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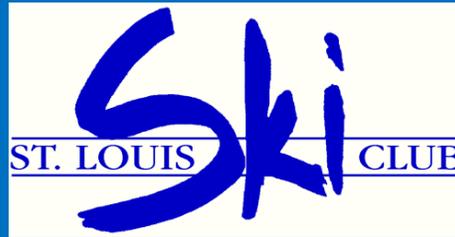
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President's Message



The summer months are really flying by. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and the warm weather. Before you know it, trip sign up night will be here and we will all be thinking of snow! Our schedule for this year is included in this edition of the Sitzmarker. Plan your trips early, but remember early sign-up is only guaranteed to members in good standing as of May 15th. Enjoy the summer while it lasts, stay cool. If you are looking for things to keep you busy, be sure to check our calendar. You will also find us on Facebook and Meetup.

Our new VP Bev Doolin has been busy already planning venues for our meetings and setting up activities but as always she can use your help. The holiday happy hour venue is still under discussion. Let Bev

know if you have a suggested venue. Our monthly happy hours will continue throughout the summer and fall and additional activities will be posted. As always if you have an activity planned that you would like to share with the club, let Bev or myself know and we will post it on Facebook and Meetup. If you are traveling to Chicago this summer, be sure to check out the activities of the CMSC (Chicago Met-

ropolitan Ski Council). The St. Louis ski club is a member of this council and we can attend all of their events. The web site is www.skicmsc.com

If you have never been on Meetup, check it out. www.meetup.com It is free to join and your personal information is confidential. Group organizers can only communicate with you through Meet Up. They cannot see your personal information or email address. It is a great way to see what is happening with the group right now. This group was set up to broaden our club to younger members and make them aware of our activities. You can all help by joining our group and responding to the activities posted. The more people that respond, the more active and fun our club will appear to be!

Trip Sign-Up Night is Monday, August 29th

Sign-up night will be at the Manchester Elk's Lodge, 2242 Mason Lane, Ballwin, MO 63021. Sign-ups begin at 7:00 pm.

Reminder: You must be a member of the St. Louis Ski Club to sign-up for a ski trip! Both a signed trip application and payment of the deposit are required to sign up for a trip.

Trip applications and payments from members in good standing will be processed in the order received up until 9:00 pm on

Sunday August 28.

Those who renewed their membership by May 15 will have priority status for signing up for a trip if their application and payment is received by 9:00 pm on Sunday August 28.

A waitlist will begin if a trip exceeds the number of spots allotted or if there is space only for a specific gender.

You can send in the enclosed form with your payment or pay online with your credit card

using PayPal (but you will still need to send in your fully completed trip application before your registration will be processed).

You can sign up on Monday the 29th in person! And you'll want to be there to hear trip details, and other important club news. Sign-ups begin at 7:00 pm, but you can come early for a beverage in their bar!

See our Bylaws and Operating Code at our Website for complete sign-up details.

The 2017 Trips from your Trip Director



**Trip Director
Candy Girth**

“If you do not want to be left out on any of the 2017 trips, sign-up early!”

As incoming Trip Director, I'm excited to announce that our club is offering three ski trips again for the 2017 ski season: Steamboat, Vail and Jackson Hole. With the rising costs of ski trips, the good news is that this year's trips will be less expensive than last year. Since ski clubs represent a small percentage of skiers at most resorts, we as a club need to reach out and recruit new members, be it family, friends, co-workers, etc. Our trips offer discounted prices on lodging, airfare and lift tickets. Sometimes there are good deals on the internet, but you then miss out skiing with friends and meeting new acquaintances.

Steamboat is this year's Flatland Ski Association's destination for their annual races. Steamboat is known as "Ski Town, USA", and for its "Champagne Powder". Even though this is our yearly race trip, racing is optional. For more information on the FSA races one can contact club members, Paul Snyder, current FSA President, or Joe Bauer, our club's President and FSA Race Rep. The FSA trip is also where one can meet fellow skiers and racers from eight Midwest ski clubs, Columbia (MO), Kansas City, Topeka, Wichita, Lincoln (Nebraska), Omaha, Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Through the years,

many of our club members have met new friends and skiers through these races. Carole Stevenson has volunteered to be trip captain for this FSA trip.

