lion attacked. We got our predicted snowfall, and it could mean good snow sports for a while

Our April General meeting will involve a lot of April foolishness, but there will be one serious task. We will elect our Board for next year. Thanks to our Nominating Committee: Dorothy C. (chair), Ed H., Chris and Linda P., and Reed B. The vast majority of Board Members will continue for another year, and our membership should be very grateful for that. Two of us will be going off the Board: me as President (replaced by Beth G.) and Stew W., our Activities Chair for at least 30 years! It will take 2 people to replace our irreplaceable Stew: Richard P. and Dorothy C. How do you say "thank you" for 30 years of devotion? Words seem to fail. Please take the opportunity to express gratitude whenever you see Stew. He has been a devoted Board person, and he has earned his retirement.

Let me express my personal gratitude for Stew and for those members who will continue to serve the Club: Janet F. as innovative Vice President; Donna S., Publicity, willing to take on new responsibilities; May Anne D., our outstanding Secretary; Martha P., Treasurer extraordinaire; Eleese M., long time Social hostess with the mostest; Linda G, another stalwart longtime record-keeper doing Membership; Monica A., our creative Newsletter editor; Donna C., well-organized Downhill Chair; Sue E., inventively filling our new position as Safety Chair. In addition to responsibly doing their duties for their specific position, this is a Board that has pulled together to support each other. It has been an honor and a privilege to be your President. Please give your ready support to my successor, Beth G.

Louisa Y.

THANKS FOR A GREAT 2020/21 FSC SKI TRIP SEASON!!

Well, it has been a year like no other during this Covid-season of downhill skiing, but I am relieved and happy to report to our general FSC membership that our overnight trips have been well attended, successful and enjoyable. This is in large part due to the valiant efforts of our committed and pro-active downhill trip leaders who found ways to accommodate members and maintain a sense of safety and fun this ski season despite the extra apparel (masks) and social distancing requirements. So a big THANK YOU goes out to all the trip leaders as the last overnights, the Snow Mountain Ranch and the Aspen/basalt trips were taken in the first half of March 2021 and were quite well attended.

Our downhill day trips are continuing during March and April of 2021 and with the serious amounts of snow that have fallen and are forecast to fall in the foreseeable future, we could end this downhill season on a high note. So thank you to all of our FSC downhill members who ventured out with us and will continue to do so during this season of challenges and innovation. Please stay safe and keep smiling. We'll hope for less restrictions and continued safety next season.

Donna C., Downhill Chair

2020/2021 FLATIRON SKI CLUB / MID WEEK SKI SCHEDULE

Join us for a day of pleasurable skiing without crowds and lift lines.

Please contact the trip leader as described below:

* As Ed H. has a fractured fibula, he is out for the season. Please contact Rich E. if you are planning to ski either day and want to hook up with people, or if you want to be placed on the email distribution list for either day. Please indicate if you are a Monday or Thursday skier.

MONDAY/TUESDAY

THURSDAY

<i>March 29- Keystone 8:30</i>	<i>\$10</i>		<i>April 1- A-Basin 8:30</i>	<i>\$10</i>
<i>April 5- Breckenridge 8:30</i>	<i>\$10</i>		<i>April 8- Copper 8:30</i>	<i>\$10</i>
<i>April 12- Keystone 8:30</i>	<i>\$10</i>		<i>April 15- WP/MJ 8:30</i>	<i>\$10</i>

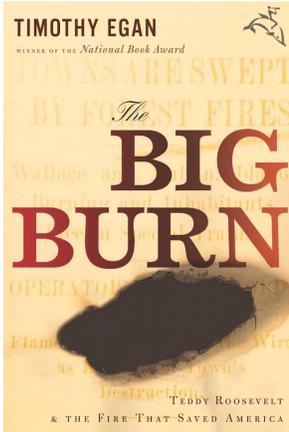
* CARPOOL FEE PER PERSON (CASH) ** ADDITIONAL PARKING FEE (CASH)

Locations are subject to change based on weather/snow conditions.

