



# SITZMARKER

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## **2014 – 2015 Ski Club Board**

At our annual meeting on Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> you elected this year's board members and also passed some bylaw changes to help streamline the club to operate more efficiently in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Carole Stevenson, who had previously served as Vice President, was elected President for this year. Joe Bauer was elected Vice President and is new to the board. (*Cindy Girth is, with board approval, serving as the Assistant to the Vice President, helping Joe with his duties.*) Tom Coscia was re-elected for another term as Trip Director, and Paul Snyder was re-elected to his second term as Communications Director. Sue Scott will continue to serve as our Record Center Coordinator, which is an appointed position. The bylaw changes eliminated the Past President as a board position.

The board is looking forward to an exciting year, filled with activities and some *fantastic* trips. But remember, this is *your* club, and we really need your input and assistance. So, what *can* you do to make this a fun year?

- Participate in club activities
- Volunteer to run, or assist with, activities or trips
- Share your ideas for activities with the board
- Promote the club activities and trips to your friends

Let's have a great 2014-2015 season!

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## **Follow Us Online and On Facebook!**

As mentioned, we're planning to go "electronic" as much as we possibly can, due to the cost of printing and postage. So, for this reason, we encourage you to make sure the club always has your most current e-mail address. Certain publications, like the trip edition of the Sitzmarker and the notice of the Annual Meeting, will still be sent out via the U.S. Postal Service.

News, events, activities, and much more will be available in several ways:

- Bimonthly "Out and About" e-mail updates from our vice president
- At our Website: [www.stlouisskiclub.com](http://www.stlouisskiclub.com)
- On **Facebook** (so "Like" and "Follow" the St. Louis Ski Club from your Facebook account)

If you don't have a computer, or don't have Internet access at home, don't forget that you can access the club's Website, and Facebook, from most computers, including most public libraries. Arrangements to receive a printed copy of the Sitzmarker *can* be made for those who don't have e-mail, or to receive information on upcoming events.

## President's Greeting

Greetings Everyone!

Our club is off to a great start for the 2014-2015 season. We have four exciting ski trip opportunities and lots of social activities for skiers and non-skiers planned throughout the year. We are a club that cares about its members and we really want your input and ideas for social activities, or just ways we can do things better. I took the office as President because belonging to the club has enhanced my life in so many ways, and I really care about moving the club forward. I have been thinking about what I might say to someone who asks me, "Why should I join the club when I can get online and book my own trip?"



Here are my top three reasons to join the ski club:

1. Once you are out of college it is not easy to find people, who want to ski, can afford it, have the time to go, and most importantly, will financially commit to going and not back out at the last minute.
2. We book through a travel company and we do save hundreds of dollars over booking on your own because we get wholesale rates on lodging, lift tickets, and transportation from the airport. The travel company also handles all the little surprises that winter can throw at us. If you have weather related problems and you book on your own ....YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN!
3. And finally, and maybe most important of all, it is just a great way to make life-long friends with common interests and to enrich your social life.

Please feel free to email or call me with your comments or suggestions. I look forward to hearing from you.  
Sincerely,

*Carole Stevenson*

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## Paying is Easy!

Last season our board began offering you the option of paying for your membership, trips, and lift tickets using your credit card via PayPal. This is a quick, user-friendly way to sign up and pay for your trip! The Record Center is immediately notified of payments made in this way, eliminating the necessity of sending them by mail. **However, you must still mail your completed Trip Application to the Record Center!** Those who do choose to make payments by this method will incur an additional 2.9% cost; however, if your budget is stretched, PayPal does offer an option called "Bill Me Later" that features no interest if paid in full within six months. *See complete information and instructions at our website!* Of course, you always have the option to continue to pay by check (or cash)!

## Social Activity Notes from Our Vice President

### Joe Bauer

My goal for this year is to expand the list of activities we can all participate in outside of the excellent trips we have planned for 2015.