After a 10 year absence, the club is going to Vail Ski Resort in early February. Vail is the "Ultimate Ski Destination" and largest ski resort in Colorado. If you run out of ski runs, then a day trip to Keystone, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, or Copper is within distance. Vail also has the newest state-of-the-art gondola which travels 2,000 vertical feet in 7.5 minutes. Plus, this gondola has heated seats and free Wi-Fi. Getting to Vail only requires a plane ride from St. Louis to Denver, no connecting flights! Dan McGurk has volunteered to be trip captain for the Vail trip.

Our late February trip we are returning to Jackson Hole after a 6 year absence. Jackson Hole, "Where the Adventure Never Ends", celebrated their 50th year in 2016. Many new upgrades have occurred in the past few years, including two new chairlifts to access the lower ski runs and reconfiguring several ski runs. Paul Snyder has volunteered to lead this trip to Jackson Hole.

The Icebreakers will again be held at Ruby Tuesday's, but

instead of Wednesday night's they will be held on Sunday's, in the late afternoon. Hopefully, this will eliminate all those headaches caused by traffic jams during the work week.

Again this year, the board is continuing the single person supplements. 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. Examples of shared expenses include bus transportation and trip captain trip credits. In addition to the cost of the trip, following is the single supplement price for each of our three trips for 2017.

Steamboat: \$705

Vail: \$960

Jackson Hole: \$540

One final note is the board will again offer PayPal. No more searching for stamps and envelopes, you can do it all on-line.

Thanks to the trip committee for putting together a great group of trips for 2017. If you do not want to be left out on any of the 2017 trips, sign-up early or at the annual sign-up night August 29.

St. Louis Ski Club 2017 Ski Trips

Ski Resort & Trip Captain	Dates	Lodging	What's Included	Price Info	Ice-Breaker
Steamboat Springs, CO (FSA Trip) www.steamboat.com Carole Stevenson carole.stevenson01@gmail.com 636-405-0660	1/22/17 thru 1/29/17 32 skiers 6 ski days	"Champagne Powder Skiing" <u>Dulany at the Gondola</u> 2BR/2B condo for four people Ski-in/Walk Out Flatland Race Info www.flatlandski.org	Lodging/Airfare Transfers to/from Hayden Airport Club Party FSA welcome reception FSA Banquet, Parties & Races <i>(Racing is optional)</i>	Trip Price \$1,450 Deposit \$750 Balance \$700 Due* 11/1/16	Sunday 1/8/17
Vail, CO www.vail.com Dan McGurk danieljmcgurk@gmail.com 660-216-3623	2/4/17 thru 2/11/17 32 skiers 6 ski days	"The Ultimate Ski Destination" <u>Vail International (Condos)</u> 2BR/2B for four people Located between Lionshead & Vail Village and close to the Eagle Bahn Gondola	Lodging/Airfare Transfers to/from Denver Airport Club Party	Trip Price \$1,270 Deposit \$670 Balance \$600 Due* 11/21/16	Sunday 1/15/17
Jackson Hole, WY www.jacksonhole.com Paul Synder psnyder@immanuelolive.org 314-761-4797	2/25/17 thru 3/4/17 32 skiers 6 ski days	"Where the Adventure Never Ends" <u>Parkway Inn</u> Boutique Hotel- 2 people per room In Town/3 blocks from the Square Private Shuttle to the Resort	Lodging/Airfare Transfers to/from Jackson Airport Wine & Cheese Party Continental Breakfast Club Party	Trip Price \$1,240 Deposit \$640 Balance \$600 Due* 12/15/16	Sunday 2/12/17

Icebreakers will be held at Ruby Tuesdays, 10797 Sunset Hills Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63127 (314-909-1025) at 5:00 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.

Check, cash and PayPal or credit cards accepted for payment.

