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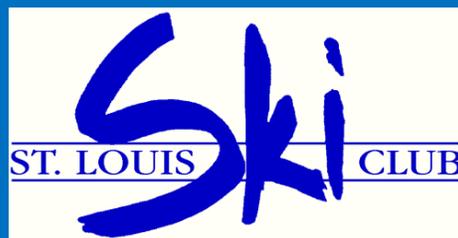
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**Sitzmarker
Winter 2019**

President's Message

I hope this message finds you all well and having a great ski season. Our Steamboat and Winter Park trips have both enjoyed excellent ski conditions, fantastic fun and great times for all who attended. We have one more trip to go, Lake Tahoe, and it looks like it will be a success also. There is still space for one more on the trip so if you think you might enjoy get off the fence and contact the trip captain.

So far this year our finances look ok but two of the three trips did not sell out. The lesson we have learned is that our membership wants value, for the last two years the trips that have filled have given the best value, price and location. I encourage you all to consider how you can assist the club in planning for next year by participating in the trip planning process. Contact our Trip Director, Tom Coscia, if you want to get involved.

Don't forget to check out the member profile in this issue of the Sitz. Many of



you have met Joan over the last three years. What you may not know is that Joan is not a resident of Missouri, in fact she lives several hundred miles away. Joan learned about our club through a friend, Paul Snyder. She joined a trip and met many new friends that she enjoys skiing with. Welcome Joan!

Did you know that the club has a policy to reward members who bring friends and family to the club? If you bring a new member (must have not been a member in the past) to the club you will receive a check for \$ 25.00 which can be applied to your membership fees or your next trip. I encourage you all to

bring your friends like Paul has done and help us grow this club! More members = More membership fees which will ensure the future viability of this club.

And finally after five years on the board and at least four more as a member of the trip planning committee I am sure you will all agree that it is time for me to retire and allow new ideas and energy to infuse the board of the St Louis Ski Club. The trip and destination survey's we have received to date indicate that many of you have suggestions and ideas for the direction the club should pursue. I challenge all of you to think long and hard about what changes you think need to be made and then step up and speak out about what you want the club to do in the future. Don't forget actions speak out louder than words so please consider running for the board and being part of the solution! Board Descriptions of board positions are included in this issue of the Sitz and are always available on our website.

**Annual Meeting and Elections
Thursday, April 4**

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FSA/Steamboat "Ski Town USA"

WOW, WHAT A SKI TRIP!! For those who did not sign up for this trip, the 20 who did were treated to the "Champaign Powder" that Steamboat is known for. The resort received up to 50 inches of snow the entire week the club was there. Our group skied "POWDER" every day, with no complaints. Club member Larry Micenheimer mentioned that one day he was skiing in thigh high powder! The base prior to arrival was around 45 inches and improved to 65 inches prior to departure.

On the night of our arrival, Steamboat was hosting their annual Cowboy Up Party and Balloon Glow to start off the festivities prior to the 45th Annual Cowboy Downhill Race on Monday.

On our first day of skiing, many took a break to watch the cowboys/cowgirls race in the Cowboy Downhill Race. Those cowboys/girls do know how to ski and were quite the daredevils on the race course. The course consisted of one jump, roping a girl and saddling a horse before crossing the finish line. Billy Kidd (the 1964 Olympic silver medalist in slalom and 1970 World Cup gold medalist in combined) and the Bud Knight (Dilly, Dilly) were spotted skiing the course prior to the competi-

tion.

Besides the Cowboy Downhill Race, it was the 55th Flatland Ski Association Race, too. Our group had 4 members who medaled, two gold and two bronze. The gold medalists were Emmanuel Ruiz (snowboarding) and Ali Pineda (skiing). The bronze medalists were Mary Jane Loeffler (skiing) and John Heiman (skiing). Emmanuel and Ali just smoked their respective race courses. Paul Snyder quoted that the start of the Men's Downhill course was like "standing at the top of a sheer cliff". This prompted him to take it slow and easy out of the gate. Our club finished 7th, with Kansas City finishing 1st, with Tulsa 2nd and Cornhuskers 3rd.