Already in June we have had a great time at the annual Dog 'n Suds, a happy hour at Urban Chestnut Brewery, and a Sunday out at Blumenhof Winery.



For those who participated in these events I hope you had a good time and will encourage all your friends to participate in future events. In addition to the bimonthly **Out and About**, this year we will be updating our **Facebook** page more frequently. If you haven't checked it out in a while, I encourage you to take a look! Also, if you have photos or activities that you want to publicize to the club, you can post them on the Facebook page or send them to me and I will add them to our calendar and the **Out and About**. If you're not receiving the **Out and About** e-mails, please contact me using the information shown on the front page!

Our club is organized around skiing but is also a social group. We want to plan activities throughout the year that appeal to all of our members. This is a big challenge, and I need help from all of you. Let me or someone on the board know if you have an activity planned that might be of interest to other club members. Let's make this a great year for the St Louis Ski Club.

*Joe*

### **NOTES FROM THE BOARD ON SKI TRIP ACCOMMODATIONS/ROOMING COURTESY:**

- All rooms are double-occupancy regardless of available bedding/all condos are four per condo. Individuals may pay the single supplement described if they wish to have a single-only *room*.
- If an uneven number of people sign up for a trip and we are unable to fill room/condos, those without a roommate may be required to pay a single supplement if they still wish to go on a trip. We will not have partially filled rooms *unless* the single supplement is paid.
- If you're not sure of whom you'd like to room with, talk to others before signing up or at the sign-up night meeting. If you do not have a roommate, your trip captain will try to pair you with another appropriate person of the same gender, as available. You will *not* be put in a *room* with a person of the opposite gender unless you both agree; however, you may be sharing a *condo* with persons of the opposite gender.
- Choice of beds in condos is based on sign-up order for the trip, not who gets to the room first. Your trip captain will let you know who gets to choose first in each condo. (*Exception: Couples automatically get rooms with only one bed in certain condos!*)
- Public areas in condos are *not* intended to be an additional bedroom; they are designed for everyone's use.



## Our 2015 Trips

### Tom Coscia, Trip Director

I am excited to report our trips for 2015. First you will notice that we do not have any trips in early January. Feedback has been that our club members not only feel that January skiing is too cold, but the snow has not always been the best. Our members prefer skiing in February and March when the weather is warmer and the snow seems more reliable. Thanks to the trip committee for putting together such a great list of trips, based on your input and surveys!

#### Trip Overviews

Our first trip will be the Flatland Skiing Association (FSA) trip to **Crested Butte, Colorado** the last week in January. This will be a land-only package. We received feedback that some members prefer booking their own air on trips. Plus we have a dedicated group of club members that prefer to drive to the FSA trips. Candy Girth will also be able to help you with some travel suggestions. The **Crested Butte** trip also has a mix of both condos and hotels, so the trip price varies depending on which you choose. We were able to book the last 3 four-person condos. If you prefer a condo, you better act quickly. Whereas we can add additional hotel rooms, we will most likely not be able to add any additional condos. The FSA trip will be three or four ski days.

Our second trip will be six ski days in **Park City, Utah** the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in February. This destination was the top choice in the ski club annual survey, and we have not skied there in a few years. Our lodging, the Park Station Condos, is in a great location in the heart of downtown only steps from the town-lift into the ski area. Plus we have a non-stop flight right into Salt Lake City. The trip will be co-captained by Pat Pender and Larry Essmann.

Our third trip of the season is six ski days in **Breckenridge, Colorado** the first week in March. We will be staying at the Beaver Run condos which are ski-in/ski-out. Recently the resort has just opened their 6<sup>th</sup> peak. In addition to the club party, this trip also features a welcome party. If it works out, we hope to be able to fly Southwest Airlines to Denver when they announce their air prices for March 2015 later in August. This trip will be captained by Immediate Past President, Nita Jones.