***Note: Trips may close prior to the balance due date.**

Steamboat, Colorado – 53rd Annual FSA Races

“Champagne Powder Skiing”

January 22 – 29, 2017 32 Skiers

Price \$1,450 or \$850 (Land Package – No air or shuttle service)

Trip Captain: Carole Stevenson

314-954-6280 carole.stevenson01@gmail.com

Luxury condos with a convenient location right at the base of this premier Colorado Mountain. The Dulany at the Gondola is just steps from the gondola, restaurants, shops, & bars!



- The trip includes round-trip airfare on American Airlines, and shuttle service from the airport to the condos. However, you can elect the Land Package (*a limited number will be allowed*) and you choose your own method(s) of transportation - planes, trains, or automobiles - to get to the Dulany!
- Up to 6 days of skiing, with deeply discounted lift tickets through the FSA starting at \$52 per day.
- We'll be staying at the Dulany at the Gondola Condos right at the base! (Ski in/ walk to lifts)
- 2 bedroom/2 bath condo (*4 people per unit*). Daily housekeeping, luggage assistance, and elevators
 - Complimentary ski valet at the condo
 - Washer/dryer in each unit, complimentary Wi-Fi, 2 outdoor hot tubs
 - Private Dulany on-call complimentary shuttle service to shopping and over 100 restaurants and bars!
- Club party with food and drinks!
- FSA Welcome Reception and Banquet (free food and beer), plus FSA Après Ski
- Optional FSA activities include: Slope Side Picnic on Saturday and Race Clinic on Wednesday afternoon.
- FSA Races for *all* levels – Beginner Race at the base for easy access. Racers & enthusiastic fans are all welcome!
- Annual snowfall is 349 “of fluffy, dry powder. 2, 965 acres of terrain with 165 trails and 16 lifts.
- Loads of optional activities including: snowmobiling, snowshoe trails, hot springs, and a chance to party with other ski clubs!

Vail, Colorado

“The Ultimate Ski Destination”

February 4 -11, 2017 32 Skiers

Price: \$1,270

Trip Captain: Dan McGurk

(660) 216-3623 danieljmcgurk@gmail.com



Join us as we return to **Vail Ski Resort** (www.vail.com) for a full week of skiing in February.

Vail is the largest ski area in Colorado and offers 5,289 skiable acres and an average annual snowfall of 366 inches. It includes 193 marked trails for every ski ability level and 7 miles of expansive back bowls that should be on everyone's bucket list. This is accessed through 31 lifts, including one gondola and 17 high speed quad chairs!

- Seven nights lodging at the popular **Vail International Condos** (2 bedroom/2bath/ 4 per unit).
 - Fully equipped kitchens, complimentary WiFi, heated outdoor pool, hydrotherapy whirlpool with waterfall, steam rooms, fitness facility, daily housekeeping, and much more
 - Condos located between the Vail and Lionshead Villages and on free in-town shuttle with a 5-7 minute walk to the Eagle Bahn Gondola and the Born Free Express Quad Chairlift
 - See www.vailinternational.com for more details
- Non-Stop Round trip air from STL to Denver via Southwest Airlines, with ground transportation to/from Vail.
- 6 days of skiing (discounted group lift tickets not included in price) Tickets good at Vail and surrounding resorts (Breckenridge, Beaver Creek, Keystone, and A-Basin). Transportation to resorts outside of Vail not included.
- Vail Club Party
- Numerous restaurants, bars, shops, and an exciting nightlife scene in Vail Village

Jackson Hole, Wyoming

“Where the Adventure Never Ends”

February 25 – March 4, 2017

Price \$1,240 32 Skiers

Trip Captain: Paul Snyder

314-761-4797 psnyder@immanuelolivette.org



Join us at one of the most legendary resorts in the west, Jackson Hole! You'll have an amazing time exploring the mountain and breathtaking surroundings. It's traditional western taken to a new level! And don't be intimidated by its reputation; while known for its legendary "Powder and Pitch" over ½ the trails are beginner and intermediate level. www.jacksonhole.com

