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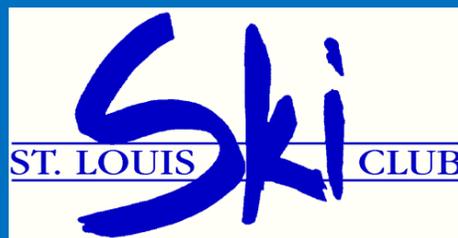
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**Sitzmarker  
February 2017**

Greetings skiers! Our 2017 ski season is underway. We just returned from Steamboat Colorado, which was our annual FSA ski and club race event. There was snow almost every day and the snow conditions were the best we have had in a couple of years. I know everyone had a great time. By the time you read this our Vail trip is complete too.

Thus far it has been a great ski season. I hope you have all had a chance to get out on the slopes and enjoy the camaraderie of your friends in the St. Louis Ski Club and, if you went to Steamboat, with the other FSA teams.

The Ski Club operates with a small elected board consisting of President, Vice President, Trip Director and Communications Director. This group does a lot of work for the club to make the trips and activities available to all of you, and as much fun as possible. From

**President's Message**



time to time though the Board needs new ideas and fresh approaches to making the club successful. I would ask all of you to consider running for a position on the Board, as elections are coming up and several members of the current board are ready to step aside. Your club needs your assistance. Please consider taking your turn and running! If you have questions about a particular position, please go to the Website to see the responsibilities of that position or contact the current board

member for information.

I started this message talking about our FSA trip. For those who are not familiar with it, the FSA is the Flatland Ski Association. It is a group of 9 Mid-western clubs that meet once a year to ski, race and socialize. These trips are fun and exciting with races for all skill levels plus parties and other activities. The trips are a great value, and everyone who attends seems to enjoy them. The FSA has an operational board much like the our ski club and this year the president was Paul Snyder from the St. Louis Ski Club. Candy Girth is the FSA secretary for 2016 and 2017. Cindy Girth is our club representative and I am the club race director. These are all volunteer positions. This will be my last year as race director, so if you like to race and want to help contact Cindy Girth at [twinskiers@msn.com](mailto:twinskiers@msn.com) or Paul Snyder at [psnyder@immanuelolivette.org](mailto:psnyder@immanuelolivette.org)

**Your Ski Club Needs You: Elections are in April!**

Please support the St. Louis Ski Club by running for either President, Vice President, Trip Director, or Communications Director. This can be a very rewarding experience.

We need a change in our current board members with new ideas to attract new members, and retain current ones.

Board members receive 800 trip credits for serving on the board

for one full year.

A. President: Duties are as follows:

1) Preside over all meetings of the board of directors and the general membership.

B. Vice President: Duties are as follows:

1) In the absence of or at the request of the President, preside at all meetings and

perform the duties of the President.

2) Supervise the publicity and promotion of the St. Louis Ski Club through printed club material and the news media. This includes but not limited to brochures, posters and other public relations releases.

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# Steamboat 2017

On January 22, twenty-nine St. Louis Ski Club skiers arrived at the Dulany at the Gondola, in beautiful Steamboat Springs, Colorado. They arrived at various times via various modes of transportation. They were met with cold temperatures and lots and lots of snow. A welcome party was held in the condo of trip captain, Carole Stevenson. Lift tickets, maps, etc. were distributed by Carole. FSA President, Paul Snyder informed the group about FSA activities which were going to occur during the week. Some wine was consumed. Imagine that!

The following day, most of the skiers hit the slopes. They were hearty, and would not be deterred by snow storms, cold temperatures, and lack of visibility. That evening, an Après Ski event was celebrated at The Rusted Porch. Cocktails were consumed in the bar area, and later the group moved to a room where they were treated to a buffet of wonderful food. A birthday celebration for Norm Pratt was planned by our captain, Carole. In addition to cookies, candles, and ice cream, Norm was treated to a shot of 'Screaming O'. The evening was topped off by line dancing. (Electric Slide, Cupid Shuffle, and Cha Cha). There is real talent in this group!

