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## From our President ... Carole Stevenson

It is really hard to envision getting out on the beautiful snow packed slopes in just a couple of months when it is 80 degrees in late October, but I just checked the weather in Telluride and Breckenridge and it is snowing! So, let's just enjoy the lovely fall weather here while we can.

*I am so excited to report that we have had an incredible response to our club ski trips this year. Red Mountain sold out almost immediately and we have a very limited space available on our Aspen and Telluride trips. If you are interested in joining us on one of the trips, please sign up immediately because we have deadlines from the resorts, etc. that can force us to close trip sign-ups earlier than we would like. Remember, if you want to go on a trip that is sold out; please consider putting your name on the wait lists. That puts you at the top of the list if we have a cancellation.*

*Our holiday celebration will take place at Vito's in the Valley and will be a different type of party from our past club holiday parties. It is going to be a happy hour with happy hour prices on drinks and appetizers, followed by optional (off the menu) dining in Vito's lovely dining room. The restaurant is not asking for committed reservations with deposits or any minimum purchases, but they would like a verbal indication of how many people to expect so they can be prepared. Check out details in the **Out 'n About** and feel free to join us for a drink or for the entire evening.*

*Next, please be aware that Club Members are invited to trade and sell ski equipment via our Sitzmarker as well as on our website as a perk for our members.*

*Finally, I hope some of you will consider running for a club officer position in April. Our club should represent the diversity of all of our members. We are looking for members with enthusiasm, computer skills, tech savvy, and willing to commit the time needed to attend regular meetings. I've enjoyed my time on the board, but I believe the club benefits from having more and new people involved in ensuring the future success of our ski club.*

## It's Time for Our Annual Holiday Party! Saturday – December 12



We're trying something new and exciting for our Holiday Party this year ... we want to make it easy and fun for everyone to participate!

So this year our party will be at **Vito's in the Valley** and it will be a **happy hour** from **4 – 6 PM**, with special happy hour prices, followed by dinner for those who are interested!

See the flyer on Page 7!

For more information:

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## Telluride, Colorado

*“Unmatched in North America” - 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual FSA Races*

January 17 Saturday – 24 Saturday, 2016

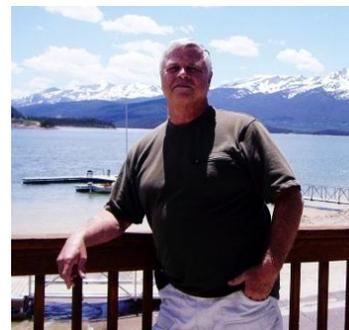
Price \$1,590

30 skiers – **Currently One Spot Open for a Male**

Trip Captain: *Bob Ansel*

(314) 378-6241

[bobskis2much5890@att.net](mailto:bobskis2much5890@att.net)



- Our Telluride trip has six days available to ski, snowboard, race with the FSA, and other snow activities.
- The cost for this trip includes round trip airfare, bus to/from the Peaks Resort: [www.thepeaksresort.com](http://www.thepeaksresort.com)
  - Hotel accommodations – Ski-In/Ski-Out, Two per room, Three on-site dining locations, a fitness center, Colorado’s largest spa, and an indoor/outdoor heated pool
- Club party
- FSA (Flatland Ski Association) Race Weekend: Welcome Party Thursday evening, Awards Banquet Saturday evening, plus other on and off mountain activities
- Opportunities for all levels of skiers or snowboarders to compete in races. (*Racing is encouraged but not required.*)
  - “Team” snowshoe fun race
  - Joe Bauer is our club’s FSA Race Director
- Telluride Ski area information is available at [www.tellurideskiresort.com](http://www.tellurideskiresort.com) with a Web camera view of the town of Telluride
- The old town of Telluride is just a gondola ride away from the Peaks and offers dining, shopping and museums
- Check out the last Telluride club trip in the SLSC Website Spring 2014 Newsletter

## Aspen, Colorado

*“The Power of Four”*

February 13 - 20, 2016

Price \$1,470

32 skiers – **Currently Two Spots Open**

Trip Captain: *SharonAnn (S.A.) Smith*

(203) 451-1324

[SharonAnn.Smith@principia.edu](mailto:SharonAnn.Smith@principia.edu)



Join us for the power of skiing 329 trails on 4 different mountains. Skiers and guests will be staying at The Gant, an upscale, rustic-chic condo resort at the base of Aspen Mountain, 0.7 miles from the Silver Queen Gondola. The club is offering superb two bedroom/two bath condos at the Gant with fireplace, kitchen and a balcony patio. Each condo comes with high-end linens and bath products for your creature comfort! Other amenities include two pools and three hot tubs, plus free in-town and ski shuttle services.