Occasionally, Rich may need an alternate leader when they are away on ski trips. This information will be in the monthly newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE FOR THIS WINTER!!

Each person must be responsible for making a reservation at those ski areas that require a reservation. Parking reservations are required for Copper and Eldora Ski Resorts



APRIL BOOK CLUB MEETING

TIME: April 12, 6:45 PM

PLACE: This will be a virtual meeting using Zoom

LEADER: Claudia V.

BOOK: The Big Burn by Timothy Egan

On the afternoon of August 20, 1910, a battering ram of wind moved through the drought-stricken national forests of Washington, Idaho, Montana, whipping the hundreds of small blazes burning across the forest floor into a roaring inferno that jumped from treetop to ridge as it raged, destroying towns and timber in an eye blink. Forest rangers had assembled nearly ten thousand men -- college boys, day-workers, immigrants from mining camps -- to fight the fires. But no living person had seen anything like those flames, and neither the rangers nor anyone else knew how to subdue them. The book discusses the largest-ever forest fire in America and the tragedy that cemented Teddy Roosevelt's legacy in the land.

This will be a ZOOM Meeting. Contact: Richard P.

Great Summer Activity Opportunity

Our beloved Stew Woodward is retiring after 30 years as Summer Activities chair...thank you, Stew!! Richard P. and Dorothy C. have agreed to work together as Summer Activity coordinators. Currently Stew coordinates the Moab Trip and the Tenth Mountain Hut trips. Richard & Dorothy would like our FSC members to think about fun summer activities you would like to share with the club. Leaders hotel expenses are paid for. Trips are usually 1, 2 or 3 nights long to enjoy hiking, biking, kayaking, wild flower hikes, the Aspen and Telluride Music Festivals, Glenwood Springs pool and Adventure Park, October Fest in Vail, fall leaf watching hikes, etc. If you would like to lead a summer trip, please contact Dorothy C. or Richard P. with your fun trip proposals.

2021 Crested Butte Wildflower Trip, July 23 – 26, 2021

Linda and Chris P. will lead a Wildflower Rambles trip to Crested Butte this coming July 23 – 26, 2021 - 3 nights lodging at the Cristiana Guesthaus on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, checking out Monday. **Total trip cost is \$365.00. A non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 is required by mail at the time of sign-up.** Sign-up will begin with publication of the April FSC newsletter and is for those who are ready to commit to go on the trip. If you have interest in going but are not sure and still thinking about it (for COVID or other reasons) put your name on the waiting list – no deposit is required to join the waiting list. Before you sign up and pay a deposit, be sure you are ready to come on the trip. There are accommodations for 22 people: 4 couples (king), 10 single persons in 5 queen+double rooms (each with own bed) and 4 single persons (queen). Double occupancy of rooms by single persons is only being done for 2 persons who are comfortable with rooming with each other and mutually agree to do so. Finding a roommate is on your own. Please let us know about special needs. Questions? Contact Linda or Chris by e-mail/telephone. Make out checks to Flatirons Ski Club and put 2021 Wildflower Crested Butte in the note line. Send deposits and final payments to the Paris' by mail (address available from the membership list). **Important: Do not contact the Cristiana directly – sign up and payment is being handled only through FSC for this trip in 2021. Full payment is due by June 1, 2021.**

2021 Wildflower Rambles

The COVID situation is improving with vaccinations ramping up and cases/hospitalizations generally decreasing. However, the guidelines still seem too uncertain at this point to commit to a schedule of rambles for the entire summer. Hopefully, the direction will be clearer in a month, and we can proceed with some specific outings and dates. If you are interested in participating in rambles this summer, please drop Linda P. an email. An indication of what you are comfortable doing or specific places that would appeal for rambling are welcome.

THURSDAY HIKERS

We meet at 8:45 AM at the Meadows Shopping Center (SW corner of Foothills Pkwy and Baseline) on Thursdays. After deciding on the hike, we will leave at 9:00 AM. People can car pool from the shopping center, if they want, 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 frontage road that circles the parking lot. Just look for people standing by their cars.