- Round trip air from St. Louis to Jackson Hole via American Airlines, with complimentary shuttle service to the hotel.
- Seven (7) nights at the Parkway Inn (2 persons per room), just blocks off the town square. Known for its awesome staff and friendly, welcoming service, ski clubs from around the country make this their hotel of choice in Jackson.
 - Lap pool, 2 hot tubs, dry sauna, hair dryers, irons, Serta pillow top mattresses, Starbuck's in-room coffee, complimentary continental breakfast every day, free wireless, lobby computer and printer. www.parkwayinn.com
- Up to six (6) days of skiing (lift tickets not included in trip price).
 - 2,500 acres/133 trails/13 lifts; terrain is 50% beginner/intermediate & 50% advanced (1 tram, 2 gondolas, 8 quads, 1 triple, 2 doubles)
 - The tram to the top of Rendezvous Mountain is iconic, and the view is not to be missed!
- Hotel welcome reception the day of arrival, plus a club party later in the week.
- Jackson has many world famous bars and restaurants including the Million Dollar Cowboy Bar, the Silver Dollar Bar and Grill, Café Genevieve, the Snake River Grill and the Gun Barrel Steak and Game House to name just a few.
- Other activities can be arranged such as a snowmobile or snow coach trip to Old Faithful in Yellowstone, a dog sled tour to Granite Hot Springs, wildlife tours, an Elk Reserve sleigh tour, or even a side trip for a day of skiing (transportation and lift ticket) at Grand Targhee. www.grandtarghee.com

Upcoming Club Events

Botanical Garden's Whitaker Festival - Erin Bode Concert

Bring your lawn chair or blanket and come out to the Whitaker Festival at the Missouri Botanical Gardens on **Wednesday July 20** for a FREE concert by Erin Bode, a St Louis favorite. Free admission begins at 5:00 pm, concert starts at 7:30 pm. Look for us on the upper left as you are looking at the stage. Hopefully we can find some shade. Picnic baskets and coolers are welcome, or you can purchase refreshments there.

Please RSVP so that we can try to save enough room for all --either through Meetup (<http://www.meetup.com/St-Louis-Ski-Club/>) or by contacting Bev directly. Feel free to call if you cannot locate us on the grounds. Also, check our Meetup page or <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/> for cancellation due to weather.

Rafting Trip on the Upper Meramec

Join us **Sunday, August 28** for a 7 mile float on the Upper Meramec. We will shuttle from the Rafting Company in Steelville MO at 9:30 am. Plan to be at the Rafting Company by 9:15 am. Contact Bev if you have questions or are interested in carpooling. Hope to see you there!

Cost: \$42.50 per person

Due: Wednesday, August 10, 2016

Check payable to: Bev Doolin, 3 Bethany Lane, Collinsville, IL 62234

Meeting place/time: Rafting Company General Store at 9:15 am

Directions: I-44 to Cuba, exit 208, South on Hwy 19 for 7 miles. The Rafting Company is on your left 200 yards after crossing the Upper Meramec bridge.

Contact: Bev Doolin activities@stlouisskiclub.com (618) 972-3412



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Mark Your Calendars Now!

Check out the club website for the latest updates.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Friday July 15, 2016 5:00 pm	Monthly Happy Hour	Schlaflly Bottleworks 7260 Southwest Ave, Maplewood, MO 63143
Wednesday July 20, 2016 7:30 pm	Whitaker Festival (Check out page 5 for details)	Missouri Botanical Gardens 4344 Shaw Blvd St. Louis, MO 63110
Friday August 19, 2016 5:00 pm	Monthly Happy Hour	Urban Chestnut 3229 Washington Ave St. Louis, MO 63103
Sunday August 28, 2016 9:15 am	7 Mile Rafting Trip on the Upper Meramec (Check out page 5 for details)	The Rafting Company 95 McCormick Road Steelville, MO 65565
Monday August 29, 2016 7:00 pm	Annual Sign-up & Club Meeting	Manchester Elks Lodge 2242 Mason Lane Ballwin, MO 63021
Monday September 19, 2016 7:00 pm	Club Meeting New Ski Equipment Preview	Alpine Shop 440 North Kirkwood Rd Kirkwood, MO 63122