Ken Kinsinger will captain our fourth trip of the season to **Big Sky, Montana** in the middle of March. We are returning to the Huntley Lodge which is a ski-in/ski-out hotel. The Huntley is famous for its complimentary hot breakfast buffet. Big Sky has become popular since acquiring Moonlight Basin a few years ago. Last year they added additional skiable acreage, making it the largest ski resort in the United States. To cut back on costs, this trip is five ski days. Also to save money on air, we are trying a mid-week trip leaving on a Wednesday and returning on a Tuesday. When the committee discussed this option, both our non-retired and retired members were amenable to it.

#### Single Person Supplement

For a limited time through August, we are continuing the single person supplement for our members who would rather not share a room. Note: Besides members paying the additional cost of the room, we must add the cost of other shared trip expenses since each single supplement reduces the number of participants by one, such as expenses for bus transportation and trip captain trip credits. In addition to the cost of the trip, the following is the single person supplement price by trip:

**Crested Butte:** Hotel - \$285 Condo - \$255    **Park City:** \$800    **Breckenridge:** \$760    **Big Sky:** \$800

## St. Louis Ski Club 2015 Ski Trips

Ski Resort & Trip Captain	Dates	Lodging	What's Included	Price Info	Ice-Breaker
<p><b>Crested Butte (FSA)</b> www.skicb.com</p> <p>Candy Girth twinskiers@msn.com</p> <p><b>636-458-1897</b></p>	<p>1/28/15 thru 2/1/15</p> <p>24 skiers</p> <p>3 or 4 ski days</p>	<p><b>"America's Last Best Ski Town"</b></p> <p>Limited number of both condos and hotels are available. They are priced separately.</p> <p><u>Plaza 2 Bedroom (Condo)</u> 2BR/2B for four people</p> <p><u>Grand Lodge Emmons (Hotel)</u> Two people per room</p> <p><b>Flatland Ski Association Info:</b> http://flatlandskiassociation.wordpress.com/</p>	<p>FSA welcome reception,</p> <p>Banquet, Parties &amp; Races</p> <p>(Racing is optional)</p> <p><b>NOTE: Land Only Package!</b></p> <p>No Air or Ground Transportation Provided</p>	<p>Trip Price Condo: \$370 Hotel: \$400</p> <p>Deposit \$200 for both</p> <p>Balance \$170 or \$200</p> <p>Due 12/15/14</p>	<p>Wed. 1/14/15</p>
<p><b>Park City</b> www.parkcitymountain.com</p> <p>Pat Pender Larry Essmann</p> <p>pat.pender1@gmail.com cyclere@aol.com</p> <p><b>636-244-1096 (Pat)</b> <b>636-364-4115 (Larry)</b></p>	<p>2/7/15 thru 2/14/15</p> <p>32 skiers</p> <p>6 ski days</p>	<p><b>"A Resort 50 Years in the Making"</b></p> <p><u>Park Station (Condos)</u> 2BR/2B for four people</p> <p>Easy walk to the town chair lift</p>	<p>Lodging/Airfare</p> <p>Transfers to/from Salt Lake Airport</p> <p>Club Party</p>	<p>Trip Price \$1,290</p> <p>Deposit \$690</p> <p>Balance \$600</p> <p>Due 12/7/14</p>	<p>Wed. 2/5/15</p>
<p><b>Breckenridge</b> www.breckenridge.com</p> <p>Nita Jones</p> <p>juancubed@yahoo.com</p> <p><b>314-872-0944</b></p>	<p>2/28/15 thru 3/7/15</p> <p>28 skiers</p> <p>6 ski days</p>	<p><b>"The One Size Fits All Ski Resort"</b></p> <p><u>Beaver Run (Condo)</u> 2BR/2B for four people</p> <p>Ski-in / Ski-Out</p> <p>Welcome Reception</p>	<p>Lodging/Airfare</p> <p>Transfers to/from Denver Airport</p> <p>Club Party</p>	<p>Trip Price \$1,380</p> <p>Deposit \$780</p> <p>Balance \$600</p> <p>Due 11/30/14</p>	<p>Wed. 2/18/15</p>
<p><b>Big Sky</b> www.bigskyresort.com</p> <p><b>Ken Kinsinger</b></p> <p><b>309-231-4973</b></p> <p>kdkpharmd@gmail.com</p>	<p>3/18/15 thru 3/24/15</p> <p>34 skiers</p> <p>5 ski days</p>	<p><b>"Biggest Skiing in America"</b></p> <p><u>Huntley Lodge (Hotel)</u> Two people per room</p> <p>A full hot breakfast that is to die for!</p> <p>Ski-in / Ski-Out</p>	<p>Lodging/Airfare</p> <p>Transfers to/from Bozeman Airport</p> <p>Club Party</p>	<p>Trip Price \$1,290</p> <p>Deposit \$690</p> <p>Balance \$600</p> <p>Due 1/15/15</p>	<p>Wed. 3/4/15</p>

