

Flatirons Ski Club

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Group

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Social



May 2024

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE MAY 1ST, 7 PM AT THE
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF BOULDER
5001 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, BOULDER, CO 80303**

Message from the President

After 3 years as President, Beth Gaffney has moved on to become “just” Secretary, a job she has done in addition to the Presidency. The Club has been very fortunate to have had (and continue to have) her services. Many, many thanks to Beth. There are several others who are continuing in their positions, which helps the continuity of the Board. Don’t miss an opportunity to thank Martha Parks, Dorothy Cohen, Richard Varey, Linda Giandinoto, Marianne Bachmann, Linda LaGanga, Arnie Mullen, and Eleese Miller. Some have put in many years of service already and are generous enough with their time and effort to continue at least another year. [I would accept your thanks for moving from Vice President to President as well.] In addition, we have 3 new Board members: Joe Golden as Vice President, Tom Cannon as Activities Co-chair, and Tina Ramp as Social Co-chair. Please pledge your ready support to all of us. It is the friendships, cooperation, and energy of all of us that makes this organization so special. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Arnie Scheer, obviously did an excellent job.

It was noted that there are some who have been members for a very long time and have never volunteered for anything. We are all busy people and could cite that as a reason not to help our leaders. But there is something everyone can do; small and big jobs are all important. Find something you enjoy doing and volunteer to help make it happen. If you have a special skill, lend it to the Club. It will make both you and the Club flourish.

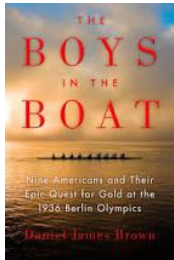
Louisa Young, President

FSC General Meeting program for Wednesday May 1st

There will be a review of the FSC Facebook entries and other pictures taken by members. It will be an opportunity to familiarize FSC members with reviewing and posting pictures themselves.

In addition, you will be able to sign up for the coming activities. So, bring your calendar, your sense of adventure and your checkbook!

Joe Golden, Vice President



FSC Book Club

- DATE:** Monday, May 13, 2024, Time: 6:45 PM
- HOST & Leader:** Louisa Young, see FSC roster for address.
- BOOK:** The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

The Boys in the Boat is about the University of Washington eight-oared rowing crew that represented the United States in rowing at the 1936 Summer Olympics – Men's eight in Berlin, and narrowly beat out Italy and Germany to win the gold medal. The main character is Joe Rantz.

Skiing Update

For anyone wanting more spring skiing, Copper will stay open as long as conditions allow, Breckenridge and Loveland projected to May 12, Winter Park/Mary Jane May 19, and A-Basin June 2. (All is subject to change).

If any members are interested in leading an overnight ski trip for the 2025 winter season, or have any suggestions for future winter destinations, please get in touch with me.

Richard Varey, Downhill & Nordic Ski Chair

Thursday Hikes May 2024

We continue to meet on Thursdays at the Meadows Shopping Center. We meet at 7:45 AM and leave at 8:00 AM. People can carpool from the Meadows Shopping Center, or they can drive by themselves to the trailhead. The Meadows Shopping Center is at the southwest corner of Foothills Highway and Baseline. We usually park close to the Bank building. Just look for people standing by their cars.

The weather is changeable. Be prepared for all types of weather.

Call or email Sue Evans or Louisa Young to let us know if you are planning to hike and to confirm that we will be hiking if the weather forecast is questionable.

Tuesday Evening Hikes May 2024

Hikes begin at 6:00 PM at the designated trailhead and are approximately 2 to 3 miles long. There will be a potluck after the hike. Contacts: Call trip leader or Pat Irwin.

MAY 7 No hike – it coincides with the Moab Trip.

May 14 **Leader is Louisa Young.**

Location: Urban neighborhood hike.

We will meet at Louisa Young's home. Park on street nearby – there is room for 2 cars at Louisa's home. Potluck is also at Louisa's after the hike.

May 21 **Leaders are Karen Campanelli and Dave Diener.**

Location: Pella Crossing

Direction: Take Diagonal Highway towards Longmont; go left on Niwot Road; turn right on 73rd; continue north until 73rd merges with 75th; continue to Pella Crossing; and just before railroad tracks and Hygiene turn right. Park at trailhead. Potluck is at the shelter.

MAY 28 **Leader is Dorothy Cohen.**

Location: Marshall Mesa Trailhead – SE Corner of Highways 93 and 170 intersection

This hike can be exposed to hot sun or winds and there are some rocky patches. Afterwards, Potluck is at the trailhead picnic shelter.

Moab Trip May 5 to 10, 2024

The ski club will be going to Moab to the Lazy Lizard again this year. We will be in the Watermelon up and downstairs. The cost will be around \$130 for 5 nights. We will have a potluck Monday evening and happy hour nightly. We will be hiking and biking. The full amount will be due at the May 1 General Meeting.

Dorothy Cohen, Trip Leader

Friday, May 17, 2024 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM Let's Play Games

Fun and Games at Sandy Morris' House, see FSC member roster for contact information.

Please bring an appetizer, beverage, and your favorite games.