The following day, some of the group cut their ski day short and visited Strawberry Park Hot Springs. This is a



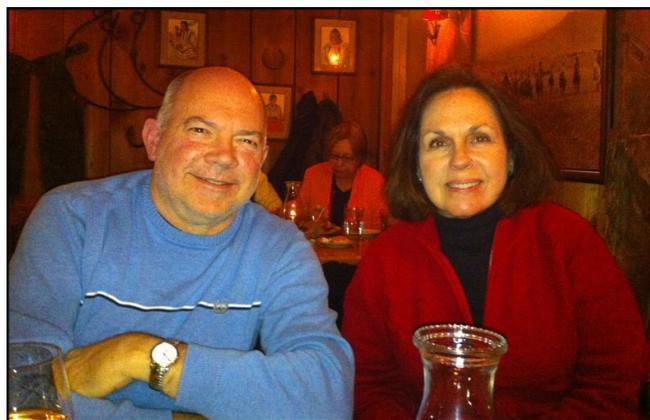
beautiful, thermal spring which is in a natural setting. It is quite exhilarating to sit in the hot springs while the external temperature is so cold.

That evening, game night was planned in the condo of our captain. Mary Hartman showed her game playing skill by winning a large pot in the game of LCR.

On Wednesday, there was more snow! Some members of our group attended a Race Clinic. Apres` Ski gathering was held at the Bear River Bar and Grill.

By Thursday, the snow was letting up. The FSA Open Race was held. Our Snow-

shoe Race team consisted of Bev Doolin, Mary Sullivan, Frank Atkinson, and Ed Goedde. They were quite proud of the fact that they did not finish last. Some teams actually practice this! That evening, a welcome party was held at the Thunderhead Lodge. Food consisted of a baked potato/chili bar. Free Boulevard beer was provided. There was lots of dancing. This group is loaded with talent. St. Louis Ski Club should have won a Gold medal for most participation on the dance floor. Friday the sun finally fully emerged. It was beautiful, even though the temperature was -11 degrees F. The



Men's and Women's Challenge Races were held. That evening, it was time for more games in the captain's condo. Some of our skiers participated in the FSA Pub Crawl.

Saturday was another beautiful ski day. Snowboard Races and the Novice Races were held. That evening, the Farewell Awards Banquet was held at the Steamboat Grand Korbel Ballroom. The entree was western barbeque. Lou Boyer was visited by FSA legend, Billy the Kid. There was more free Boulevard beer!

Joe Bauer worked very hard as Race Director. St. Louis Ski Club medals are listed page 3. awarded as follows:

Congratulations to all!

Incidental Happenings: Jeanne Reinfurt broke her collarbone and Lou Boyer sustained a knee injury. They managed to party on, with the wonderful assistance of the other members of the group.

Moose were sighted on the slopes. Some runs had to be closed because of them. When the runs were reopened, skiers had to dodge the moose skat (poop)!

A few trip participants tried to take another type of trip. They decided to check out the cannabis shop. After sampling the wares, most decided that they would never do that again!

All in all, it was a very nice trip for almost everyone. Carole Stevenson is a trip captain supreme.

## FSA 2017

The 53rd Flatland Ski Association races were held January 25th thru 29th in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. As in the past years, there were nine Midwest clubs represented, Columbia (MO), Kansas City (MO), Lincoln (NE), Omaha (NE), Oklahoma City (OK), St. Louis (MO), Topeka (KS), Tulsa (OK) and Wichita (KS).

Kansas City came in first, after coming in second the last three years to Tulsa.

Tulsa came in second, followed by Oklahoma City, Cornhuskers (Lincoln), Topeka, Wichita, St. Louis, Columbia and Omaha.

Congratulations to John Heimann for winning a FSA Silver medal in his age category. Congrats also go out to the following club members who received Bronze Nastar medals in the Men/Women Challenge Races: John H., Mary H., Christine L, and Mary S. In the Open

Race, John and Christine also received Bronze Nastar medals.

Even though St. Louis did not win a medal in the Snowshoe Relay race, a high five goes out to our relay team of Frank A., Bev D., Ed G., and Mary S.

