



SKI NEWS

A Word from the President

As I started to write this article I was thinking that the ski year is nearly over, then I looked outside and noticed that it is snowing so hard that visibility is less than a half-mile. Anyway, that is a gentle reminder that our ski year is never quite over. We will celebrate the conclusion of a successful ski trip to Steamboat in a few weeks and have already begun to plan the next trip to Crested Butte. I want to thank Don and Rett for planning the trip to Steamboat, please plan on attending the post party on April 26th. We will order pizza, bring your photo's and stories to tell regarding the awesome snow that we enjoyed this year. Be sure to call ahead and let us know if you will be attending so that we can order the pizza for everyone.

The spring dinner will be held on April 12th and we will be electing Board of Directors at the meeting. Nominations from the nominating committee have been emailed to members with the last reminder for reservations to the dinner. You will have the opportunity make nominations from the floor at the meeting as well.

Our summer activities are being planned. We expect to announce a date for our annual golf outing at the spring dinner and are planning on a summer camping/canoe trip in July on the Niangua river in Missouri.

Stan

2015 FSA Crested Butte Trip

The ski trip to Crested Butte is in the planning stages. Trip dates are **January 27 - February 1, 2015**. Trip captains are Rett Walters and Don Bohannon. Please put these dates on your calendar for 2015.

Rett & Don

Membership Directories

Directories will be available for distribution at the Spring Dinner.

Upcoming Events

Steamboat Post Party

The Steamboat post party will be held on **Saturday, April 26, 2014**, at the Stegelman's, 7500 SW Blue Inn Pl. We will have a chance to share photo's and stories about the ski trip. The gathering will begin at 3:00p. The party is open to trip skiers and anyone who is interested in going on next year's trip. Pizza and drinks will be provided. **Please RSVP by April 19th** to Rett Walters at rettw@rtwnetwork.com or 785-633-9373, so we can get an idea of how much pizza to order.

April 2014

Next Board Meeting

April 7, 2014 5:30pm
Casa Mexican Restaurant

2013-2014 Officers

President: Stan Stegelman
Vice President: Penny Morgan
Secretary: Rosalie Fox
Treasurer: Joni Thompson

Board of Directors

Ted Hischke	2013-2016
Penny Morgan	2013-2016
Rocky Ritchie	2013-2016
Tina Ritchie	2013-2016
Jan Stegelman	2013-2016
Cindy Umscheid	2013-2016
Patty Bottorff	2012-2015
Charley Emmons	2012-2015
Gary Guinty	2012-2015
Kay Guinty	2012-2015
Curt Strawn	2012-2015
Joni Thompson	2012-2015
Wayne Howerton	2011-2014
Bill Shoemaker	2011-2014
Stan Stegelman	2011-2014
Tiffanie Walters	2011-2014

Historian

Cheryl Howerton

Membership Chairman

Tiffanie Walters

Newsletter/Communications

Tiffanie Walters

Social Coordinator

Cindy Umscheid

FSA Representative

Ted Hischke

FSA Race Representative

Penny Morgan

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Spring Dinner/Annual Election Meeting

Where: MCFARLAND'S RESTAURANT – 4133 SW Gage Center Dr (Gage Shopping Center)

When: **Saturday April 12, 2014**

Time: 5:00 PM Social Time with appetizers
6:00 PM Dinner Served

Cost: \$18.50 per person. Includes tax & gratuity

There will be a cash bar. Menu for the buffet dinner:

Ham, Fried Chicken, Potatoes, Green Beans, Salads, Rolls and Dessert Bar.

The dinner will be in the meeting room in the basement again this year. Remember, there is an elevator for your convenience. Just ask the front desk and they can direct you. Please send check, made out to TOPEKA SKI CLUB, to Cindy Umscheid, 2627 SE Downing Rd, Topeka, Ks 66605, **NO LATER THAN APRIL 5, 2014**. If you have any questions, you may contact Cindy at 785-235-5292.

Nominations for Board of Directors 2014-2017 term are:

Wayne Howerton, Gary Rhoades, Bill Shoemaker, and Tiffanie Walters

Gary Umscheid has been nominated to replace Curt Strawn (his term expires in 2015)

Canoe - Camping Trip on the Niangua River July 13-15, 2014

This trip is planned as a two night, two day canoe trip on the Niangua river near Bennett Spring, MO. We would leave Topeka on Sunday afternoon and return late Tuesday or you can choose to stay another day and leave on Wednesday. You can choose between kayaks, canoes, or rafts for your trip down the river. Several motels are available in the area if camping on the river is a little too rustic for your tastes. Rental rates for the canoes & rafts average about \$20 per person. Camping fees are waived for those that rent canoes and rafts. The campground is relatively rustic but has great access to the Niangua river. The facility consists of a shower building which requires quarters to get running hot/ cold water and has ice which is available in the morning and late afternoon. The campground is clean and electrical service is available if needed.

If you wish to check out the motels in the area, try these in your Google bar and you will find reviews and other information on local motels. Bennett Spring Inn and Sand Spring Resort, Lebanon, MO.

The campground website is Maggardcanoe.com, has information on rentals and campground information.

If you would be planning on staying at an area motel, you will need to drive to the campground and then get on the campground bus which will take us to the drop in site for the float trip. The time to get to the campground from Lebanon is about 30 minutes and from the Sand Spring Resort is about 15 minutes.

We will plan on car pooling to the site and plan to coordinate our camp meals prior to leaving.

You may call Stan Stegelman at 785-478-3765 for additional information.