Icebreakers will be held at **Ruby Tuesdays**, 10797 Sunset Hills Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63127 (314-909-1025) at 6:00 PM.

Trip prices may change due to fuel surcharges. Additional fees for baggage may apply.

Single room supplement is available upon request.

**Lift Tickets are not included unless specifically stated.**

## Crested Butte, Colorado - 51<sup>st</sup> Annual FSA Races

“America’s Last Best Ski Town”

January 28 – February 1, 2015

Price \$370 (Condo) \$400 (Hotel)

24 Skiers

Trip Captain: *Candy Girth*

636-458-18976

twinskiers@msn.com



If you are looking for a laid back resort, short lift lines, and a charming ski town, Crested Butte is your destination!

- Land Package only – You choose your own method(s) of transportation: plane, train, or automobile (*or bus*).
- 3 – 4 days of skiing, with discounted lift tickets through the FSA starting at \$33 per day.
- Your choice of lodging (*based on availability, so sign up early*):
  - Grand Hotel Emmons (*2 per room*): A full-service hotel 200 yards from the base. Hot tub/pool/spa services/bar/restaurant.
  - Plaza Condos (*2 bedroom/2 bath/ 4 per unit*): 100 yards from the Silver Queen quad lift. Hotel-like setting/hot tub/bar/restaurant.
- FSA Welcome Reception and Banquet
- FSA Après Ski
- Optional FSA Slope Side Picnic at the Base (\$17)
- FSA Races for *all* levels – Beginner Race at the base for easy access. Racers and enthusiastic fans are all welcome!
- Annual snowfall of 300”/1,547 skiable acres/upgraded grooming with well-manicured cruising runs.
- On-mountain ski-in/ski-out Ice Bar/numerous bars and restaurants in the town of Crested Butte.
- Free shuttle bus into the town center – 3 miles from the resort.
- Other activities that are available include snowmobiling, snowshoeing, dog sledding, etc.

## Park City, Utah

“A Resort 50 Years in the Making”

February 7 – 14, 2015

Price \$1,290

32 skiers

Trip Captains: *Pat Pender & Larry Essmann*

636-244-1096 (*Pat*) or 636-364-4115 (*Larry*)

pat.pender1@gmail.com or cyclere@aol.com



The most popular resort in our last trip survey, beautiful Park City offers 3,000 acres of skiable terrain spread over eight peaks and nine bowls for your winter sports enjoyment!

