

**St. Louis  
Ski Club  
Board of  
Directors**  
2017-18

**President**

**Joe Bauer**  
314-249-6919  
[info@stlouisskiclub.com](mailto:info@stlouisskiclub.com)

**Vice President**

**Bev Doolin**  
618-972-3412  
[activities@stlouisskiclub.com](mailto:activities@stlouisskiclub.com)

**Trip Director**

**Tracy Leverenz**  
314-651-1992  
[tripdir@stlouisskiclub.com](mailto:tripdir@stlouisskiclub.com)

**Communications  
Director**

**Tom Coscia**  
314-780-3021  
[commadir@stlouisskiclub.com](mailto:commadir@stlouisskiclub.com)

**Record Center**

**Pat Pender**  
314-703-0803  
[financial@stlouisskiclub.com](mailto:financial@stlouisskiclub.com)

**St. Louis Ski Club**  
P. O. Box 712  
St. Charles, MO 63302

[www.stlouisskiclub.com](http://www.stlouisskiclub.com)  
[info@stlouisskiclub.com](mailto:info@stlouisskiclub.com)

**Inside this  
Issue**

<b>Snowmass Trip/FSA Races 2018</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Snowmass Pics</b>	<b>4/5</b>
<b>General Event Pics</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Alaskan Cruise</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Calendar</b>	<b>7</b>



# Sitzmarker

## February 2018

Happy New Year to everyone in the St Louis Ski Club! Another great year is over and the holidays are past so now we must get ready for our 2018 trips and start planning for 2019. We have three trips scheduled for 2018: Snowmass (the annual FSA trip), Copper Mountain and Banff. These are all destinations that club members have noted as favorites in the past. The St Louis Ski Club offers our members more than just skiing. Our annual Holiday Party, Chili cook off and Dog and Suds provide great opportunities to socialize and catch up. We also have monthly happy hours, and scattered throughout the year hikes, bike rides, picnics, and float trips. Most of these are offered free of charge to everyone, dues paying member or not, we invite everyone to join us. If you have a favorite activity consider organizing an event, the club

### **President's Message**



Vice President will make sure it is posted on the web site, Meetup and Facebook.

Snow reports in the west are not promising for a great season, but hey we live in the Midwest so conditions are better than here and don't forget it is still early. Many resorts have invested in snowmaking capabilities so while the base may be thin, many runs will have snow. My advice is to check their ski conditions weekly and see

what happens in the next few weeks. Weather is out of our control and subject to change without notice. Our snow at Christmas for the first time in 7 years proves that. Unfortunately, only the Copper trip has sold out, and this coupled with our ever-dwindling paid membership has a great impact on our ability to plan ski trips and activities. I also remind you that elections for the Board are coming up in April. New ideas are always needed, please consider running.

In light of this year's low sign up numbers for our trips it may be time to cut back to two trips for 2019 or consider land package only or a short trip on our FSA event. The club receives the best pricing on full trips. Airlines, lodging and lift ticket prices are all based on the size of the group.

**Continued on Page 2**

## **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:

I) Preside over all meetings of the board of directors and the general membership. The board meets monthly.

B. Vice President: Duties are as follows:

I) 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, press releases and the monthly out & about.

**Continued on page 2**

## President's Message: Continued from page 1

One example is lift ticket pricing. Every resort is different but typically we need at least 20 individuals to buy tickets through the club to receive group discounts. On the Copper trip this year (which is sold out at 32 skiers) we have secured the bare minimum number of ticket sales through the club to get the discount, this is due to the large number of individuals that purchased low priced tickets on their own, great for the individual but not always great for the group. Another example of how size impacts pricing is the annual FSA trip. Every year due to the size of the group the FSA receives extremely low prices for lift tickets and discounts on lodging. This year the FSA price for a 5 day lift pass for Aspen/Snowmass is \$360. Retail at the ticket counter that would be

\$695. Quite a savings! All of this cost the St Louis Ski Club nothing. That is correct - membership in the FSA is \$0 and our club does not provide any support to the members who serve as race director or on the FSA board. They are volunteers. It is true that those attending the FSA trip pay an activity fee (it is included in the trip price), but the racing is free (ask anyone who has run a NASTAR course - there is a fee) banquets are free to attendees, and the discounts speak for themselves.

Since I am on a roll, let's talk membership. I have heard from many people that "I don't want to pay the yearly membership, I'll just pay/rejoin the club when there is

a trip I want to attend." This is great for the individual but has a huge impact on the funds available to plan trips and events. Trip planning happens in spring the year before the trip and requires the club to make deposits on lodging and airlines months before the trips are to occur. We are very fortunate that in the past when the club had a thousand or more members it operated at a small profit. We are all benefiting from that now as the clubs spends down its assets to plan upcoming trips, but this cannot continue. To be viable we need dues paying members, who participate in trip selection, activities, on the board and who vote!

## 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 4 times a year.

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

Finally board members should make every effort to attend club activities and events to answer member questions and lend support to the Vice President who organizes all the events and activities.

