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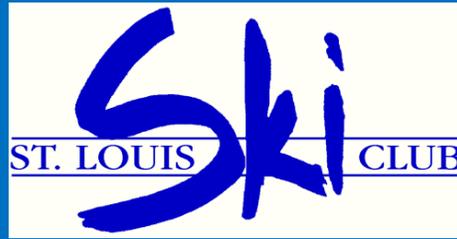
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**Sitzmarker  
October 2017**

**President's Message**

Hello Everyone,  
Well it looks like fall is finally here. Let's hope these moderate temperatures hold and we have seen the last of the hot, hot summer weather. It has snowed at Copper mountain already and weather predictions for 2018 are normal precipitation and temperatures. Lets all cross our fingers and hope for a cold snowy winter!



Filling our trips has been a challenge this year. At this time only Copper is full. The board will need to review the number of trips and destinations carefully in the future to insure that we survive as a viable club. Cutting back or cancelling trips can cost the club money.

This year is also the 50th anniversary of the Aspen/Snowmass resort and there will be specials and activities throughout the year. Copper and Banff are always club favorites and the exchange rate this year will

make Banff very attractive but a strong Canadian currency may impact our trip price which will be passed along.

We have had a summer full of activities from the Dog 'n Suds to the recent float trip. I hope you all had the opportunity to participate in one or more of the events or happy hours.

Our club dues provide the capital we need to ensure continued activities and events for our members and help to defer the administrative costs of the club. Without

dues paying members, we cannot pay deposits on the trips and plan activities for the club. To all of our members who pay their dues every year THANK YOU! Please reflect on the benefits of continuing membership in the club, these include: mailed copies of the Sitzmarker once a year, early trip sign-up for members in good standing, access to the club membership roster (if requested), the ability to vote for board officers and opportunities to participate on the board, the trip planning committee and to become a trip captain.

Our annual Christmas party is coming up in December. This year we will be at Zia's on the Hill. Check out the flyer in this issue of the Sitzmarker and the website for more information. We also have a cruise opportunity to Alaska next summer. If you don't ski anymore or just want another travel opportunity, check out the website for more information.



**In Memory of Charlie Nahlik**

*It is with great sadness that we share with everyone the passing of long time club member Charlie Nahlik.*

*Besides being a wonderful husband, parent and grandfather, he was an extremely dedicated St. Louis Ski club member having served on the board and captaining multiple ski trips.*

*He will be sorely missed.*



**Trip Director  
Tracy Leverenz**

## Our 2018 Trip Updates

Greetings from your trip director! Our August sign-up night at O'Fallon Brewery in Maryland Heights, a new location for the club, was well attended and a good time was had by all. Lucky club members Judy Hayes, Randy Helms, Ed Goedde, and Ann Schubert were the winners of the Alpine Shop gift cards. Congratulations!

Our upcoming value trip to Copper Mountain has proved to be very popular. Because spaces were rapidly filled, we currently have a wait list. Every effort was made to expand this trip but the demand was much greater than anticipated. Since we are offering both a full and a land package, determining the right balance of pricing proved to be a challenging task. After much consideration, we have reduced the cost of the land package, which will be reflected in the trip balance due letters. We also have had some requests from members who purchased land packages to ride the bus one or both ways.

We will be honoring all requests, and the optional transportation costs will be listed in the final payment letters. Please note that Southwest Airlines

recently implemented the following new group air travel restrictions: Once tickets are issued, they are completely NONREFUNDABLE and cannot be used for future travel. All group tickets are flight and date specific and cannot be used or exchanged for travel on alternative flights. It is also your responsibility to request mileage credit from Southwest Airlines as they will no longer add this information to group reservations. Please keep in mind that we scored a terrific price on our group air from Southwest, which includes free baggage, and that the best air deals are usually nonrefundable.

Regarding the Snowmass\Aspen FSA trip we have 20 sign-ups so there is plenty of space available for this fun trip. There are currently 20 skiers going to Banff with openings for eight more. Please consider joining us in Snowmass or Banff as both are outstanding ski destinations! Snowmass\Aspen is a club favorite with four varied mountains from which to choose. Skiers in Banff will

have access to the three world class ski resorts of Lake Louise, Mt. Norquay, and Sunshine Village, all located in the spectacular Banff National Park, with one interchangeable lift ticket. To avoid disappointment, please send in your deposits quickly as we may be reducing the trip capacities in the near future.

