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**Sitzmarker
April 2017**

President's Message

The Board elections were held on 4/14/17. See the results listed below. Once again we had only one person standing for each position on the board. I want to encourage all members to consider running for board in the future. The club will only thrive if all the members participate and contribute ideas and time to insure success. If you think you might be willing to take on the responsibility, please contact any current or past member of the board for more information.

One item that we all need to be aware of is that our current Missouri driver license or state ID is not in compliance with TSA federal regulations for air travel and the exemption we have relied on for several years now is due to expire by the end of this calendar year. There is legislation pending in



Jefferson City but you may want to consider renewing or obtaining a passport this year. A valid passport provides the necessary ID to comply with travel regulations. Please contact your state representatives about rectifying this situation.

Please renew your membership asap. Benefits of renewal before May 15 include early trip sign up. If you wait until the trips are an-

nounced to renew you risk missing out on early trip sign up. Members in good standing have priority on spots up to the sign up night. Also, this year you must fill out emergency contact name and phone number on your trip application. This is required for all members. We can no longer place you on a trip without a valid contact! A membership application is needed yearly for everyone in the club even those over 70. This allows us to keep the membership list current and provide access to club newsletter and email notifications to all members.

Have a fun summer outing or event planned? Consider sharing with the club. Contact the VP with dates and specifics.

See you at one of our activities. Check out our redesigned website, meetup group and the

Dog 'n Suds Friday, June 2 at Tilles Park

Join your fellow club members at our annual Dog 'n Suds which will be Friday, June 2 at Tilles Park. 9551 Litzsenger Road. Start time:

5 pm. Rain or Shine.
The club will provide hot dogs and buns with potato salad, soda and beer.

Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

2017-18 club members are free and guests are \$5.

Your New Club Officers for 2017-18

President;	Joe Bauer
Vice President:	Bev Doolin
Trip Director:	Tracy Leverenz
Communications Director:	Tom Coscia

Message from your Trip Director



**Trip Director
Candy Girth**

My term as Trip Director will be ending April 30th and I have enjoyed working with the Board Members and our club members this past year. The most challenging thing to do as Trip Director is lining up trips that our members would like, and filling those trips. Two of our 2017 trips were full, but our Vail trip, which was voted the number one place to ski by our members last year via the trip survey, was only half-full. As some of you noticed, this was the first year in many where the board decided not to have a trip survey. It was decided to have our Trip Committee and Board determine our upcoming 2018 trips. This meeting was held in mid-March.

To recap, our 2017 trips were to Steamboat Springs, Vail and Jackson Hole. The Steamboat trip, which was led by Carole Stevenson, was our annual FSA (Flatland Ski Association) race trip and our club finished 7th out of 9 clubs.

Even though Vail had few sign-ups, the trip received

great reviews for the resort, the skiing and for our first-time trip captain, Dan McGurk.

Jackson Hole, led by Paul Snyder, had the most snow recorded this year amongst all the western ski resorts. The resort had the second highest snowfall in history and needless to say, the skiing was great. We also stayed at a new venue, the Parkway Inn, and this hotel received rave reviews. No need to worry, Jackson Hole will be on our list to ski in the upcoming years.

The 2018 trips will be formally announced at the Dog 'n Suds, Friday, June 2nd. As many of you know our FSA trip will be going to Aspen/Snowmass January 28th thru February 4th, 2018. Even though this is labeled as our race trip, you are not required to race. It's a trip to enjoy the great skiing of Aspen, Snowmass, Buttermilk and Aspen Highlands, the camaraderie with the other FSA Clubs and the ambiance of Aspen. The other two trips will be to another Colo-

rado resort and a new venue in British Columbia, Canada.

I would like to thank our Trip Captains for leading our 2017 trips and for making them all successful trips.

From reading the trip evaluations, all three trips received high marks.

Right now, I'm in my second year as the FSA Secretary and preparing for our upcoming June and October meetings to ensure that the FSA will have a successful 2018 trip to Snowmass. Our club was well represented this past year in the FSA with Paul Snyder serving as FSA President, Joe Bauer as our FSA Race Chairman and Cindy Girth, our FSA Board Rep.

