



AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

AUGUST DINNER?

Although we still can't consider having a "tradition" dinner at one of our favorite restaurants this month, we are going to plan an informal (free) gathering in Veltus Park (off Midland Ave.) in Glenwood Springs on Thursday, AUGUST 13TH. This is the SECOND THURSDAY in August as the third Thursday has been reserved by another group. We have the park reserved from 5 to 9 pm. You can arrive at any time, eat at any time and leave at any time. Yes, as mentioned above, it's very informal. Also, it will necessarily have to be a BYO EVERYTHING DINNER. You will need to bring your own dinner, desert, drinks, eating utensils, napkins, chairs, and maybe throw in a hand sanitizer for good measure. However, we do encourage you to order a take-out dinner from your favorite restaurant to support the local economy. There is a covered picnic area with picnic tables and a concrete floor. Currently there is a limit of 10 people in that area per the Health Department. We'd like to reserve enough seating there for anyone with a handicap or a mobility issue. Right now there is no maximum number of people that can attend, but this may change. **Therefore, if you would like to come Please RSVP with a phone call by FRIDAY AUGUST 7th to Bruce and Donna at 970-963-9654.** This event is intended for members only. Also, please follow the "normal pandemic protocol" and do not come if you have a temperature or have any COVID-19 symptoms. Social distancing and masks (when not eating) will be expected. Finally, if the weather is inclement, we will NOT be able to send out an email "blast" of a cancellation. So use your own discretion as to

whether to attend or not. Remember, this is Colorado and the weather can change from minute to minute. If the weather is good at 5:00 just come and stay as long as you'd like. Saying that we all miss seeing friends and getting together is an understatement. Our hope is that this will be a "safe" opportunity to reconnect. We wish that we could think farther ahead and have a plan for a September dinner. But currently we are just focused on this August gathering. For obvious reasons, we will need to take things month by month for the time being.

AUGUST HIKES

Week of Aug 2 – Cross Creek, south of Minturn on Tigiwon Rd. This moderate, wooded, 5-mile out-and-back hike has received rave reviews in the past. I would expect nothing less this year.

Week of Aug 9 – Choose from one of two hikes along the Colorado Trail at Camp Hale. **Kokomo Pass** is a moderately difficult (C) hike climbing 2600' in 5 miles from Camp Hale OR make an easy 1100' descent in 6.5 miles from **Tennessee Pass one-way to Camp Hale** (shuttle req'd).

Week of Aug 16 – Pitkin Creek Falls/Lake, at East Vail. While there are no easy hikes out of Vail, you can keep the difficulty here moderate by hiking only to the falls (3 mi, 1900') or take a more strenuous hike to the lake (5.5 mi, 2900') AND/OR **East Snowmass Creek/Willoughby Mtn.** Ascend 2300' in 3 mi from the East Snowmass Creek TH south of Old Snowmass or 1800' in 4 mi from the Ditch TH off Divide Road. From there you can continue following East Snowmass or commit to a strenuous 2-mi, 2600' bushwhack of Willoughby Mountain. Your re-

ward: an amazing 360° panorama of Elk Range 14ers.

Week of Aug 23 – Missouri Lakes/Treasure Vault Lake, south of Camp Hale off Homestake Rd. Follow Missouri Creek as it passes through a narrow chasm and ascend 1400' in 3 mi to a cluster of 4 main lakes and numerous smaller lakes. For extra credit, climb 400' to a pass and descend to Treasure Vault Lake.

Week of Aug 30 – Sawyer Lake near Norrie Colony east of Ruedi. Wooded trail ascends 1500' in 5 miles to a beautiful lake AND/OR **Tabor Creek/Lake/Pass**, only 4 mi (mercifully) up Lincoln Creek Rd. Hike along the creek gaining 1700' in 4 mi. Climb 500' higher in 1 mi to a pass, or take a side trail at 2.5 mi and climb 800' in 1 mi to Tabor Lake.

MILESTONES ON THE HORIZON

...or in our rearview. With the constraints imposed upon us by the pandemic, we've been unable to celebrate several recently past milestones and several more likely to be achieved before the August dinner. One of them is Mike Larime's 5000 mi...only the third person to reach this milestone. So, to celebrate these achievements we will honor them at our August dinner with champagne. Remember, alcohol kills viruses.

TENNIS ANYONE – If you're not already on John's list and would like to play mixed doubles, call John Burg at 970-355-9104 to be added to his email list. All skill levels welcome. John will inform you of any extraordinary precautions to be taken in light of coronavirus.

MEN'S AND LADIES BRIDGE Still NO TRUMPS

BIKING

Same comment as last month. If anyone needs a list of our standard venues Please email me at lindjon@rof.net. Also let me know if you have any new ones you'd like to share (distantly).

ROSTER CHANGES FOR AUGUST**New members**

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