Relative to our Alaskan cruise, with the optional Denali land excursion in August/September 2018, Princess Cruise Lines is currently offering new specials which are listed on the subsequent flyer and the club website. Please contact Kelly at (800) 365-9814, ext. 2004, if you would like to sign up for this wonderful trip.

If you have any inquiries about our upcoming ski trips, please contact trip leaders Dan McGurk (Snowmass/Aspen), Tom Coscia (Copper Mountain), or Randy Helms (Banff Canadian adventure).

Hope to see you on the slopes!

## St. Louis Ski Club 2018 Ski Trips

Ski Resort & Trip Captain	Dates	Lodging	What's Included	Price Info	Ice-Breaker
<b>Snowmass/Aspen, CO</b> <b>(FSA Trip)</b> <a href="http://www.snowmass.com">www.snowmass.com</a> <b>Dan McGurk</b> <a href="mailto:danieljmcgurk@gmail.com">danieljmcgurk@gmail.com</a> 660-216-3623	1/28/18 thru 2/4/18  32 <i>skiers</i>  6 <i>ski</i> <i>days</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>“The Power of Four”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Timberline Condos</u></p> 2BR/2B deluxe condo for four people <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ski-in / Ski-out</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Flatland Race Info</b>  <a href="http://www.flatlandski.org">www.flatlandski.org</a></p>	Lodging/Airfare  Transfers to/from Aspen Airport  FSA Welcome Reception  FSA Banquet, Parties & Races  <i>(Racing is optional)</i>	Trip Price \$1,850  Deposit \$950  Balance \$900  Due* 11/30/17	Wed.  1/17/18
<b>Copper Mountain, CO</b>  <a href="http://www.coppercolorado.com">www.coppercolorado.com</a>  <b>Tom Coscia</b>  <a href="mailto:coscia@peoplepc.com">coscia@peoplepc.com</a>  314-780-3021	2/19/18 thru 2/24/18  32 <i>skiers</i>  4 <i>ski</i> <i>days</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>“A Mountain for Everyone”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Center Village Lodging</u></p> 2BR/2B condo for four people  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Welcome Reception</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Full</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$100 gets you on a Wait List</b></p>	Lodging/Airfare  Transfers to/from Denver Airport (also included in the land package)  Flying Southwest!  Club Party	Full Trip Price \$800  Land Only Price \$600  Full Trip Deposit \$400  Land Only Deposit \$300  Balance \$400 / \$300  Due* 12/8/17	Wed.  2/7/18
<b>Banff, Alberta, Canada</b>  <a href="http://www.banff.ca.com">www.banff.ca.com</a>  <b>Randy Helms</b>  <a href="mailto:randy-helms@att.net">randy-helms@att.net</a>  314-795-2588	3/17/18 thru 3/24/18  28 <i>skiers</i>  6 <i>ski</i> <i>days</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Ski Big 3”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Banff Ptarmigan Inn</u></p> 2 people per hotel room  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hot Buffet Breakfast Included</b></p>	Lodging/Airfare  Transfers to/from Calgary Airport  Club Party	Trip Price \$1,250  Deposit \$750  Balance \$500  Due* 12/10/17	Wed.  3/7/18

Icebreakers will be held at Scarecrow Restaurant, 1095 Chesterfield Pkwy E, Chesterfield, MO 63017 at 6:00 pm. Trip prices may change due to fuel surcharges. Gratuities for ground transportation/baggage handlers included.

Additional fees for airline baggage may apply.

Single room supplement is available upon request.