- 116 trails: 17% beginner, 52% intermediate, 31% expert/16 lifts, so no long lines/night skiing available.
- Group five day lift tickets (*3 days Park City/1 day The Canyons/1 day Deer Valley*) if at least 20 people are interested.
- Includes round trip airfare between St. Louis and Salt Lake City/bus transfer to and from the Park Station Condos.
- Lodging at Park Station Condos (*2 bedroom/2 bath/4 per unit*): Full kitchen/fireplace/daily housekeeping/hot tubs/sauna/washer & dryer on site/one block from City Lift, on the shuttle route.
- Club party/complimentary mountain tours/free shuttle between Park City, The Canyons, and Deer Valley resorts.
- Other activities available include:
  - Tubing/snowmobiling/cross country skiing/snowshoe tours/zip lining/bobsledding/alpine coaster/dog sledding.
  - Tour the Kennecott Copper Mine/see a show at the Egyptian Theater, a 19<sup>th</sup> century opera house/visit the Homestead Geothermal Crater to swim and snorkel in 90+ degree water/take an excursion into Salt Lake City to visit Temple Square, see a rehearsal of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, and have dinner.
  - Take advantage of all of the dining, shopping, and night life available in the area.

**Sign up early so you don't miss all the fun both on and off the slopes!**

## Breckenridge, Colorado

*“The One Size Fits All Ski Resort”*

February 28 – March 7, 2015

Price \$1,380

28 Skiers

Trip Captain: *Nita Jones*

314-872-0944

juancubed@yahoo.com



For the first time in several years we’re offering a trip to one of the most popular resorts and ski towns in Colorado: Breckenridge!

- 6 days of skiing, snowboarding, or cross country skiing.
- 2,908 acres of Colorado’s finest skiing with 187 runs/5 different peaks/choosing from easy greens to black double diamonds.
- Round trip airfare into Denver; transfer by bus to Breckenridge.
- Welcome reception and club party.
- Lodging at Beaver Run Resort & Conference Center (*2 bedroom/2 bath/4 per unit*): Located slope side at the base of Peak 9/ski-in – ski-out/indoor-outdoor heated pools/Spa at Beaver Run/ski lockers/ski and snowboard rentals.
- Beaver Run offers a complimentary shuttle to town/dining options/slope side après ski/full service restaurants.
- Main street Breckenridge offers numerous restaurants from quick and simple to fine dining/bars and nightlife/shopping.
- Activities for non-skiers include:
  - Snowmobiling/snowshoeing/dog sledding/zip lining/snow cat tours/historic tour.

**Breckenridge has one of the largest historic districts in Colorado, with a rich and colorful history for you to discover!**

## Big Sky, Montana

*“Biggest Skiing in America”*

March 18 – 24, 2015 (*Note: Midweek travel days!*)

Price \$1,290

34 Skiers

Trip Captain: *Ken Kinsinger*

309-231-4973

kdkpharmd@gmail.com



The name says it all: It’s BIG! Big sky, big resort, big skiing opportunity, with over 400” of annual snowfall!

- 5 days of skiing, boarding, cross country skiing, or other fun activities.
- Round trip airfare into Bozeman, 45 minute shuttle ride to the resort.
- 3+ mountains/5,000 skiable acres/250 (*named*) trails/consistently recognized for short lift lines.
- 4,350 vertical drop/14% beginner/20% intermediate/40% advanced/20% expert.
- Lodging at the Huntley Lodge in Mountain Village (*2 per room*): True ski-in ski-out/2 hot tubs/outdoor swimming pool/grocery and convenience store/ATM/free Wi-Fi/complimentary **full hot breakfast** you won’t want to miss!
- Club party.
- Several options in Mountain Village for dining and shopping.
- Other activities include:
  - Daily mountain tours/snowmobiling/snowshoeing.
- The trip captain is working with the resort to set up an optional group ski lesson to help you improve your skiing technique and learn about Big Sky’s runs.

**You won’t want to miss this “big” opportunity! Don’t delay in signing up!**

## Odds 'n Ends 'n Other Things ...

**HELP  
WANTED**



### Can You Volunteer?

Are you looking for ways to help out the club? Here are just a few ideas:

- Volunteer to choose a location and host a happy hour.
- Volunteer to organize, or assist with, an activity or event.
- Bring your camera to events and trips and send us your photos.
- Share stories, activities, and other things that would be of interest to the rest of the club so we can post them.
- Consider being a Trip Captain (or Co-Captain with a friend) in the future! (Talk with your captain this year about what they're doing ... they're a great resource.)