Again, the St. Louis Ski Club officers and members would like to congratulate all our 15 club members who participated in the FSA Races. It

was an exciting and fun-filled week of racing and parties, plus renewing friendships with other FSA club members.

The 2018 FSA races will be held in Snowmass, Colorado, January 31st thru February 4th. For those who are interested or would like to know more about these races, contact our FSA Race Chair, Joe Bauer.

## Steamboat Pics



Check out <http://www.stlouisskiclub.com/category/photos/> for more photos!

## Vail 2017

One of the smallest ski groups in the recent history of the St. Louis Ski Club departed for Vail on Saturday, February 4th. Under the guidance of first-time trip captain Dan McGurk, this group included Rich Alexander, Kathleen Blosser, Denise Buehrer, David Hawley, Michael Houston, Donald Jones, Mary Jane Loeffler, Don Logie, Paul Logie, Gale Rahmoeller, and Mary Robert. We were later joined at Vail by Eunice Sullivan, a brand-new club member from Chicago who had come across our trip on a website and decided to take advantage of a land package to replace a canceled family trip.

Our flight from St. Louis went relatively smoothly albeit with a slight delay in taking off. We were on a direct flight from Southwest so we didn't even have to run for any connections. The baggage claim area at the Denver airport was rather chaotic but we managed to gather our bags and summon our van for the two-and-a-half hour trip to Vail (with a grocery and lunch stop along the way) and we arrived at Vail about 4:30 pm. Our condos at Vail International were located in Lionshead, on the eastern side of the resort and a few blocks from the Eagle Bahn Gondola (normally a short walk but a



little more challenging in ski boots). Most people spent the evening picking up rental skis, getting some dinner and exploring the town.

For the first day of skiing on Sunday, many members chose to take advantage of a mountain tour starting from the top of the Eagle Bahn Gondola at 10 am. This two hour excursion gave us all a good sense of what that mountain held for us. After the tour, many skiers chose to stick to some of the more challenging slopes and bowls on the western side while others made their way back toward Lionshead. Nearly everyone called it a day in time to watch the New England Patriots once again squeak out a victory in the Superbowl.

The club party on Monday night was a good chance for the group to mingle and relax. The small size of the group made it easy to hold the party in the condo Dan shared with Dave and Mary. The food came from Blue Moose Pizza, a well-regarded

pizzeria in the Vail area. Having Eunice along on a land package came in handy since her rental car made it easy to pick up the pizza and wings right from the center of Lionshead.

Snow conditions were not ideal but there was still enough snow to make the slopes enjoyable throughout the week. Monday and Tuesday were a little cold and windy but things warmed up later in the week. Thursday was an especially good ski day, appropriate since many people with five-day passes chose to take Friday off. A few hearty souls did ski throughout the entire week. Mary Jane and Eunice chose to take advantage of the inclusive lift ticket to spend a day at the nearby Keystone resort. During the evenings, many skiers tried out some of the numerous restaurants in Lionshead and Vail Village.

The group met up again on Thursday night for a dinner at the Lancelot Restaurant in Vail Village. This restaurant

is well-known in the area for its selection of prime rib but also offers several other entrees and everyone from vegetarians to meat lovers managed to find something to suit their palate.

We rose early for the trip home on Saturday since the van was meeting us at 8 am. The trip back to the airport went smoothly and we had plenty of time (maybe a little too much) to relax and hang out before our flight at 2:25 pm. This also went without a hitch and we somehow managed to make it through our flights coming and going without a single piece of lost luggage!

It is unfortunate that more St. Louis skiers could not join us on this trip but we enjoyed the intimacy of a small group and got a chance to experience the snow and skiing that makes Vail the showcase that it is. We were also grateful for the chance to meet Eunice and get to know Kathleen, who was also making her first trip with the club. Both fit well into our group and we hope to see more of them in the future. We arrived back home on Saturday night with another memorable ski trip behind us and memories of fun and comradery to sustain us.