**Lift Tickets are not included unless specifically stated.**

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

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

## Snowmass, CO - 54th Annual FSA Races

### Four Mountains, Two Incredible Towns

January 28 – February 4, 2018 32 skiers

Price: \$1,850

Trip Captain: Dan McGurk

(660) 216-3623 danieljmcgurk@gmail.com



The first trip of 2018 promises a virtual paradise for St. Louis skiers. Snowmass offers an abundance of deep snow and a vast expanse of terrain that includes 94 trails and the largest vertical descent of any resort in North America. And that's just the start. Aspen Mountain, Aspen Highlands, and Buttermilk are all just a shuttle ride away, providing access to four major resorts with your lift tickets. With the towns of Aspen and Snowmass Village sporting dozens of shops, restaurants and amenities, Snowmass is the ideal destination for those looking to combine world-class skiing with a vibrant cultural and dining life. See [www.aspensnowmass.com](http://www.aspensnowmass.com) for information on all four mountains.

- Seven nights lodging at the Timberline Condominiums (2 Bedroom/2 Bath/4 per unit). See <http://www.thetimberline.com> for full details
- Ski-in/Ski-out access to the slopes
- Complimentary daily housekeeping service
- Complimentary in-town courtesy van service
- On site laundry facilities and ski rentals
- New heated outdoor pool and two hot tubs
- New larger fitness room, steam room and 2 changing rooms
- On-site restaurant and free Wi-Fi
- Six super days of skiing or boarding

Discounted group lift tickets good at all four resorts (not included in price)

Roundtrip airfare from St. Louis to Aspen/Pitkin Cnty Airport/transfers to and from the resort. No long bus ride from the airport! This trip also includes the Flatland Ski Association (FSA) race weekend with opportunities for all levels of skiers or snowboarders to compete. (Racing is encouraged but completely optional). The FSA welcome party and awards banquet are open to all.

The slopes of Aspen were the first place St. Louis Ski Club headed when the ski club was formed in 1958 and it has been a popular destination ever since. The splendor of four fabulous mountains can only be enhanced by the ski-in/ski-out convenience and other amenities found at the Timberline and all the ambience of the towns of Aspen and Snowmass. Sign up quickly!

## Banff, Alberta, Canada

### “Ski Big 3”

March 17 – 24, 2018 28 Skiers

Price: \$1,250

Trip Captain: Randy Helms

314-795-2588 randy-helms@att.net



- Banff, Alberta Canada “Canada’s protected playground”
- 6-full days of winter sports fun in the Canadian Rockies
- Round trip air from St. Louis to Calgary with shuttle service to the hotel
- Lodging at the newly renovated Ptarmigan Inn (two per room) with hot tubs, steam room/ sauna
- Includes complimentary hot breakfast buffet, ski lockers, Wi-Fi, and shuttles to ski areas and local attractions!
- Skiing at 3 resorts, each offering its own unique experience
  - Banff/Lake Louise - 4200 acres across 4 mountain faces, 45 minutes away
  - Sunshine Village - Canada’s highest elevated resort with diverse terrain and 15 minutes away
  - Mt. Norquay - small and skier friendly with “post-card” views around every turn, 12 minutes away
- Over 8,000 acres of skiing pleasure for beginners or experts!
- Explore scenic Banff National Park, Lake Louise, Banff Upper Hot Springs, and wildlife tours
- About 1 hour drive to the city of Calgary
- Club party
- All this in an area so spectacular the United Nations has declared it a World Heritage Site

# SET SAIL TO ALASKA WITH THE ST. LOUIS SKI CLUB



10 day land & sea VOYAGE OF THE GLACIER  
August 29 - September 8, 2018

- ❖ Glacier Bay & Denali National Parks
- ❖ Exclusive rail service from Whittier
- ❖ Step off the ship to your waiting rail car. You'll be whisked away through Alaska's most beautiful wilderness.

Prices Starting:	<u>Inside Cabin</u>	<u>Outside Cabin</u>
10 night Cruise & tour	\$2055.69	\$2725.69
7 night Cruise only	\$1174	\$1844

Includes port charges, taxes & fees of \$225 for Cruise only and \$256.69 for Cruise/Tour

## Port Calls

- ❖ Port calls in Ketchikan, Juneau and Skagway
- ❖ Sail through Glacier Bay & Prince William Sound.  
Summertime is the best time to see the whales!
- ❖ One night in Denali Princess Lodge
- ❖ One night in Mt. McKinley Princess Lodge
- ❖ One night in Anchorage
- ❖ See "the Big 5" in Denali  
See brown bear, moose, caribou, wolves & dall sheep as eagles soar overhead.
- ❖ View the tallest mountain in North America  
20,310 ft., Denali, in a 6 million acre National Park
- ❖ Breakfast, lunch & dinner daily, along with entertainment  
Ship portion of the trip.

