



## SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

### BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who attended the Aug. gathering at Veltus Park. Since so many of you were thrilled to have a social event on your calendar, we're planning another BYOE (Everything) picnic at the lake area in Bruce and Donna's Blue Lake Subdivision in El Jebel (see directions below). It will be on Thurs. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to sunset. As last month, you will need to bring your own food, drinks, utensils and chairs. There are not many picnic tables available, so be prepared to eat off your lap. There are several large shade trees, however. Per the Blue Lake H.O. regulations, face masks are required, and we will observe social distancing as much as reasonably possible. And we will have games! Ralph Jones will bring his croquet set (be prepared for raucous competition) and volleyball and badminton will also be available. If you have a Cornhole game, bring it. Feel free to bring your Paddleboards etc. - bathrooms are available for changing. You will need to park across from the lake in one of the two parking lots which are located above and below the office and daycare buildings. However, handicapped individuals can park in the lake area. Please make prior arrangements with us. Please do not park on the road. We are asking to you RSVP by Sat. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> to Bruce and Donna by phone at 963-9654. Although there is no limit as to how many people can attend, we do want to keep the group to an "acceptable" size. Finally, we will NOT be able to send out an email blast for a cancellation due to weather. So let your weather app. be your guide.

Looking forward: at this time, we do not anticipate being able to

have a restaurant dinner in the near future. Also, a quick survey indicates that many people would not feel safe attending one. Staying safe, positive, kind, encouraging, and hopeful seems like the best thing that we can currently do.

Directions to Blue Lake coming from the west (Glenwood). From Hwy 82 make a left turn into the Blue Lake subdivision which is exactly opposite the 18 mile marker. Shortly before you turn off Hwy 82 there is a reddish/brown sign on the right that reads "Eagle County Welcomes". The two parking lots are a short distance down the road on the right. The lake is on the left. If you're coming from the east, make a right turn into Blue Lake, which is 1 mile from the El Jebel intersection.

### SEPTEMBER HIKES

Week of Aug 30 – **East Snowmass Creek**, at Snowmass Village. From the Ditch TH off Divide Road follow East Snowmass Creek to a pass above Willow Lake (~7 mi, 3800') or crossover to Maroon Lake via Willow Pass (shuttle req'd; see Blog for details).

OR Willow Lake via Willow Pass from Maroon Lake. A good trail with spectacular views climbs 3000' in ~4 mi to Willow Pass. Turn back there or descend 800' in ~2 mi to Willow Lake and return (3800' total round-trip).

AND Missouri Lakes/Treasure Vault Lake, north of Camp Hale off Homestake Road. Follow Missouri Creek as it passes through a narrow chasm and ascend 1400' in 3 mi to a cluster of 4 main lakes & numerous smaller lakes. Climb 400' over a pass and descend 250' to Treasure Vault Lake.

Week of Sep 6 – **Lonesome Lake**, near Homestake Reservoir.

Return to Homestake Road and follow it to the reservoir. Then climb 1500' in ~5 mi to the lake.

Week of Sep 13 – 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) OR climb 6.5 miles from **Camp Hale to Tennessee Pass** and return (1100').

AND/OR Tabor Creek/Lake/Pass, only 4 mi (mercifully) up Lincoln Creek Rd. Hike along Tabor 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.

Week of Sep 20 – **South Branch Middle Thompson Creek**, SW of Carbondale. Pleasant trail climbs 1700' in 5.5 mi thru aspen forest and meadow. Fall color.

Week of Sep 27 – **Escalante weeklong trip** at Escalante, Utah. See the Blog for details later this month.

**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**  
Sameol'Sameol"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](mailto:lindjon@rof.net). Also let me know if you have any new ones you'd like to share (distantly).

**ROSTER CHANGES FOR SEPTEMBER**

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