RSVP to: Sandy Morris by 5/12



Wednesday, June 12, 2024 FSC Spring Fling Louisville Community Park From 11:30 PM to 1:30 PM 955 Bella Vista Drive, Louisville, CO

It's a potluck – Bring a dish to share.

The FSC will provide pulled pork, fresh water, plates, and utensils.

If you haven't signed up, please do so at the May 1 FSC Meeting or call Elease Miller.

SUMMER WILDFLOWERS in CRESTED BUTTE

2024 Crested Butte Wildflower Trip, Tuesday, July 9 – Friday, July 12, 2023

THIS TRIP IS NEARLY FULL – there is one queen room available. The waiting list is open (no deposit required). Contact the trip leaders Linda and Chris Paris to join the waiting list or with questions.

Trip details were published in the March 2024 newsletter on page 4 and in the April 2024 newsletter on page 6 – refer to these descriptions for more information.

2024 Wildflower Rambles

Wildflower rambles have begun for the season. If you are interested in participating this summer, contact Linda Paris by email to join the interest list. Detailed information about place/time, leaders, meet up for carpooling, directions and trail attributes will be sent out by email to the interest list.

The early season May walks are:

- May 1 (Wednesday): Rabbit Mountain near Lyons
- May 15 (Wednesday): Goshawk Ridge (focus on pasque flowers and sugarbowl)
- May 31 (Friday): Realization Point vicinity, Flagstaff Road

Wildflower rambles are relaxed and slow-paced to allow attention to the details of the flowers and plants and to make identification easier. We also spotlight particular flower groups. Bring sun protection, snack/lunch, water, rain gear, poles, and field guides. There is a carpool fee payable to the driver.

The rambles leader team of 6 welcomes everyone who likes to look for or wants to find out more about flowers. We recognize that there are many levels of expertise and pace among our rambles and also recognize that we will get strung out on our route because of that. Some want general information about the flowers and others are into keying them out. Rambles are not meant to be hikes. Our rambles policy is to provide several leaders to accommodate moderate and ambling paces. You are welcome to go as far as your interest or physical condition take you. Please consider your physical capabilities/limitations, the ramble trip details (elevation, surface, topography, etc.) and your schedule in your decision to participate.

10th Mountain Division Hut Trip August 18, 19 and 20, 2024

The Hut Trip is full, but the waitlist is short. There are always people who have to cancel, so please put your name on the waitlist if you have any interest in going. There is no cost to do that. We rented Jay's Cabin at Shrine Mountain on August 18, 19 and 20, 2024, It is located near Vail Pass, and it is accessible to regular vehicles. This one is uptown! IT HAS POTABLE WATER, FLUSH TOILETS, REFRIGERATOR AND SHOWERS!!! Spend a couple of days unplugged from electronics – no TV or radio. Cell phone service may not exist either. The bed configuration is different from past events. There are 8 single beds, 1 queen and 1 double. So, we can accommodate 2 couples and 8 singles. When you sign up, specify whether you are single or part of a couple.

The cost will be \$225 per person. Volunteers will be solicited to prepare and clean up breakfasts and dinners. You need to bring your own hike lunches. Mattresses and pillows are provided.

For more information, contact the Trip Leader, Louisa Young.



Fall Bicycle Ride in Grand County, CO September 4, 5 & 6, 2024

The Fraser House near Fraser has been reserved for all 3 nights. Please contact Mark Stengl to arrange accommodation if you wish to stay at the Fraser House. Those NOT at the Fraser House need to make their own accommodation.

The ride routes have not yet been fully determined. One day, Thursday, will be the Fraser River Bicycle Trail. The other two days will be on county roads in the Grand County vicinity. Efforts will be made for the routes to be hard surface, but it is expected that there will be some hard pack gravel. All efforts will be made to make this an adventure where the strongest to the weakest cyclists may participate. Toward the goal of accommodating those of varying abilities and interests, steep or long climbs will not be sought. The recommended routes will not be available until the end of June since two of the routes must be scouted.

Trip Leaders: Mark Stangl and Richard Patnoe



**Heads up:
October 6 to 9, 2024 (3 nights)
Avalanche Ranch**

More details in future FSC Newsletter issues.

Trip Leader: Tom Cannon

Reminder: please make trip checks out to Flatirons Ski Club, not the trip leader; however, mail checks to the Trip Leaders as identified in the announcements.

Thanks, Martha Parks

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

FAC has been an FSC tradition for many years. Everyone is welcome. We meet at Rincon Cocina Y Tequila starting at 4:00 p.m. every Friday. The restaurant is on Arapahoe just west of the intersection of Folsom and Arapahoe. Hope to see you there.

May 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 PM FSC General Meeting	2 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	3 FAC 4:00 PM	4
5	6	7	8	9 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	10 FAC 4:00 PM	11
12 Happy Mother's Day	13 Book Club	14	15	16 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	17 FAC 4:00 PM	18
19 FSC June Newsletter submittals due	20	21	22	23 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	24 FAC 4:00 PM	25
26	27 <i>Memorial Day</i>	28 Snow Shoeing 9:00 AM	29	30 Thursday Hike 8:45 AM	31 FAC 4:00 PM	

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Activities Co-Chair	Dorothy Cohen	303.494.0458	

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