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From Our President: It's Time to Consider Serving on the St. Louis Ski Club Board!



It is time to select officer candidates for the Ski Club Board for the 2015-2016 year. We are urging members to volunteer to fill these positions. Positions available are President, Vice President, Trip Director, and Communications Director.

This is the time for our membership to step up and assume leadership of the club. Your help is urgently needed. If you're not sure of the duties of the various board members, a current board member can provide you with a copy of our present bylaws that outline those responsibilities!

Members interested in serving in one of the above mentioned positions should contact me by **March 12** at carole.stevenson01@gmail.com or 314-954-6280.

New board members will be elected at the Annual Meeting on April 23rd at **Ruby Tuesday** in Sunset Hills. If you've got ideas on making our club the *best possible ski club*, please consider serving as part of the board! (*Term limits are only 1 year and begin May 1, plus you earn 800 Trip Credits for serving!*)

Where do you get your Ski Club News?

As you know, we've gone electronic with most of our communications. So, for the latest updates on what's coming up, or what's been happening, be a frequent visitor to the St. Louis Ski Club Web page. You can access our Web page from any public computer, too!

www.stlouisskiclub.com

We've also got a **Facebook** page, so go to the "search" field at Facebook and type in "St. Louis Ski Club" then "Like" us to follow what's going on. The club *also* has a "**Meet Up**" page, so check it out!

And, most important of all, you *should* be getting your monthly "**Out and About**" updates via e-mail. If you're *not* getting them, contact our Vice President, **Joe Bauer**. (*If you need a printed copy, contact Joe!*) His information is at the left! The Out and About keeps you updated on what's coming up!

If you want to see old editions of the Sitzmarker, you can do so through the "Members" tab at our Web page. If you need the password, contact an officer!

**ST. LOUIS SKI CLUB
2013-2014 INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT**

INCOME	2013-2014
Holiday Party	215.00
Activities/Sports Income	0.00
Advertising Income	0.00
Membership Income	2,250.00
Membership Income/Senior	260.00
Membership Income/Couples	855.00
Guest Fee Income	80.00
Interest Income	22.22
Miscellaneous Income	0.00
Promotional Item Income	0.00
Unused Trip Credits	35.00
Trip Administration Fee Income	2,880.00
CD Interest	0.00
Income Total:	6,597.22
EXPENSES	2013-2014
Sitzmarker Printing	1,637.91
Sitzmarker Postage	369.96
Directory Printing/Postage	35.00
Printing/Forms/Copying	205.00
Postage	94.58
Office Supplies	48.66
Insurance	353.00
Dog 'n Suds	489.58
Activities/Sports Expenses	213.64
Board Member Credits	4,000.00
Holiday Party	179.70
Honoraria	90.00
Record Center	2,933.50
Miscellaneous	23.63
Trip Administration	0.00
Post Office Box	80.00
Bank Service Charges	12.00
Returned Checks	0.00
Promotional Items	0.00
Illinois Ski Kouncil	0.00
Chicago Ski Council	40.00
Tax Preparation	100.00
General Membership Meetings	567.30
Advertising/Marketing	0.00
Internet	144.00
Business Incorporation Fee	20.00
Expense Total:	11,637.46

Financial Report Summary

The St. Louis Ski Club report of Income and Expenses is for the period May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014. Income for this fiscal year was \$6,597.22 and Expenses were \$11,637.46. There was a Trip Profit of \$8,574.67. The total net profit for the year was \$3,534.43.

Our main sources of income are membership and trip administration fees. The Holiday Party in 2013 raised \$215.00. This was offset by expenses of \$179.70 for a net profit of \$35.30. Changes in the Holiday party format for 2013 eliminated large past losses.

The expense of printing and mailing the Sitzmarker has also been reduced with the change to sending it electronically to members with e-mail at the start of this past fiscal year. Arrangements have been made for members who do not have e-mail to receive printed copies. The same holds true with trip forms and letters and future directories.

The Board of Directors continues to try to be fiscally responsible to the membership. Last year the size of the board was reduced, and we also cut expenses by changing the location for our general meetings. Our goal is to try to increase income while reducing expenses in a responsible manner.