# Snowmass Trip/FSA Races 2018

Trip Captain, Dan McGurk, and 18 club members recently returned from the club's first ski trip of the season, the 52nd Flatland Ski Association Races. Plus it was also Snowmass's 50th anniversary. The group experienced spring skiing in January. Most of our ski days were sunny, with temperatures ranging from 35 – 45 degrees each day. The ski conditions were good, but the mountains needed snow.

The FSA races began in 1966, with St. Louis joining in 1967 and participating until 1995. The club took a 10 year absence and rejoined the FSA in 2005. This year's trip had several ski club members who had medaled in previous races before 1995. John Heimann between 1970 & 1982, Lynn David between 1978 & 1992, Linda Strunk 1978, Vic Pineda 1992, Mark Schuler in 1988, Ron Acker 1993 thru 1995, Cindy Girth 1995 and Candy Girth 1995.

As last year, Kansas City took first with Tulsa coming in second. St. Louis came in sixth. The FSA participants ranged in age from 17 thru 84 and four racers were in the 80-84 age group, 1 woman and 3 men, who all medaled.

St. Louis had several NASTAR medalists and one FSA medalist. Alicia Pineda was our only FSA medalist, who finished 2nd (silver) in her age category, 20-29. I believe this was her first



ever FSA/NASTAR medal and congratulations Alicia!

In the Women's Challenge Races, our NASTAR medalists were Mary Jane Loeffler, silver, and Alicia Pineda, bronze. Mary Jane also finished 4th in her age category.

In the Men's Challenge Races, our NASTAR medalists were Lynn David, silver, and bronze medals went to Mark Schuler and John Heimann. John and Lynn finished 4th in their respective age groups. Other club members in the men's races were Vic Pineda, Joe Bauer, & Larry Michenheimer.

In the Open Race, a bragging rights race, the club received three bronze NASTAR medals, John Heimann, Arthur Zupka and Lynn David. The bragging rights winner was Dave White, Kansas City.

The club had 3 members

who participated in the novice race, Dan McGurk, Andy Michenheimer and Ron Acker. Ron and Andy were our only snowboarders on this trip. Dan and Andy were naturals on the novice course, but kudos to Ron who had only been on a snowboard twice. Hopefully, all three will advance to the Men's Challenge races next year.

The club had our dream team for the Snowshoe Relay Race. The team, which finished 5th, consisted of Alicia Pineda, Larry Michenheimer, Mark Schuler and Lynn David, who brought his own snowshoes.

Joe Bauer took the beginner's race clinic and successfully completed the race course twice without missing a gate. Even though Joe did not medal, he felt he had accomplished what he had set out to do, with the help of Dick Watts, the FSA Race Director from Tulsa. It was with Dick's help that Joe made it out of the starting gate correctly.

Besides the races, our members enjoyed their week in Aspen/Snowmass. The Timberline Condos hosted a complimentary happy hour for their guests on Tuesday. Dan arranged a group dinner to the Artisan Restaurant, which offered a Magic Show, which John H. remembers from 20 years ago. If ever in Aspen, ask Bob and Chris Schnieders their recommendations for good restaurants. Their findings ranged from the new BOSQ Restaurant to Woody Creek Bar in the Basalt area. Wayne Baker did not race, but managed a few days of skiing. He said he felt good on his skis and will be skiing next year in 2019.

Next year, the 2019 FSA Races will be held in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Our own club member, Paul Snyder, will be the FSA Activities Director for this trip. The FSA trip is opened to anyone regardless if they race or not. Many of the FSA members from Kansas City, Columbia (MO), Omaha, Lincoln (NE), Topeka, Wichita, Oklahoma City and Tulsa have started bringing their children and/or grandchildren on this trip. Remember, all FSA racers range in age from 17 thru 84, so please join us in Steamboat, 2019.

See you there,  
Candy

# Snowmass Pics



**Our FSA & Nastar Medalists...Lynn, Arthur, John, Mark, Alicia & Mary Jane**



# Snowmass Pics



**2018 FSA St. Louis Snowshoe Dream Team...Larry (notice his CUB hat), Lynn, Mark, Alicia**



**Mark, Dan, Linda & Candy cheering for our Snowboard Novice Racers**



**Mark & Candy encouraging Dan in the Novice Race**



# General Club Pics



Club Christmas Dinner



Pere Marquette Hike



Westport Social



Westport Social



Frugal Friday Happy Hour



Hidden Valley Ski Day

# 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.

- 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.



P. O. Box 712  
St. Charles, MO 63302-0712

## Mark Your Calendars Now!

Please RSVP on our Meetup page <http://www.meetup.com/St-Louis-Ski-Club/>

or email [activities@stlousskilclub.com](mailto:activities@stlousskilclub.com)

Go to [stlousskilclub.com](http://stlousskilclub.com) for the latest updates!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday March 3, 2018 4:00 pm	Pickleball at St. Clair Tennis  \$5/person	St. Clair Tennis 733 Hartman Ln O'Fallon IL 62269
Wednesday March 7, 2018 6:00 pm	Banff Ice Breaker	Scarecrow 1095 Chesterfield Pkwy E, Chesterfield, MO 63017
Saturday April 14, 2018 10:00 am	Hike at Rockwoods Reservation	Rockwoods Reservation 2751 Glencoe Rd Wildwood MO 63038