The club encourages our members to volunteer, not just as trip captains, but for our club's board positions, hosting ski club events and getting involved with the FSA.

Enjoy the Summer,
Candy

Jackson Hole 2017

The thirty club members on our ski trip to Jackson Hole were Sue Adams (new), Joe Bauer, Doug Bender, Mark Braun, Greg Brickey, Mary Bubash, Tom Coscia, Carlene Cox, Larry Essmann, Candy Girth, Cindy Girth, Karen Goessling, Randy Helms, Haskins Hobson, Scott Kaelin, Ken Kinsinger, Jim Lillenberg, Linda McDougal, Andrew Micenheimer (new), Larry Micenheimer (new), Ruth "Skeeter" Payne, Bob Schnieders, Chris Schnieders, Joan Scholz (new), SharonAnn Smith, Paul Snyder, Michael Stein, Linda Strunk (new), Marty Trbovich, and Suzan Wild. Trip Captain: Paul Snyder

We arrived on Saturday short one skier, Mary Bubash, who was late getting to the airport. Fortunately she was able to join us the next day.

Saturday had time to unpack, relax, then a great welcome party with food and beverages and an intro to Jackson and Jackson Hole by our hotel owner and hostess, Jacquie Riley. Also had some additional information provided by a representative from the mountain.

Sunday was a ski day for many. A number went to the Snake River Brewery for dinner and some enjoyed a little socializing with some of



the members of the St. Louis Boeing Ski Club who were also in town for the week.

Monday was a ski day for many. The group learned first-hand why Jackson Hole is a favorite with advanced skiers. Some of their "double-blue" runs would be considered black at other resorts!

Seven others went on the sleigh trip through the Elk Reserve on Monday: Marty, Linda M., Skeeter, Candy, Cindy, Carlene, and Joe.

Monday evening was our club party, arranged at Side-winder's Bar and Grill. Which meant a city bus trip (free) out to the location, and another one back ... and standing at bus stops in Jackson, WY does get a little cold if you have to wait too long. We were all certainly glad to see the bus arriving!

On Tuesday 14 people took a 90 mile roundtrip snowmobile trip into Yellowstone

National Park. While it was fun, due to the not-so-nice weather there was no wildlife to be seen. We did see Old Faithful, of course. Paul, Joe, Larry E., Joan, Suzan, Mike, Greg, Ken, Tom, Sue, Mary, Randy, Haskins, and Doug. (Marty & Linda M. took a snow coach tour along the same route instead.)

Wednesday ... ski day/ shopping day/etc.

Thursday 10 of the group made a great decision to take the Grand Targhee Express and spend the day skiing Grand Targhee Resort. (Which included a trip into Idaho to go over the pass.) Absolutely beautiful day, great skiing, and the most fantastic views of the Grand Tetons! Paul, Doug, Joan, Larry M., Haskins, Tom, Andy, Mike, Greg, & Scott.

Friday ... more skiing ... warm day!

Saturday ... head home.

There was worry about our flight being delayed and missing our connection, but American made sure we'd make it ... and then the 2nd flight was delayed anyhow. However, everyone arrived home with all of their luggage!

Other things ... great dining and shopping.

Lots of shopping was done. Fun town to wonder around. How many members made it to the "Million Dollar Cowboy Bar"?

Karen Goessling went dog sledding and bought a new cowboy hat.

Mark Braun rented a vehicle and spent several early mornings out shooting photos. Will we ever see these photos at an exhibit?

Favorite eating places for groups included:

Silver Dollar Saloon and Restaurant

Gun Barrel Steak House (my absolute favorite ... much better than Silver Dollar in my mind!)

Liberty Burger

The Blue Lion
Bin 22

And, of course, can't say enough about how wonderful our hotel/hotel keeper were!