## 3 for Free Promotions Good thru November 16, 2017:

- Free stateroom upgrade
  - Free gratuities (a value of up to \$15.50 per guest, per day)
  - Free onboard spending money (a value up to \$75 per guest)
- All payments by credit card
  - Air prices available in October or use your frequent flyer miles
  - Call Kelly at (800) 365-9819 ext. 2004 with questions & details.



**Ski Club  
Holiday Party**

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**ZIA'S ON THE HILL**

5256 WILSON AVENUE  
ST. LOUIS, MO 63110

**MEET AT 6 PM IN THE BAR  
DINNER AT 7 PM**

(SEPARATE CHECKS WILL BE PROVIDED)

PLEASE RSVP TO BEV DOOLIN  
[activities@stlouisskiclub.com](mailto:activities@stlouisskiclub.com)  
(618) 972-3412

## Spotlight on Skiers: **Mary Sullivan**

You can take the skier out of St. Louis but it is often hard for the skier to leave St. Louis behind. Mary Sullivan's experiences as a transplanted club member can serve as a reminder that the ties that bind us in the St. Louis Ski Club are far more than just geographical.

Mary joined the St. Louis Ski Club over 10 years ago and fondly recalls her 2007 trip to Vail as her first outing with the club. Some of her more memorable trips since then have been the FSA trips (especially to Steamboat) since she won a few medals in the early years.

Mary considers the ski club a great way of sharing a wonderful activity with a great group of people, many of whom have become life-long friends. It was thus natural that she would maintain her affiliation with the club—even though professional opportunities beckoned elsewhere, as they did in 2016. It was then that she had the opportunity to take on the role of national sales manager for Mark Andy Inc. This gave her the chance to put her more than 25 years of consumer branding and



marketing experience to use in overseeing the company's communications, marketing, and publicity efforts. It also involved a move to Denver, which is certainly nothing to sneer at for an avid skier but did involve a separation from her friends in the ski club. She has kept her membership up though and continues to participate in ski trips and in social events when she makes it back to St. Louis.

Mary has thrived in her new position and currently serves as board chair in a technical association for her industry, the Flexographic Technical Association (FTA). She is also active in the Phoenix Challenge Foundation, a

scholarship program that supports high school vocational students and college students through educational competitions in printing and graphic arts.

Outside of skiing, hiking and cycling make up Mary's top recreational activities. Cycling for charity is especially important to her as a way to "Pay it Forward". Riding to raise money for multiple sclerosis (much of which goes to research for ALS) is a way of honoring her grandmother, who passed away from ALS at the age of 57. She has also participated in Veteran PTSD rides and worked with veterans' groups to promote awareness and prevention of the

high suicide rates among our vets. Mary misses many of her friends and family in the St. Louis area as well as much of the trees, hills, and green scenery in Missouri. On the other hand, she has flourished in her new position in Denver and thrills in the opportunities that the Colorado mountains provide. As she says of skiing: "Where else do you find the thrill of cruising fast, up and down some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. When I'm in the mountains I am continually reminded of how majestic and serene they really are... and how we are just small pieces in the universe's grand scheme of things."

We in the St. Louis Ski Club can consider ourselves fortunate that Mary has managed to keep a foot in both these worlds. And we should use her experience as a reminder that the friendships and camaraderie that make our club unique go far beyond St. Louis and the state lines of Missouri.



