



# SKI NEWS

April 2016

## A Word from the President

Spring is here, but there is still time to ski yet this year. It's been snowing in the mountains this week!! The Spring Dinner is coming up on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Blue Moose. We are celebrating another year of the Topeka Ski Club, as well as honoring our outstanding racers from Telluride, and those who took on the mountain for the first time in awhile!!

Flatland's 2017 ski trip will be in Steamboat Springs. Information will be coming out soon, so start talking to your friends. The Flatland Ski Association Summer meeting is June 11, 2016 in Kansas City. If you would be interested in being the Topeka Representative for the Board, or the Topeka Race Representative, please contact me. It is a great way to meet people from the other clubs and learn more about what goes on behind the scenes to make it such a fun week.

Many of you may know Bette Wood of the Oklahoma Ski Club. I can't remember a Flatland Ski Week without her, so that is at least 12 years. Bette was in a severe skiing accident in Idaho several weeks ago, and has been at the rehab hospital in Oklahoma City for a few weeks. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers. If you would like to send her a card, email me at [pmorgank@aoil.com](mailto:pmorgank@aoil.com) and I will send you her address.

Capt Ron, Columbia Ski Club, will be having surgery on his ACL next week. He will be back skiing by December. Lastly, let's not forget our awesome newsletter lady – Tiffanie, who has been receiving treatments over the last few weeks for her neck and back pain.

Thanks to Jan Stegelman for putting together the Spring Dinner, as well as Cindy Umscheid, who coordinates all the social events. It takes a lot of volunteers to keep the Ski Club running smoothly, please let them know you appreciate them.

Have a great April!  
Penny Morgan, President

## Membership

I would like to again welcome our new members for this fiscal year: Tab Betsworth, Chris Cozadd, Archie Hargis, John Sinning, Ken Sook, Mark & Diana Stadel, Rick Buzard, Ryan Wenrich, and Katie Hughes. If you have not already given them a warm welcome on the slopes, please do so at the Spring Dinner. We have a total of 17 single memberships & 29 family memberships. This is up from last year. Great job! Keep recruiting!!

Directories are no longer being handed out at the Spring Dinner. There have been some complaints that the directories are "out dated" when given at the Spring Dinner since new Board Members are elected at that time. So, from now on, they will be handed out at the Wine & Cheese Party in October. With that being said, as you all know, membership fees are due by the beginning of the fiscal year – September 1<sup>st</sup>. If your membership is not paid by October 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a "**NOT CURRENT**" next to your name in the directory. If your membership is still not paid by January 1<sup>st</sup>, you will be removed from the email mailings & the next directory. Membership applications will be attached with the July newsletter & it can always be downloaded from the website. Yes, membership applications must be **filled out & signed** each year.

Tiffanie Walters, Membership Chairperson

## 2017 FSA Steamboat Springs Ski Trip

Greetings Fellow Skiers,

Waking to a couple inches of snow this past Sunday got me to thinking about the 2017 FSA ski trip to Steamboat. I hope all the skiers in the club are planning to make the January trek out I-70 to make 2017 our best attended trip in recent years.

I do not have costs for the trip, at this time, but I wanted to let you know you should plan for roughly about \$800 per person. As soon as costs are finalized, I will let you know the trip cost. As your Trip Captain, I am implementing a new pay schedule and wanted to give everyone plenty of time to plan accordingly. If you are planning to go on this trip, I would like half of the trip cost sent to me sometime between August 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. That amount will be somewhere in the \$400 range. After October 1<sup>st</sup>, I will notify Columbia Ski Club with how many seats we have open on the bus. They will then be able to buy any remaining open seats at that time. The bus is full at 40. We currently have 32 beds reserved in the condos in Steamboat for Topeka skiers. The balance of the trip cost will be due December 1<sup>st</sup>, and again that amount will be approximately \$400. Those figures will be fine tuned as soon as they are available.

I look forward to putting together another fun and hassle free trip to the Rockies. If you are interested in being a Co-Captain on this trip, please see me at the Spring Dinner. In the mean time, keep those calf muscles and quadriceps in epic shape and I'll see you on the downside.