**2013-2014 INCOME AND EXPENSE
REPORT – CONT'D:**

Expense Totals:	\$11,637.46
Operating Profit (Loss):	(\$5,040.24)
Trip Profit (Loss):	\$8,574.67
Year Net Profit (Loss):	\$3,534.43

Excess Ski Equipment?

As we get closer to the end of the ski season, members of the **St. Louis Ski Club** who have “gently used” ski equipment or ski clothing that they’re no longer using *may* place a notice in the Sitzmarker (or monthly “Out and About” e-mail) to let other club members know about its availability. This is *only* for ski-related equipment or clothing, though, to help your fellow club members out; it’s not a public garage sale site!



Sh-Boom – Thanks for Three Decades: 1983-2014

On December 6th our group had the wonderful opportunity to experience the very last St. Louis performance by the long-time favorite band of St. Louis, **SH-BOOM**. Their last performance at the famous **Casa Loma Ballroom** definitely did not disappoint their very loyal fan base. The extensive repertoire and the performance by this multitalented group were just outstanding. **Sh-Boom's** parodies of musical legends like the Blues Brothers, Elvis, Buddy Holly, and many more, delighted is all. We all had a blast and were really glad that we had the opportunity to see this St. Louis Legend's last performance as we danced the night away! 🎵 🎶 🎵





Crested Butte: America's Last Best Ski Town!

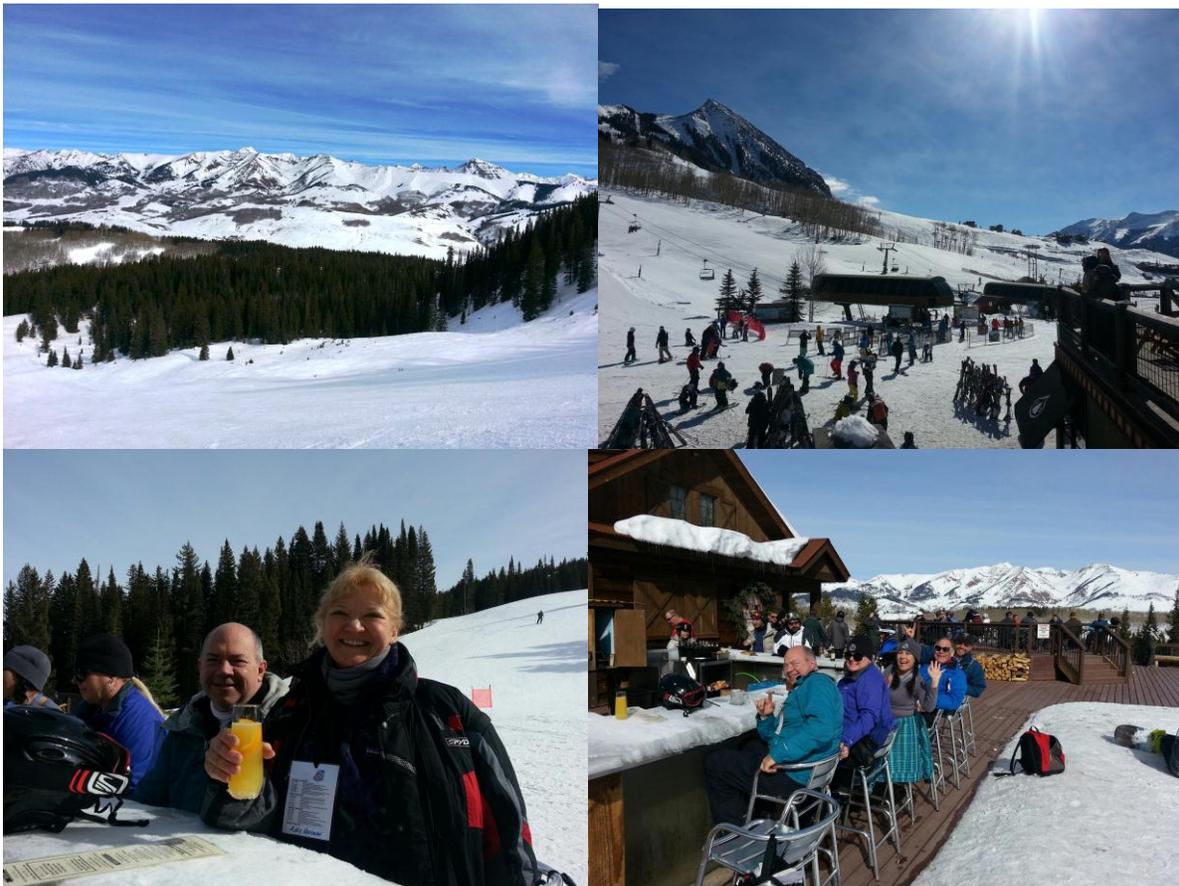
On January 28th, led by Candy Girth, ten members of the club found their way to Crested Butte, Colorado, to join 340 others from the Flatland Ski Association! This year the FSA ski week was set up as a "find your own transportation" trip!