- Four Great mountains to choose from: Aspen Mountain, Snowmass, Aspen Highlands and Buttermilk
- Six super days of skiing or boarding at America’s best ski destination
- Discounted group lift tickets
- Roundtrip airfare from St. Louis to Aspen/Pitkin County Airport/transfers to and from the resort
- Welcome and Club Parties

Après ski is a must when in Aspen! There are over 100 restaurants offering up everything from burgers to sushi, with expertly paired wines & hand crafted cocktails to warm you up on a cold winter’s evening. Even if you don’t ski, there is plenty to be enjoyed in Aspen’s winter wonderland: Ice skating, cross country skiing, dog sledding, snowmobiling, fly fishing, shopping, and lots more that I will let you know about!

## Red Mountain Resort - Rossland, BC, Canada

"The Last Great, Unspoiled Resort"

March 6 - 13, 2016

Price \$1,440

40 Skiers - **FULL** - Wait List Only - Requires \$100 Deposit

Trip Captain: *Candy Girth*

636-458-1897

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**\*\* PASSPORT REQUIRED \*\***

Join us on our first ever St. Louis Ski Club trip to Red Mountain Ski Resort located in the Monahsee Mountains on the famous Powder Highway in British Columbia. Red is located 10 miles north of the US/Canada border and 90 miles north of Spokane, Washington, offering 7 lifts accessing 110 runs from wide open groomers to steep powder. With a vertical of 2919 feet and base elevation of 3887 feet, RED is Canada's original ski resort celebrating 112 years of skiing. ([www.redresort.com](http://www.redresort.com))

- Seven (7) nights lodging at the slope side Ski-In/Ski-Out Shalom Creek Condos (2 bedroom/2 bath 4 per unit):
  - Fully equipped gourmet kitchens, in suite washer/dryer, private patio/balcony hot tub, Wi-Fi, ski lockers, fitness center and game room ([www.redreservations.com](http://www.redreservations.com))
- Round trip air from STL to Spokane
- Bus transportation to/from Spokane and Rossland with grocery stop prior to arrival at resort
- Day trip (*included in price*) to Whitewater Ski Resort near Nelson, BC (*lift ticket extra*). Whitewater is known as a smaller and "old school" resort with "alpine" scenery comparable to skiing Alta, Utah. Dinner/shopping in Nelson after skiing Whitewater ([www.skiwhitewater.com](http://www.skiwhitewater.com))
- 5 - 6 days of skiing (*lift tickets not included in price*) at RED, plus snowboarding, cross-country skiing or Cat-skiing RED's Mt. Kirkup
- Welcome "Hot Breakfast" Reception, plus Club Party mid-week
- Complimentary guided mountain tour, free bus shuttle between the resort and Rossland (located 5 minutes or 1.8 miles from the resort), plus Rossland offers a variety of food and drink establishments, including a winery and brewery
- Optional "Learn to Curl" night at Rossland's Curling Center...**advance sign-up required** and approximately \$20 for lesson
- Other Activities: Snowmobiling, snowshoeing, sightseeing in historical Rossland and surrounding area or just relaxing and kicking back
- For Passport information/requirements for crossing the US/Canada border, please reference on of the following websites:  
<http://www.tripadvisor.com/Travel-g153339-s602/Canada:Crossing.The.Border.html>  
<http://www.dhs.gov/how-do-i/cross-us-borders>

### Still Interested in a Trip?

As you can see, one of our trips filled quickly, and the other two are almost full. If you're still interested in one of the open spots, act now so you don't miss out! If a trip is full, like our Red Mountain trip, you can be put on a "Wait List" for an open spot for your gender. To be placed on a wait list requires that (a) your membership is paid for the 2015-2016 season and (b) you need to send in a \$100 deposit with a completed trip application. (*If you don't make it on the trip the wait list deposit is fully refundable.*)

And ... the Boeing Ski Club is running a trip to Fernie, Canada February 28<sup>th</sup> - March 6<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$1,475, including air out of St. Louis, lodging, ground transportation, and 5 ski days. If you're interested, you can contact Jim Mills at (314) 378-9750 or [themillsman@msn.com](mailto:themillsman@msn.com). Deadline is the Monday before Thanksgiving if you want to sign up!

