



SKI NEWS

January 2016

A Word from the President

Telluride has already had 144 inches of real snow since November! It's going to be a great Flatland Ski Week and a powdery ski season, so tune up your skis. Don't forget to make your ski rental reservations for the trip. We are only 18 days out. See Rett's recent emails for more updates and information, along with links to the websites. Many thanks to Rett & Tiffanie Walters and Barbara Wittmer who have been coordinating this year's trip.

Congratulations to Rett for his promotion at work. Though I am a little bummed as we have lost a good racer for the Challenge races and he usually has been a member of the Team for the Snowshow Race. Without Rowley going this year, I need some good athletic people to step in. Let's talk at the Chili Supper.

The Holiday Parade in downtown Topeka got frozen out on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Wayne Howerton had done a great job of rounding up walkers, candy, and float decorations for the day. Hopefully, next year will be warmer, and if you have any float ideas send them to Wayne.



Thank you Gary & Cindy Umscheid for hosting the Christmas Party. There were lots of great conversations and it was enjoyed by all.

The Chili Supper is coming up on **Saturday, January 9th**. See the rest of the newsletter for details.

Happy New Year and best wishes for a healthy and happy 2016.

Penny Morgan, President

2016 FSA Telluride Ski Trip

Hello Fellow Skiers,

Planning is going well for the trip to Telluride which is just around the corner. The snow report is very promising with current snowfall at 52" for the season as of December 28th. The plan at this time is to meet at Wal-Mart on Wanamaker by 2:30PM on the 19th of January with a departure time of 3:00PM. If that changes, we will let everyone know ASAP. Please have every piece of your luggage equipped with some type of identification on the outside. I won't mention any names, but one skier missed out on one of his bags for an entire trip one year. It was sent to the wrong room and everyone in that room thought it was someone else's bag in their condo. Lesson learned. As your Co-trip captain, please know that I am a mother, just not your mother. I hope to see you at the chili feed where more information and details will be provided. It's all down hill from here!

See you soon, Barb Wittmer



Membership Directories

I'm taking a vote as to when you, the members, would like to have the annual directories available. Would you like them at the Wine & Cheese Party or the Annual Spring Dinner? Please email me with your vote at tif@rtwnetwork.com. I will report back to the board with the popular vote. (I'm also seeing how many of you actually read this newsletter. Lol)

Have a safe & fun trip to Telluride! Bring back lots of medals and pics! – Tif Walters

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

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MISC NEWS

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

Miracle on Kansas Avenue Parade

The Club did not participate in the Holiday Parade this year due to it being postponed. All candy collected was donated to Sheltered Living. They are using it to make gifts for their clients who do not receive a Christmas present. Thank you all for your donations.

Wayne Howerton

Don't wait too long and miss this opportunity – if you are interested in signing up for the trip, 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.

Festival of Trees

Thanks to Ski Club Members!



For the last 7 years, I have served on the Festival of Trees committee of Sheltered Living (SLI) as the "Park Ranger" chairman. The park rangers meet once a year on the work day to help prepare the trees for display and their eventual sale, which provides a portion of the funds which supports SLI. I should state that we do not decorate the trees. I wish to thank our members: Charlie Emmons, Ted Hischke, Gary Umscheid, and Wayne Howerton, for their work, innovative skills, patience, and tireless effort to make the Festival of Trees a success again this year. – Stan Stegelman

We must give up any unfilled seats for the trip on March 1, 2016, so be sure to have your initial deposit in to the Stegelmans by then. Feel free to share the information about the trip with your friends while we still have seats available.

New England's miles of sandy beaches, majestic coast, and rolling surf invite relaxation. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chili/Soup Supper

The annual Chili/Soup Supper will be held **Saturday, January 9, 2016** at 6pm at the Lake Shawnee Shelter House #3. If you are coming from the west on 29th St, turn right onto SE West Edge Rd, then turn right again to stay on SE West Edge Rd. Shelter House #3 will be on the left. Address is: 4101 SE West Edge Rd.

If you plan on bringing chili or soup, please let Cindy Umscheid know at 785-235-5292 or gumscheid3@cox.net. Other items to bring would be: cinnamon rolls, crackers/fritos, cheese, or any appetizer you choose. Dinner ware and ice tea will be provided.

Those going on the Telluride Ski trip should try to attend for last minute information.

Annual Meeting/Spring Dinner

The Annual Meeting/Spring Dinner is still in the planning stages. More information to follow as it becomes available.

Annual Canoe & Family Camping Trip

Save the dates of **June 26-28, 2016**, for the canoe trip. I have been told that an earlier date may be a better choice for some members, so I have moved it up a few weeks. We also are hoping for a little less water on the campground for this trip. We would plan to leave on Sunday afternoon and canoe on Monday and Tuesday. We would leave to come back on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning. We will be canoeing on the Niangua river near Bennett Spring State Park in Missouri. There are motels in the area for those who would rather enjoy sleeping without the bugs and critters. If you are interested in going, or would like more information, you may contact me (Stan Stegelman) at 785-478-3765 or stan@stegelman.com.

This 8 day escorted tour includes: 11 meals, 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.

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