Those making the trip were Ron Acker, Allen Banjai, new member Gregg Fitchett, Candy & Cindy Girth, Mary Hartman, Bill & Judy Hayes, new member Dale Pilant, and Paul Snyder. Crested Butte was the site of the very first FSA races in 1965 and has hosted the association many times over the years. We stayed in the Grand Emmons Lodge and enjoyed great amenities, including fresh cookies in the lobby every afternoon and a wonderful hot tub and pool to enjoy after a long day on the slopes. Some of us also really enjoyed the mid-mountain Ice Bar several times throughout the weekend!

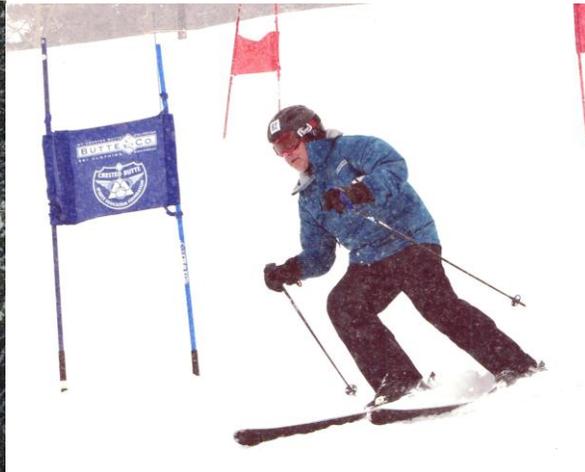
While not large, Crested Butte enjoys some beautiful runs, and after getting some fresh snow on Thursday and Friday nights the slopes were great. We also had a number of members who participated in the races including Bill and Judy Hayes who both won FSA medals in their age groups (Bill – silver and Judy – gold). Also racing were Mary Hartman, Allan Banjai, Ron Acker, and Paul Snyder. Club medals went to Judy (gold), Mary (silver), Bill (gold), Allan (silver), and Paul (bronze).

Race Director and Trip Captain Candy Girth participated in the **FSA Race Directors Fun Race** which consisted of running up a slight hill, running around a pole 10 times, stacking cups in a pyramid, blowing up a balloon, then running back to the finish line with the balloon between her legs. Everyone had fun: those participating and *especially* those of us watching!

FSA trips also include a lot of evening activities. (*See the article further on in this issue about the FSA.*) On Thursday night we attended the Welcome Party featuring a baked potato bar and chili, plus free beer from one of the FSA sponsors, Boulevard. Friday night people had the option to join a pub crawl or do like others and go out for a nice dinner in small groups. Then after all the racing was over, on Saturday evening there was an Awards Banquet, with more free Boulevard, plus a charity auction, and the chance to purchase pictures from the races. For those who had been to other FSA events it was a chance to also meet up with *lots* of friends from other clubs, and people who were new to the FSA got to make some new friends this year! **What a great way to start off the SLSC's 2015 ski season!**



Crested Butte: Continued





Holiday Party Wrap ...

This year's Holiday Party was held on a Friday at the American Legion Hall in Creve Coeur, which Joe, Cindy, and others transformed into a festive party setting! Desserts were provided by the club, and main dishes were "bring your own" in addition to the hall's cash bar. While small in numbers, those who attended had a good time, enjoy good food and music and a time to visit with friends. For 2015 we're planning to try a new format for the party to make it easier for those who don't want to bring food, while also not incurring the expense of past catered parties!