Barb Wittmer, Trip Captain

**Next Board Meeting**  
April 4, 2016 5:30pm  
The Celtic Fox

## 2015-2016 Officers

President: Penny Morgan  
Vice President: Barbara Wittmer  
Secretary: Rosalie Fox  
Treasurer: Joni Thompson

## Board of Directors

Patty Bottorff	2015-2018
Charley Emmons	2015-2018
Gary Guinty	2015-2018
Kay Guinty	2015-2018
Stan Stegelman	2015-2018
Joni Thompson	2015-2018
Gary Umscheid	2015-2018
Barbara Wittmer	2015-2018
Wayne Howerton	2014-2017
Gary Rhoades	2014-2017
Bill Shoemaker	2014-2017
Tiffanie Walters	2014-2017
Ted Hischke	2013-2016
Penny Morgan	2013-2016
Rocky Ritchie	2013-2016
Tina Ritchie	2013-2016
Jan Stegelman	2013-2016
Cindy Umscheid	2013-2016

## Historian

Cheryl Howerton

## Membership Chairperson

Tiffanie Walters

## Newsletter/Communications

Tiffanie Walters

## Social Coordinator

Cindy Umscheid

## FSA Representative

Ted Hischke

## FSA Race Representative

Penny Morgan

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Annual Meeting/Spring Dinner



DATE: **Friday, April 22, 2016**

TIME: 6:00pm Cash Bar and Appetizers; 6:30pm Dinner

LOCATION: THE BLUE MOOSE BAR AND GRILL, 3030 SW Wanamaker, Topeka 785-272-6800

You have three menus to choose from. All meals will be served with choice of beverage, house salad, roll, and chef's featured cheesecake for dessert.

Menu #1: Chicken Marsala, Roasted Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli with Garlic Butter

Menu #2: 5oz Grilled Atlantic Salmon, Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables

Menu #3: Milk Braised Pork, Skin-on Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli with Garlic Butter

**COST IS \$31.00 PER PERSON** which includes the appetizers, dinner, beverage, dessert, gratuity and taxes.

Reservations are required and are due no later than **April 15<sup>th</sup>** by sending a **check made out to the Topeka Ski Club** for \$31 per person along with your choice of menu for each person to:

Stan Stegelman

7500 SW Blue Inn Place

Topeka, KS 66614

**All payments must be Received by April 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### Golf Outing

Attention all golfers! Tee times have been reserved on **Sunday, June 12, 2016** at 12:00p at Shawnee Country Club. If you plan on participating, or have further questions, please contact Bill Shoemaker at 785-608-5693 or Charley Emmons at 785-969-8090.

### Annual Canoe & Family Camping Trip

Join us for two days of canoeing, kayaking and camping on the Niangua river near Bennett Spring State park in Missouri. We will be leaving Topeka the afternoon of **Sunday, June 26, 2016**, and will arrive at the campground in time to set up tents before evening. We plan on eating the evening meal on the way or perhaps pick up sandwiches on the road. There are motels in the area if camping is not your "thing". We plan to camp and canoe for two days and will return the afternoon of **Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>**, after breaking camp. The campground is fairly rustic. We will car pool to the campground and plan to prepare our own meals at the campground and will eat snack lunches on the river. Kayaks, canoes, and rafts are available for rent. Rates for equipment can be found on the campground web site "maggardcanoe.com". The rental price includes transportation for the group and equipment to the springs where we will begin our float trip back to our campsite. Cash is the preferred method of payment as they assess a 4% processing fee for credit card users. Please call Stan Stegelman at 785-478-3765 for further information about the trip.

### Islands of New England Trip September 8-15, 2016

Don't wait too long and miss this opportunity – there are still a few seats available! The registration forms and full itinerary are available on the web site or contact Stan at 785-478-3765 or Jan at 785-640-1829 or [jan@stegelman.com](mailto:jan@stegelman.com).

The Islands of New England tour spends eight days exploring New England's charms, from the cobblestone streets of Nantucket, to a dry harvest cranberry bog. Step back in time at Plimoth Plantation to sample traditional recipes from that period, learn some Pilgrim etiquette and enjoy a Thanksgiving feast where you'll learn to "eat like a Pilgrim." In Provincetown, the choice is yours – set out on a whale watch cruise or embark on a scenic adventure through the iconic sand dunes of the Cape. Visit Boston and Providence, the Gilded Age mansions of Newport, the lively artist colony of Provincetown, and the beautiful islands of Martha's vineyard and Nantucket. Complete your New England experience as you indulge in a lobster feast.

Per Person Rates: Double - \$2779, Single - \$3279

8 Days, 11 Meals – Included in price: transportation to KCI, round trip air from KCI, hotel transfers, four nights beachfront accommodations on The Cape, three nights at the Hilton Providence hotel in Rhode Island, choice of whale watching cruise or Cape sand dunes adventure, lobster feast, daily excursions, tour director at all times.