Jackson Hole Pics



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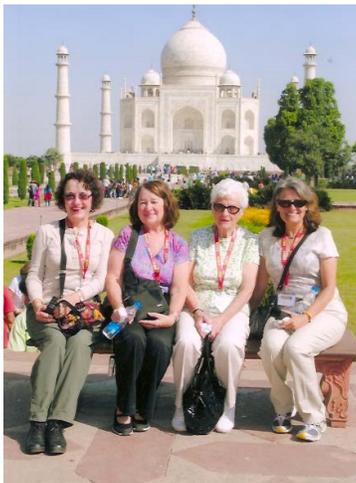


Check out <http://www.stlouisskiclub.com/category/photos/> for more photos!

Member Spotlight: **Carlene Cox**

For many people, a long career in one profession tends to define them or at least become one of their major sources for stories about their life. For St. Louis Ski Club member Carlene Cox, however, it seems to be only the beginning of the story. Carlene is retired from a 30-year career as a guidance counselor at Jennings High School and no doubt has many stories to tell about her work with students there. Equally compelling though are stories of her well-traveled life with the ski club and beyond.

Like many in the Midwest, Carlene got her first taste of skiing at Chestnut Mountain in Galena, Illinois when she was first out of college. Although she found the initial experience excruciating, something about it was also captivating and she has been doing it ever since. Her love of skiing is borne out by the fact that she has been to 55 ski resorts to date (based on a count of her patches). She



belonged to the St. Louis Ski Club sporadically in the 1980s and went on some trips then and has been a constant member since 2001. Among her more memorable trips with the club were the 2001 trip to Big Sky. Like many in the club, she was also blown away by the 2015 trip to Telluride where the stay at The Peaks gave a new meaning to the term “ski in, ski out”.

Carlene’s experiences go far beyond trips with the St. Louis club. Her job in the school system gave her ample opportunity to travel during school breaks and over the summers and she has been to all 50 states and over 50 countries. Among her more memorable excursions was a two-week trip to New Zealand during which she toured the South Island, skied at three different resorts, visited a sheep farm, took a jet boat ride, saw a Maori show, and even managed to stop in Tahiti on her way there. In another memorable trip she saw the Taj Mahal and rode elephants in India. Carlene also lists dancing among her many

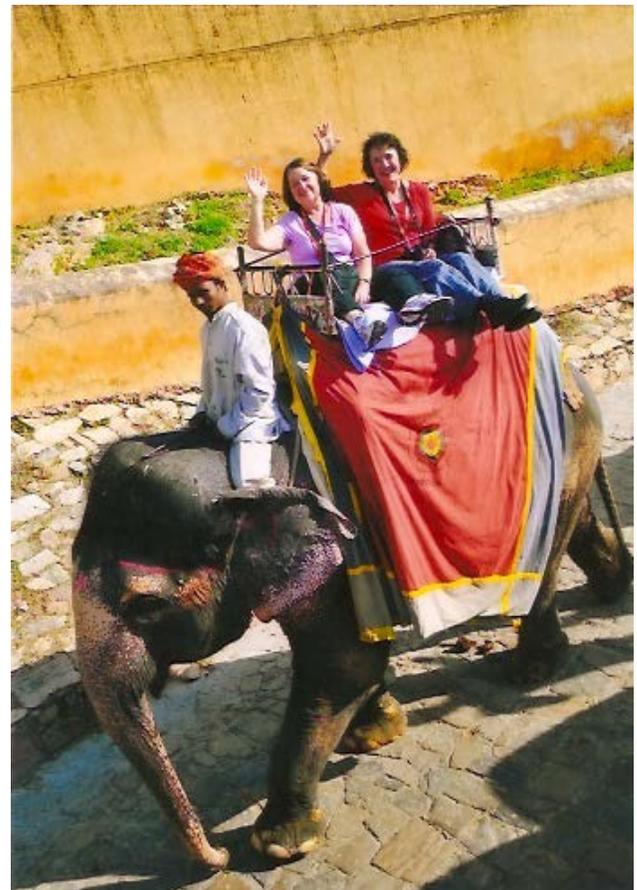
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favorites, many of which are now closed. Fellow club members are amazed that they can seldom mention a restaurant which she has not been to. And her joke-telling is also legendary throughout the club.