Member; On The Road ...

Bob and Chris Schnieders enjoyed a trip to Nepal this past year. Here they are at Mt. Annapurna. They really go on some exciting adventures around the world!



When it's not ski season, Irene Counts participates as a medic at bicycling races and "Tough Mudder" events.

She also went to Key West to join Jimmy Buffett Parrot Head fans for sun, surf & sand. Many Trop Rock concerts, yet Buffett was in Hawaii. Only trace of him..."Jimmy Was Here" sign!



MISSING DVDs!!!

No, it's not "Where's Waldo", it's where are these DVDs?

Charlie Nahlik loaned two DVDs of the original movies about the PBS Series "Doc Martin" to someone at a happy hour at Bar Louie in Kirkwood a number of months ago and he'd like them back. He doesn't recall who borrowed them, so if it was you and you forgot ... please get them back to him! You can call Charlie and Carole at (636) 671-9031.

Do you have items of interest? Share them with the club! Send e-mails & photos to: psnyder@immanuelolive.org



The Flatland Ski Association – Since 1965

Shi Faster ... until the thrill of speed overcomes the fear of death!

The St. Louis Ski Club has been a part of the Flatland Ski Association (FSA) since 1966 ... but how much do you really know about the FSA and who's part of it?

The FSA races began March 21, 1965 in Crested Butte, Colorado. The Kansas City Ski Club originated and hosted the first event, and it took two years of challenges before others accepted. The first year it was clubs from Kansas City, Omaha, Amarillo, and Wichita. St. Louis joined the second year and participated regularly through 1982, then was “in and out” for a number of years following that. But we've been regularly participating in FSA events for the past 10 years!

The first year there were 40 racers, and this year there were approximately 350 people who came to the event, most of whom participated in at least one of the races. There have been as many as 12 clubs in the FSA over the years, but in recent years it's been 9 core clubs from the Midwest: St. Louis, Columbia (MO), Kansas City, Topeka, Wichita, Lincoln (NE), Omaha, Oklahoma City, and Tulsa. Each club has a volunteer who sits on the FSA board, and all of the FSA officers are also volunteers. They put in countless hours of planning for the events each year just because they enjoy the fellowship and the racing! (*Bragging rights in some cases, too, but all in fun!*) In recent years Candy Girth has served as the FSA Activities Director and Bill Hayes as the FSA Race Director, coordinating those events for *all* the clubs. Paul Snyder has been the St. Louis FSA representative for the past few years, and was elected FSA Vice President in January, so he'll begin those duties this spring. Our club *will* be looking for a Club Race Director for next year's event! Interested? Talk to Paul or Candy about what's involved. There's a one-day meeting in the summer, some “online” work just before the trip, and a few things to attend while at the FSA event!

The races *are* the main reason for this annual event, and this year was the 51st year of racing! There are challenge races for men and women (*by age brackets*), an “open” race that anyone can pay to participate in, and a novice race for those who haven't competed in the challenge races in the past or haven't won Nastar or other medals in the past. There's also normally a “team” event, which for the past several years has been a snowshoe relay race. It is one of the most entertaining things to watch! And every year the individual club Race Directors have a “fun race” and sell tickets to raise money for the charity the FSA adopts each year. In 2015 it was the Crested Butte Adaptive Sports Center. This year SLSC members Bill and Judy Hayes both won medals in their challenge races, and Candy Girth represented the club as our Race Director in the “fun” race!

The FSA also give out other awards, besides just the race winners. The **Dave Vannett Race Director's Cup** is presented by the club race directors to whomever they feel has made a significant achievement in racing. Sometimes an individual, and sometimes a club. This year's award went to the Columbia Ski Club, and was presented to the club with the most points earned per skier participating.

Another award presented is the **Judy Cup**, named after a true Flatlander, Judy Nania of the St. Louis Ski Club. After her death in 1989, her husband Vince honored her memory with this award. Each year this beautiful cup is presented by the FSA Board to an individual who has made exemplary contributions to the FSA, demonstrating service and sportsmanship in the true FSA spirit!