You can also check out trips offered by our partner clubs in the Flatland Ski Association!

## Spotlight on Skiers: Marty Trbovich Dances the Night (and the Daytime) Away



Over the years we have all gotten a chance to see our fellow ski club members exhibit their athletic prowess on the slopes. Many of us might not be aware that some of our skiers also show off their athletic sides in other venues. Marty Trbovich is one such member. For the last several years, she has shown as much style and grace on the dance floor as she does on the ski slopes.

Marty first took up ballroom dancing about six years ago and fell in love with it immediately. She began dancing competitively a year ago and has since garnered first-place trophies for dances as varied as the foxtrot, the waltz, the samba, the cha cha, the tango, and the mambo. Those attending The Buddy Holly Story at the Muni this summer may have seen Marty and other dancers from the UCanDance studio as part of the pre-show entertainment. They have also performed at the Jeff City Swing Club and the VP Fair parade.

Like many in the club, Marty took a circuitous route to her current station. A Louisiana native, she moved to St. Louis in 1980 and spent many years as an airline stewardess for Braniff International Airlines and Transamerica. She eventually left this field for stints managing human resources at Adams Mark Hotel, the Ritz Carlton, and the Doubletree Hotel Corporation (in St. Louis and California) and finally by opening the human resources department for the City of Maryland Heights.

This is all in the past now as Marty enjoys an active retirement. In addition to her dancing, Marty embraces a fitness regime that includes kickboxing and an occasional 5K or 10K race (and even one marathon to boast about). She joined the ski club in 1999 after moving back to St. Louis from California and wanting someone to ski with. She went on her first trip in 2000 and, as it does for many of us, the club proved to be a lasting social and recreational venue for her.

Many of us could use a little help in injecting the energy and stamina we exhibit on the slopes into our activities throughout the year. If we can be inspired by Marty's example on the dance floor and her other endeavors, the process might come a little easier for all of us.



### Partnering to Provide Great Skiing & Boarding Opportunities for the St. Louis Area!



### *Our Sincere Sympathy ...*

The St. Louis Ski Club expresses our condolences to the following club members:

To Karen Goessing whose father passed away on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

To Pat Cannon, whose husband Rich Florman, also a club member, passed away on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

## SLSC Travels - The Imperial Cities of Europe

### Prague, Vienna, and Budapest

This fall the club offered the opportunity to take advantage of a trip to some of the most beautiful of the European capital cities, **Prague** (Czech Republic), **Vienna** (Austria), and **Budapest** (Hungary). While the turnout by club members was small (2), they combined with other groups and individuals from around the country for a spectacular trip. These cities were, of course, at one time the center of all western civilization, both as part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the seat of the Holy Roman Empire for many, many years.

Starting with private limo service to the airport, we flew from St. Louis to Newark, then on to Frankfurt overnight, and connected to the Vaclav Havel airport in Prague where we met up with the rest of the group and our guide for the trip.



While in Prague we stayed at the Hotel Century, just off the Old Town Square, and within walking distance of everything. The building at one time housed The Worker's Accident Insurance Company, and famous author Franz Kafka worked in this building from 1908 – 1922. Highlights of Prague included Prague's Hradcany Castle and St. Vitus' Cathedral, located on the castle grounds, Old Town Square, the Old Town Hall and the famous Astronomical Clock, the Charles Bridge with its rows of statues to the saints and beautiful towers, the iconic Church of Our Lady Before Tyn, the Old Jewish Quarter. There were also museums to visit, dozens of beautiful churches (*Prague is known as the City of 100 Spires*), restaurants and street food stands, and the like. We enjoyed traditional goulash, dumplings, sausages, fried pastries from street vendors, and plenty of good Czech beer. There were also opportunities for shopping, going to concerts, or signing up for optional tours of the area. Another highlight was the chance to spend the evening along the Vltava River, as Prague is even more beautiful after dark when many of the buildings are lit.