Carlene sums up her life philosophy as follows: “I am always open to new experiences and will continue to try to see as much of the world as I can”. Based on her list of experiences to date, Carlene has not been shy in living out this philosophy and doesn’t show any signs of slowing down.

interests and got the chance to belly dance in Turkey and do the salsa in Cuba.

Carlene’s experiences are not limited to far-away locations. Closer to home in St. Louis, she enjoys going out to movies, concerts, and live theater. She is always up for trying new restaurants in St. Louis and has a long list of



Bowling Pics



John Heiman at the 2017 FSA



Ski club member John Heiman qualified for the NASTAR Finals in Steamboat Springs this past March. John was in last place going into the second day of racing and his very last run was his very best over two days so he ended up on the podium with a Bronze medal. John qualified for the Finals the last four years and has won two Gold and two Bronze medals.



Combined Ski Trip Picture Party Saturday May 13th

BALDUCCI VINEYARDS

6601 S. Highway 94 – Augusta, MO 63332

Join your fellow skiers (*and non-skiers*) for an afternoon of fun and music!
Bring your pictures from Steamboat, Vail, or Jackson Hole to share with others.

Then, enjoy the sounds of, or dance along to, "Smooth with Laura".

Details:

Winery opens at 11:00 am, the band plays from 2 – 6 pm.

There's no cover charge, but no reserved seating. Get there early to make sure you've got a seat. (*It's normally a busy weekend.*) We suggest being there by 12:30 pm at the latest. We can't hold tables!

Wine tasting is \$5 for 5 samples and a free wine glass.

NO OUTSIDE BEVERAGES of any sort (*including water*) can be brought in.

NO PETS.

You can bring in food (*cheese, crackers, veggies, fruit, etc.*) but no grills, crockpots, or things that need heating.

They do have food for sale. Check out their menu at: balduccivineyards.com

Please RSVP to Carole no later than May 6:
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Reminder!

Renew your club dues by May 15 and save \$5

plus you can sign-up early for our 2018 trips.

Less chance of being shut out!

Upcoming Club Events

Hike at Rockwood Reservation on Saturday, April 29

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'll grab a bite to eat somewhere afterwards. We will 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 at the Lime Kiln Trailhead.

Pickleball on Saturday, May 6

Come join us for pickleball and pizza. We will be playing pickleball indoors at the Affton Community Center from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm on Saturday, May 6. Please arrive a little before 2:00 pm so that we are ready to start playing promptly at 2:00. We ask that you be familiar with the game, and ideally have played before. Cost to play is \$10. Paddles & balls will be provided, or you may bring your own. Afterwards, we will go down the road to Fortel's Pizza. Menu includes gluten-free items, as well as Pepsi & Coke!

When: Saturday May 6 beginning at 2:00 pm

Where: Affton Community Center, 9801 Mackenzie Road St Louis, MO 63123 and Fortels Pizza, 7932 MacKenzie Road,

All of the above activities are posted at www.stlouisskiclub.com, as well as our Facebook and Meetup site. If you'd like, you may RSVP through Meetup or by emailing *Bev Doolin* as well as find out about any last minute change or cancellation through there.

Have ideas for activities you'd like to see our club do? Email Bev Doolin at 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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday April 29, 2017 8:50 am	Hike Rockwood Reservations See page 9 for details	Rockwood Reservation 2751 Glencoe Rd Glencoe, MO 63038
Saturday May 6, 2017	Pickelball See page 9 for details	Affton Community Center 9801 Mackenzie Road St Louis MO 63123
Saturday May 13, 2017 11:00 am	Combined Trip Picture Party See page 8 for details	Balducci Vineyards 6601 S. Highway 94 Augusta, MO 63332
Friday June 2, 2017 5:00 pm	Dog 'n Suds See the front page for details	Tilles Park 9551 Litzsenger Road Brentwood, MO 63124