[Link to the FSA through the St. Louis Ski Club Website to find out more!](#)



Judy & Bill Hayes



Dave Vannett Cup



The Judy Cup



Candy & Cindy Girth with Judy Cup winner, Herb



Park City: A Resort 50 Years in the Making!

Co-captains Larry Essmann and Pat Pender led this year's trip to Park City, Utah from February 7th – 14th.

Nineteen members of the St. Louis Ski Club departed for fun and adventure in Park City, Utah on Saturday, February 7th. Under the guidance of trip leaders Larry Essmann and Pat Pender, this group included Denise Buehrer, Pat Cannon, Alan Fiddleman, Rich Florman, Ed Goedde, Randy Helms, Betty Hillig, John Hutchens, Don Logie, Dan McGurk, Julie Rovics, Bob and Chris Schnieders, Carole Stevenson, Susanne Watkins, and John and Erni Wood.

We departed from the St. Louis Airport at 2 pm on Saturday, which was considered an auspicious start for those who have not enjoyed early morning flight times on past trips. The non-stop flight to Salt Lake City and bus transport to our condos in Park City both went without a hitch and we arrived with plenty of time to pick up ski rentals, enjoy some dinner, and even make a run to the grocery and liquor stores to stock the condos.

The snowfall was not as much as we would have liked, and we unfortunately found that snowmaking had been shut down for the year due to a water shortage. The skiing was still decent, though, especially on some of the upper runs. Over the course of six ski days, different groups alternated between Park City and Deer Valley with nearly everyone finding runs that met their comfort level. Dan and Larry did make a wrong turn at one point and ran into some "challenging" (to say the least) moguls; they made it down them, although not entirely gracefully and in Larry's case not entirely upright. Denise and John Hutchens took on a competitive spirit for their last run of the trip on Friday. They ran the NASTAR course at Park City with Denise collecting a bronze medal.

The condo shared by Pat, Larry, and Alan was a popular gathering place as it hosted the welcome party on Sunday night and the club party on Thursday. There was plenty of snacks at the welcome, plenty of pizza and salad at the club party, and plenty of beer and wine at both. People found plenty of other fine dining options in and around town on the other evenings, with cuisine ranging from Mexican to Italian to good old American standards.

There were some hearty souls who chose to take advantage of all six skiing days but many chose Wednesday as a day of rest. It was a fairly mild day to wander through town and take in some of the shops and restaurants. Larry, Pat Pender, and Pat Cannon opted for a little more excitement by riding the Alpine Coaster at Park City Mountain, an adventure described on its website as "whizzing down the mountain on nearly 4,000 feet of curves, bends and loops" and "a ride you won't soon forget." To make sure they didn't forget it, these three decided to go on it twice.

For dinner on Wednesday evening, the club diverged in two opposite directions. About a dozen went to a dinner Larry had arranged at Cisero's Restaurant for some fine Italian cuisine. About seven others ventured out to Deer Valley for some fireside dining at the Empire Canyon Lodge there. This consisted of cuisine from the European Alps cooked at four different roaring fireplaces throughout the lodge and diners moving between these stations. Food included leg of lamb, Raclette cheese, stuffed quail, trout, and dessert fondue. Carole Stevenson summed this up quite simply as being "quite a unique dining experience".

After a solid week of skiing, we headed for home on Saturday. Our bus to the airport did not leave until 2:30 pm which gave people a little bit of down time after packing up and checking out of the condos at 10 am. Some people traveled to Deer Valley for a late breakfast/early lunch while others opted for another stroll through Park City. The non-stop flight from Salt Lake City was on-time and uneventful and had us back to St. Louis at about 9 pm.

While the snow conditions were not ideal, this trip still proved to be an enjoyable one with good skiing, good fellowship, and good memories, and a lot of credit going to Larry and Pat for their solid planning and leadership. Park City has been a popular destination for the club in past years and this trip should help solidify its reputation as a fun and challenging resort.



Park City: Continued



Imperial Cities 2015

Featuring Prague, Vienna, & Budapest

August 31 – September 10

Experience the history, beauty, and excitement of some of the most famous capital cities of Europe with the St. Louis Ski Club and Collette Travel. You'll see beautiful castles, breathtaking scenery, historic cathedrals and buildings, and get to enjoy cities that were the center of European culture for centuries. All this for only \$3,649 (*double occupancy*) if you book by April 1, 2015!