# Vail Pics



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## St. Louis Ski Club Income and Expense Five Year Summary

For the Fiscal Years Ending April 30

Description	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Holiday Party	1,470.00	1,290.00	215.00	225.00	0.00
Activities/Sports Income	5.00	33.30	0.00	375.00	0.00
Membership Income	2,815.00	2,610.00	2,250.00	2,505.00	2,560.00
Membership Income/Senior	280.00	250.00	260.00	280.00	260.00
Membership/Couples	1,125.00	675.00	855.00	615.00	950.00
Guest Fee Income	85.00	70.00	80.00	90.00	335.00
Interest Income	56.56	20.35	22.22	19.77	21.67
Miscellaneous Income	20.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	247.00
Promotional Items Income	276.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unused Trip Credits	50.00	75.00	35.00	30.00	0.00
Trip Credit Transfer Fee	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	25.00
Trip Admin Fee Income	1,800.00	1,660.00	2,880.00	2,460.00	4,950.00
<b>Income Totals</b>	<b>7,982.56</b>	<b>6,683.65</b>	<b>6,647.22</b>	<b>6,603.77</b>	<b>9,348.67</b>
Sitzmarker Printing	1,382.43	1,696.36	1,637.91	437.17	586.52
Sitzmarker Postage	399.80	404.97	369.96	106.40	139.91
Directory Printing/Postage	0.00	35.00	35.00	0.00	0.00
Printing/Forms/Copying	0.00	0.00	205.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	115.76	96.62	94.58	60.90	71.29
Office Supplies	254.11	0.00	48.66	190.71	162.33
Insurance	317.00	331.00	353.00	406.00	457.00
Dog N' Suds	412.12	451.25	489.58	396.86	428.97
Activities/Sports Expense	50.00	0.00	213.64	372.46	0.00
Board Member Credits	3,200.00	3,200.00	4,000.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
Holiday Party	2,419.19	2,515.74	179.70	420.31	0.00
Honoraria	60.00	60.00	90.00	60.00	60.00
Record Center	2,720.00	3,022.50	2,933.50	3,083.50	2,732.50
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	23.63	282.00	629.32
Trip Administration	0.00	32.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
Post Office Box	76.00	78.00	80.00	80.00	41.00
Bank Service Charge	20.00	53.50	12.00	0.00	35.00
Promotional Items	234.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chicago Ski Council	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	80.00
Tax Preparation	105.79	130.66	100.00	106.70	100.00
General Membership Mtgs.	850.80	970.97	567.30	450.00	250.00
Advertising/Marketing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	72.00
Internet	120.00	180.00	144.00	204.00	89.94
Business Incorporation Fees	20.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Expense Totals</b>	<b>12,797.42</b>	<b>13,299.42</b>	<b>\$11,637.46</b>	<b>\$9,897.01</b>	<b>\$9,135.78</b>
Operating Profit (Loss)	(4,814.86)	(6,615.77)	(\$4,990.24)	(\$3,293.24)	\$212.89
Trip Profit (Loss)	10,642.21	\$1,540.81	\$8,574.67	\$1,530.36	\$5,181.80
<b>Year Net (Loss) Profit</b>	<b>5,827.35</b>	<b>(5,074.96)</b>	<b>\$3,584.43</b>	<b>(\$1,762.88)</b>	<b>\$5,394.69</b>

## Chili Cook-Off 2017



### Our Winners

1st place: Bev Doolin

Tied for Second Place: Cindy Girth and Sue Scott

### Club Member Spotlight

Don't miss club member David Hawley's performance as the lawyer in the suspenseful thriller "Witness for the Prosecution" by Agatha Christie. The Kirkwood Theatre Guild will perform at the Kirkwood Community Center Robert Reim Theatre on S. Geyer Road on March 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8:00, March 12 and 19 at 2:00.

Tickets may be ordered online at <http://www.ktg-onstage.org>.



## Hike Pics



## Your Ski Club Needs You! (continued from page 1)

3) Prepare and arrange the general membership schedule and meeting places.

C. Trip Director: The duties of the Trip Director are as follows:

- 1) Produce the trip schedule, secure trip contracts and execute the scheduled ski trips for the St. Louis Ski Club.
- 2) Create and update the trip grid and payment schedule posted in the Sitzmarker.