The weather is changeable. Be prepared for all types of weather, and conditions. Everyone must have a mask and be willing to wear it. Social distancing is followed. We generally hike 6 to 8 miles at a moderate pace. Please be prepared to do this and please be considerate of others. Due to the winter weather or holidays, there will be days when we do not hike. **Call Sue E. or Louisa Y. to confirm that we will be hiking.**

FSC UNCLE BUD'S HUT TRIP AUGUST 17 & AUGUST 18

The FSC has reserved the 10th Mt. Div. Hut west of Leadville and Turquoise Lake that holds 16 members (5 have already signed up). The cost is \$80 for 2 nights (sleeping bag needed), food for 2 breakfasts and 2 dinners. A \$20 deposit holds your place.

Info: contact Stewart W.

Tuesday Afternoon Hikes

Meet at East Boulder Rec enter at 2:00 PM on Tuesdays in April.
Park on east end of the big parking lot. Be sure and get out of your car and look for us so we see you.

There will be no designated leader.
Regular Tuesday evening hikes at 6:00 PM will start in May.
I will be looking for leaders May thru Aug.
Happy Spring.

Pat I.

Third Thursday Hike - April 15th - Wild Basin RMNP

Hidden Falls or as weather decides. We will either start at the winter gate or Finch Lake TH both on the main road. This is a beautiful area less traveled, the trail is not maintained. Be prepared for snow, ice, and mud. Please let me know by email if you are joining and I will let you know of any last minute changes. Carpooling is up to you and your comfort level. Be at the Finch Lake TH or Winter Gate by 9:15 AM. RMNP pass needed. Looking forward to seeing you.

Dolores A.

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 4th week of the month. Items will appear in the newsletter only once, they will not roll over to the following month's newsletter.



An Avalanche of Aspen
Avalanche Ranch (Carbondale/Redstone)
#1 Autumn FSC Trip ---- Friday 10/08 – Monday 10/11
(Note: this is the weekend after the Apple Festival)

Premier Leaf Viewing, Hiking, Hot Tub Soaking
Antiquing in Marble/Redstone, Fine Dining in Redstone/Carbondale

Rustic Cabins, Hot Springs Pools, Trails, the Crystal River, and golden ASPEN

Go To: avalancheranch.com

**Leaders: Roger P.
Tom C.**

Avalanche Ranch has been the main autumn destination of the FSC. The Ranch, at the foot of towering Mt. Sopris, is in a magnificent setting to experience Colorado's aspen colors. The club will supply chili Friday night and some form of protein on Sunday night. Easy to difficult hikes are close by. We will occupy quaint rustic cabins or the huge Ranch House where we will socialize and plan activities and have happy hours. Hot springs on the property provide large and small soaking pools with a range of comfortable temperatures (plus a waterfall !!!!).

There will be a variety of room configurations available but if you are willing to take a loft let me know. There will be a \$28.00 dollar discount if you end up in one. For most queens, married couples will take first priority, but we define couples as any mix of two people who get along with each other so don't be shy be happy. The trip will cost \$253 per person for three nights.

Mail \$53.00 to reserve your spot now. Make your check out to Flatirons Ski Club and mail it to Roger P. at his home address.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				Thursday 1 Hike 08:45 General Meeting 6:30 PM	2	3
4	5	6 Tuesday Hike 2:00 PM	7	8 Thursday Hike 08:45	9	10
11	12 Book Club 6:45 PM	13 Tuesday Hike 2:00 PM	14	Thursday 15 Hike 08:45 Board Meeting 7:00PM	16 Newsletter Input Due	17
18	19	20 Tuesday Hike 2:00 PM	21	22 Thursday Hike 08:45	23	24
25	26	27 Tuesday Hike 2:00 PM	28	29 Thursday Hike 08:45	30	

Board Members

President	Louisa Young		
Vice President	Janet Fredericks		
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Treasurer	Martha Parks		
Publicity	Donna Scott		
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Safety Chair	Sue Evans		
Downhill Chair	Donna Cooper		
Activities	Stew Woodward		

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