The trip includes round-trip airfare from St. Louis, departing on Monday August 31 for Prague, in the Czech Republic. Prague has been called the "Golden City" or "The City of 100 Spires." You'll love the city's unique culture and architecture! While in Prague you'll see sites like the majestic Hradcany Castle, the gothic St. Vitus Cathedral, and the lovely statue-lined Charles Bridge. You can shop for the famous Bohemian crystal or visit one of the city's outstanding museums. You can also take an optional guided tour of the city's historic Old Jewish Quarter. And, of course, you won't want to miss all of the opportunities to try the various local foods and wines!

From Prague we'll journey to the grand city of Vienna, the former capital of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Along the way we'll stop in the "fairytale" town of Cesky Krumlov and have time to explore the streets lined with baroque architecture. While in Vienna you'll be able to tour the magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace (*and have an optional evening dinner and concert of Mozart and Strauss at the palace*), as well as the city center, the gothic St. Stephen's Cathedral, and a chance to travel along the beautiful blue Danube to the medieval town of Durnstein and through the historic Wachau Valley and the Melk Abbey.

Then, from Vienna, we'll make our way to Budapest, Hungary by way of Bratislava, Slovakia, the former coronation city and Imperial capital of the Hapsburg Empire. You'll learn about the city's multilayered history from local experts. Then it's Budapest, the "Queen of the Danube," truly one of the world's *most beautiful* cities! Some of the sites include the Matthias Church, site of many coronations, the Fisherman's Bastion, Old Buda and Gellert Hill, plus the Parliament. Again, during your free time you'll be able to visit shops, museums, and all sorts of fantastic places to eat! There are optional side trips to the Puszta (countryside) and horse farms where they'll put on a spectacular horse show for your pleasure, or a chance to tour Budapest by Night! The final full day will include a trip to the baroque town of Szentendre and the former Renaissance capital of Visegrad. We'll travel back in time with a visit to a 14th century castle where knights in colorful costume recreate the days of chivalry. And we'll end with a Renaissance-style dinner at the castle with a re-enactment of medieval times before our flight back home to St. Louis the following day! This will truly be a once-in-a-lifetime experience that's not to be missed! Invite your friends – ski club membership isn't required!

For more information visit: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/628584>

You can also like to information from the [St. Louis Ski Club Webpage!](#)





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Imperial Cities featuring Prague, Vienna & Budapest

For Reservations Contact: Paul Snyder (314)761-4797 email: psnyder@immanuelolive.com
St. Louis Ski Club , P. O. Box 4343, Chesterfield, MO 63006-4343

Deposit of \$250 per person due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of 3/25/2015 are based upon availability. Final payment due by 6/30/2015. Please note: deposits are fully refundable up until 4/1/2015, after that date certain charges apply.

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Telluride in 2016!

IMPORTANT NEWS FLASH: The Flatland Ski Association (FSA) 2016 trip will be held at the spectacular Telluride Ski Resort January 17th – 24th, and we'll be staying at **The Peaks**. Watch for news on *all* our 2016 trips coming in *early* summer! A Club Race Director is needed for this trip – talk to Paul Snyder or Candy Girth if you're interested!



What Activities Interest You?

Do you like to hike? Bike? Skate? Dance? Bowl? Do you like going to shows? Or sporting events?

Whatever it is that you enjoy, consider hosting a ski club event! We're looking for events all year long ... not just during the winter months!

If you've got something you'd like to do, contact Vice President Joe Bauer or any other board member with your suggestions and to volunteer!



Chili Cook-Off

Our annual Chili Cook-off was held February 21st at the Brentwood American Legion with 25 members attending. Members were treated to six (6) very delicious chili entries. This year there was a tie for 1st place with Mary Plumlee and Cindy Girth receiving the honors. Second place went to Sue Scott. Other contestants bringing fabulous tasting chili were Lola Bryce and Joe Bauer along with Ed Goedde and Carole Stevenson teaming up. For those not in attendance, you missed a fun-filled evening with great conversation, food and drink. Hope to see you next year at the Chili Cook-off.