3) Recruit and supervise the trip captains.

4) Maintain and update the trip captain manual.

5) Submit Sitzmarker articles to update the membership on status of scheduled ski trips.

D. Communications Director: The duties of the Communications Director are as follows:

1) Edit the St. Louis Ski Club newsletter, Sitzmarker.

2) Arrange for timely delivery of the Sitzmarker to the membership.

3) Monitor the St. Louis Ski Club web site. This includes working with the webmaster to keep the web site current and linked to the internet.

## Upcoming Club Events

### Bowling Party

Ready for some wacky fun? You'll get 2 hours of bowling with shoe rental, appetizer baskets and assorted pizzas and a bar drink (beer or well liquor) for \$28 --with tax and gratuity included! For lanes interested in doing a wacky game of bowling, A list of ideas will be supplied.. But of course you're welcome to let your own creativity run wild (well, sort of).

Those who choose not to bowl are welcome to come watch --no charge.

**When:** Saturday March 25, 5:45 pm Cost: \$28

**Where:** Olivette Lanes, 9520 Olive Blvd, Olivette, MO 63132

Important: Please RSVP and arrive on time. Let's divide up into teams and be ready to "roll" at 6:00.

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### Club Meeting

**When:** Thursday April 13, 7:00 pm

**Where:** Scarecrow, 1095 Chesterfield Parkway E. Chesterfield, MO 63017

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### Happy Hour

Definitely overdue for a happy hour! Come on out for some comfort food, craft beers, and camaraderie.

**When:** Friday April 21, 5:00 pm

**Where:** Granite City Brewery, 11411 Olive Blvd, Creve Coeur, MO 63141

Look for a St Louis Ski Club sign and/or ski poles at our table

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### Hike at Rockwood Reservation

Lots of hiking options here. We'll start with the 3.2 mile Lime Kiln Loop Trail (rated moderate). For those that want to do a few more miles, we will regroup and pick a trail. Be sure to dress in layers that are appropriate for the weather. Bring hiking poles (if you desire) and water. If folks are interested, we will grab a bite to eat somewhere afterwards. Please be prepared to start hiking at 9:00 am

**When:** Saturday April 29, 8:50 am

**Where:** Rockwood Reservation, 2751 Glencoe Rd, Glencoe, MO 63038

Look for the very large blue and white "St Louis Ski Club" banner near the Visitor Education Center.

All of the above activities are (or will be) posted at [www.stlouisskiclub.com](http://www.stlouisskiclub.com), as well as our Facebook and Meetup site. If you'd like, you may RSVP through Meetup, as well as find out about any last minute change or cancellation through there.

***Have ideas for activities you would like to see on our club calendar?  
If so, email your ideas to Bev Doolin at [activities@stlouisskiclub.org](mailto:activities@stlouisskiclub.org)***



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## **Mark Your Calendars:**

**Please use our Meetup page <http://www.meetup.com/St-Louis-Ski-Club/>  
or you may RSVP to [activities@stlouisskiclub.com](mailto:activities@stlouisskiclub.com)**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
<b>Saturday March 25, 2017 5:45 pm</b>	<b>Bowling</b> Cost: \$28 RSVP with Bev Doolin	<b>Olivette Lanes</b> 9520 Olive Blvd Olivette, MO 63132
<b>Thursday April 13, 2017 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Annual Club Meeting</b> Officer Election and Updates Scarecrow Restaurant	<b>Scarecrow</b> 1095 Chesterfield Parkway E. Chesterfield, MO 63017
<b>Friday April 21, 2017 5:00 pm</b>	<b>Happy Hour</b> Granite City Brewery	<b>Granite City Brewery</b> 11411 Olive Blvd Creve Coeur, MO 63141
<b>Saturday April 29, 2017 8:50 am</b>	<b>Hike</b> Rockwood Reservations	<b>Rockwood Reservation</b> 2751 Glencoe Rd, Glencoe, MO 63038
<b>Saturday May 6, 2017 2:00 to 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Pickelball</b> Details TBA	<b>Aftton Community Center</b> 9801 Mackenzie Road St Louis MO 63123