While in the Czech Republic we also visited the town of Cesky Krumlov, a fairy tale town with well-preserved streets lined with Baroque architecture and, again, more great food, beer, and shops. (*A trip like this is not good for anyone trying to diet!*)

From the Czech Republic we traveled to Vienna, one of the most beautiful cities along the Danube. Here we stayed at the Hotel Am Konzerthaus, right off the "central ring" of Vienna, with tram lines to take us wherever we wanted to go if we didn't feel like walking. While in Vienna we visited the magnificent Schoenbrunn Palace, the "summer palace" for the Habsburgs for more than 200 years. (*We also returned there in the evening for a fantastic concert of Mozart and Strauss in the stunning Grand Hall.*) Vienna is filled with great architecture, music, art, wine, and food. (*Nothing can beat a real Viennese Apfulstrudel served warm with traditional vanilla sauce and a cup of Viennese coffee after a late dinner. Yum!*) Other "don't miss" sights included the crown jewels and the tombs of the Habsburgs in the Capuchin Crypt.

Another highlight of our time in Austria was a day trip down the Danube River from the scenic little town of Dürnstein in the Wachau region to the Melk Abbey. Melk is considered one of the "high points" of Germanic Baroque architecture. You really *can't* get more over-the-top: *Everything* was covered with statues, carvings, gilding .. Baroque gone crazy!





On a side note: Some people expressed concern because this was the same time all of the news about the refugee influx into Hungary, Austria, and the rest of Europe was beginning. Really, the only place we saw any refugees was at the Vienna train station, and they were all being cared for and everything was quite orderly. All of the cities were safe, and nobody felt uncomfortable, even wandering around at night!

Leaving Austria we headed toward Budapest, with a short stop in Bratislava, the capital of the Slovak Republic. It was a fascinating city, with lots to see ... we just wish we could have had more time. At one point Bratislava was the imperial capital of the Hapsburg Empire, and site of the traditional "Coronation Church."

Then, after a beautiful drive through the countryside, we finally arrived at the "Jewel of the Danube," Budapest!

Our lodging in Budapest (*on the "Pest" side of the Danube*) was the Beke Radisson Blu, another fantastic hotel, located within walking distance of many of the places we wanted to visit. Crossing the Danube (*many times, actually*) we toured the royal palace grounds, the St. Matthias Church with its famous tiled roof, and the Fisherman's Bastion with its white walls, towers, and arcades which gave spectacular views of the city. Of course, the *most* spectacular views came at night one evening, as we joined the whole group for dinner and a cruise on the Danube. It would be hard to find another city that's more beautiful at night with all of the buildings and bridges over the Danube lit up. And, of course, the Parliament Building is the centerpiece on the river. But there were many other spectacular things to see: St. Istvan (*Stephen*) Cathedral (*where his right hand is preserved in a crypt*), the funicular to take you to the castle grounds on the Buda side of the river, displays of how the city looked, ruined by bombing at the end of WWII and comparing it to 2015, the bridges, each one special in its own way, the central market, the war memorial, the opera house, or the other churches and synagogue. Budapest also has the most *fantastic* McDonalds we'd ever seen ... with a McCafe *filled* with tempting Hungarian treats!

Our time in Hungary ended with a day trip to the ancient towns of Szentendre and Visegrad. (*It was made more fun by the fact that they started serving us a combination of wine, honey, and rum as soon as we got there ... and kept it up throughout the activities and lunch!*) We watch a recreation of 14<sup>th</sup> century knights demonstrating traditional weapons in a tournament, followed by a banquet fit for a king and his court.

**So, good food ... stunning cities ... some of the best beer ... and meeting great people ... truly a fun trip to great places!**



**St. Louis Ski Club  
Holiday Happy Hour**

**Saturday December 12**

**Happy Hour Prices 4-6 pm**

**Vito's in the Valley  
138 Chesterfield Towne Center  
Chesterfield, MO 63005**

**Come for Happy Hour, stay  
(or come) for Dinner at 6:30 pm!**

*While no deposit is required, we  
would like an RSVP so we can  
give Vito's an approximate count!*

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### Events and Activities ...

Take a look at what we've been up to ... and join us for future fun!

It was Bowling ... It was Crazy ...  
It was Crazy Bowl in August  
at West County Lanes!



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LANES - FOR YOUR SAFETY, ALL BO

"Social" Gatherings included  
Lunch at Fast Eddie's, a Happy  
Hour at Trailhead in St. Charles,  
and Oktoberfest in St. Charles!



What's your favorite spot? Let  
us know ... help us schedule something!

## More Events and Activities ...

### *October Hike at Pere Marquette*



## And Finally ...

### August Brought Our First Trip Sign-Up Night for 2016 Trips!



### And September Brought a Beautiful Saturday at Creve Coeur Lake!



**Join us for more fun in the upcoming months!  
Watch your monthly "Out 'n About" for information!**