**St. Louis Ski Club Income & Expense Summary**  
**For Fiscal Years Ending April 30**

DESCRIPTION	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
<b>Income</b>					
Holiday Party	1,290.00	215.00	225.00	0.00	0.00
Activities/Sports Income	33.30	0.00	375.00	0.00	0.00
Advertising Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Income	2,610.00	2,250.00	2,505.00	2,560.00	2,385.00
Membership Income/Senior	250.00	260.00	280.00	260.00	260.00
Membership/Couples	675.00	855.00	615.00	950.00	405.00
Guest Fee Income	70.00	80.00	90.00	335.00	75.00
Interest Income	20.35	22.22	19.77	21.67	24.22
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	4.00	247.00	40.84
Promotional Items Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unused Trip Credits	75.00	35.00	30.00	0.00	0.00
Trip Credit Transfer Fee	0.00	50.00	0.00	25.00	0.00
Trip Admin Fee Income	1,660.00	2,880.00	2,460.00	4,950.00	3,848.76
CD Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Income Totals</b>	<b>6,683.65</b>	<b>6,647.22</b>	<b>6,603.77</b>	<b>9,348.67</b>	<b>7,038.82</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
Sitzmarker Printing	1,696.36	1,637.91	437.17	586.52	307.37
Sitzmarker Postage	404.97	369.96	106.40	139.91	65.80
Directory Printing/Postage	35.00	35.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Printing/Forms/Copying	0.00	205.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	96.62	94.58	60.90	71.29	22.92
Office Supplies	0.00	48.66	190.71	162.33	216.81
Insurance	331.00	353.00	406.00	457.00	504.00
Dog N' Suds	451.25	489.58	396.86	428.97	435.16
Activities/Sports Expense	0.00	213.64	372.46	0.00	68.76
Board Member Credits	3,200.00	4,000.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
Holiday Party	2,515.74	179.70	420.31	0.00	0.00
Honoraria	60.00	90.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
Record Center	3,022.50	2,933.50	3,083.50	2,732.50	2,508.75
Miscellaneous	0.00	23.63	282.00	629.32	-100.50
Trip Administration	32.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	105.00
Post Office Box	78.00	80.00	80.00	41.00	90.59
Bank Service Charge	53.50	12.00	0.00	35.00	0.00
Returned Checks	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Promotional Items	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Illinois Ski Kouncil	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chicago Ski Council	40.00	40.00	40.00	80.00	115.00
Tax Preparation	130.66	100.00	106.70	100.00	100.00
General Membership Mtgs.	970.97	567.30	450.00	250.00	100.00
Advertising/Marketing	0.00	0.00	0.00	72.00	0.00
Internet	180.00	144.00	204.00	89.94	224.00
Business Incorporation Fee	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Expense Totals</b>	<b>13,299.42</b>	<b>11,637.46</b>	<b>\$9,897.01</b>	<b>\$9,135.78</b>	<b>\$8,023.66</b>
Operating Profit (Loss)	(6,615.77)	(4,990.24)	(\$3,293.24)	\$212.89	(\$984.84)
Trip Profit (Loss)	\$1,540.81	\$8,574.67	\$1,530.36	\$5,181.80	\$1,664.68
<b>Year Net (Loss) Profit</b>	<b>(5,074.96)</b>	<b>3,584.43</b>	<b>(\$1,762.88)</b>	<b>\$5,394.69</b>	<b>\$679.84</b>

# Club Pics



**Summer Float Trip**



**New Member Dinner at Bravos**



**Night at the Muny**



**Club Meeting Night at the Alpine Shop**



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## **Mark Your Calendars Now!**

Please RSVP on our Meetup page <http://www.meetup.com/St-Louis-Ski-Club/>  
or email [activities@stlouisskiclub.com](mailto:activities@stlouisskiclub.com)  
Go to [stlouisskiclub.com](http://stlouisskiclub.com) for the latest updates!

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
<b>Saturday October 28, 2017 9:50 am</b>	<b>Hike in Pere Marquette State Park in Grafton, IL</b>  Plan to hike a couple hours, but you may cut your hike short if you choose. Afterwards let's have refreshments at the <b>Loading Dock</b> in Grafton.	<b>Pere Marquette Visitor Center</b> 13112 Visitor Center Ln, Grafton, IL 62037
<b>Friday December 8, 2017 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Holiday Party at Zia's</b>  See page 6 for details	<b>Zia's on the Hill</b> 5256 Wilson Ave. St. Louis, MO 63110
<b>Sunday January 14, 2018</b>	<b>Alpine Shop Discount Day</b> 20% off soft goods, 10% off hard goods (skis and equipment)	<b>Alpine Shop</b> 440 N Kirkwood Rd Kirkwood, MO 63122