**Contact Vice President Joe Bauer if you'd like to be a Volunteer!**

### General Meeting & Sign Up Night!

Our fall meeting and trip sign-up night will be on Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Coeur de Royale Condos Clubhouse. Social time will begin at 6:00 pm, and we'll have a presentation by Collette Travel at 7:00 giving highlights of the European trip we'll be offering.

This is a BYO event: Bring your favorite snacks to share, and your beverage of choice to drink!

You can sign up for the trip(s) you're interested in prior to the 28<sup>th</sup> by using the enclosed application or going online to our Website. As some trips might sell out, our operating code states that a member who has renewed his/her membership by May 15 will have Priority Status for trip sign-ups until 9:00 pm on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**NOTE:** Parking for the event is in the Medical Building parking lot at 456 N. New Ballas Rd, Creve Coeur. Park in the back of the lot and follow the Ski Club signs to the clubhouse!

### WE'RE EXCITED TO OFFER A FALL TRIP IN 2015!

#### IMPERIAL CITIES PRAGUE, VIENNA, BUDAPEST

For the first time we are offering a non-ski trip to Europe! Join us next fall for an 11 day guided tour through some of the most beautiful parts of Eastern Europe including Prague (*Czech Republic*), Vienna (*Austria*) and Budapest (*Hungary*). Please see the enclosed brochure for more details. A presentation by Collette Travel will be made on Sign Up Night.

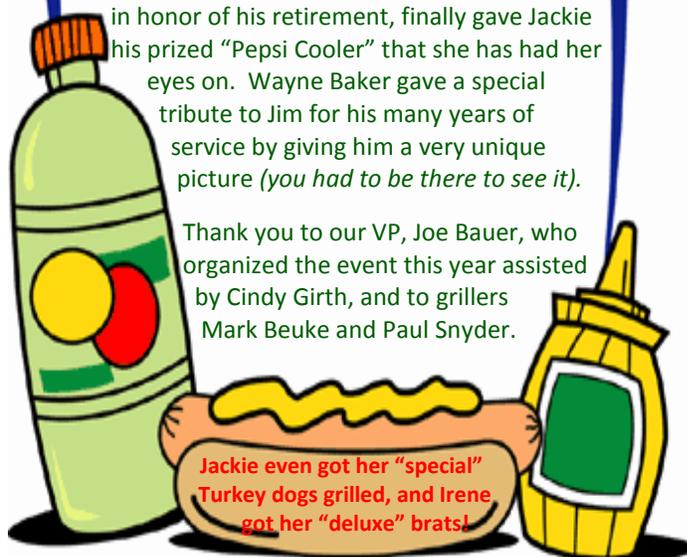
We think this trip will appeal to members that no longer ski for various reasons, or those who just want to travel abroad with a group of friends. Paul Snyder, who has led many ski trips and is an experienced international traveler, will be leading.

More details are available at:  
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/628584>

### Dog 'n Suds A Big Hit!

Thanks to former and current club members for making our annual Dog n' Suds a big hit once again! A special thank you to Jim Werkmeister, who officially retired after 24 years of organizing the event and being the #1 Chief Griller. Jim, in honor of his retirement, finally gave Jackie his prized "Pepsi Cooler" that she has had her eyes on. Wayne Baker gave a special tribute to Jim for his many years of service by giving him a very unique picture (*you had to be there to see it*).

Thank you to our VP, Joe Bauer, who organized the event this year assisted by Cindy Girth, and to grillers Mark Beuke and Paul Snyder.



Jackie even got her "special" Turkey dogs grilled, and Irene got her "deluxe" brats!