At both the FSA Welcome Party and Banquet, Billy Kidd spoke to the FSA on how to ski powder, plus gave pointers on racing. Besides the FSA Banquet, our group enjoyed several fine restaurants throughout the week, such as Timber & Torch, Truffle Pig, Snowbird Restaurant, and Slopeside, just to name a few of Steamboat's great restaurants.

Those enjoying a week of "Champaign Powder" were Paul Snyder, Joe Bauer, Pat Pender, Vic Pineda, Alicia Pineda, Mary Jane

Loeffler, Emmanuel Ruiz, Miranda Roberts, Frank Atkinson, Ron Acker, Larry Micenheimer, Andy Micenheimer, Don Jones, John Heiman, Carlene Cox, Linda Strunk, Candy Girth, Cindy Girth, and John and Jeanne Reinfurt.

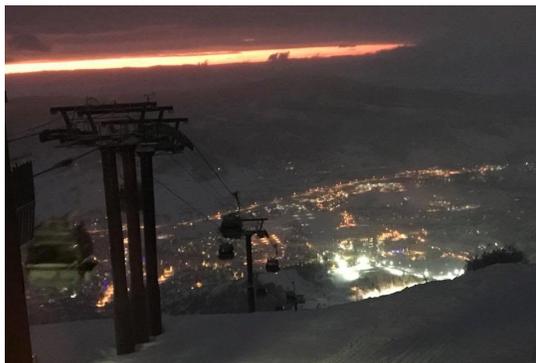
A shout out and thank you goes to our club members who were FSA Reps and Board members this year... Paul Snyder, 2019 FSA Activities Director, Candy Girth, FSA Secretary, Cindy Girth, FSA Club Rep and Joe Bauer, FSA Race Rep.

FYI, if any of you would like to experience the Champaign Powder of Steamboat, join us in 2020 as the FSA returns to Steamboat again January 22nd thru 26th.

Remember, the FSA trips are not always about racing, but having FUN, too.



Steamboat Photos



Winter Park

On Superbowl Sunday, 35 intrepid travelers arrived for a 2:10 pm flight at the Southwest Terminal at Lambert Airport for a long day of traveling, talking and anticipation. Joining us in Denver were two locals, Susan Seigel and Mary Sullivan. Traveling separately from our "satellite" locations were Joan Scholz from Milwaukee, Ken Kinsinger of Bloomington-Normal, Illinois, and Haskins Hobson from New Mexico. *(Joan and Ken even came out a few days early to get a head start on the skiing).*

After some confusion at the airport as to where to find our charter bus, we had a slow but safe trip up to the mountain as the driver navigated us through the snowfall, traffic and the darkness. Lots of good conversation, and Bev's enthusiastic Superbowl Squares competition (Faye Dorerhoff and Sandy Pollman were the big winners) filled the time.

On Monday, after a fun day skiing and getting acclimated, in the evening, everyone took the bus into town to enjoy the club pizza party at the legendary and highly-rated Hernandez's Pizza. There were rave reviews about the service and the portions.

Tuesday was a good ski day, but we all wanted more snow - and snow we got! Wednesday brought an unbelievable powder day, especially by afternoon, (although some of us were too wet to make a whole day

of it.) Many ranked it as their best or near-best ski day ever, with glade-skiing a particular treat.

That evening, the hotel provided us a reception with cheese & crackers and drink vouchers, in a private room. After socializing for a while, we each took the opportunity to introduce ourselves with a few details and a fun fact - the one that got the biggest reaction was that Joe Dann was conceived on a ski trip!

On Thursday, a cold and blustery morning with 15 degree below zero temperatures and winds of 35 miles per hour greeted us. Several lifts closed during the morning, and the gondola closed in the early afternoon. Mike Stein stated that the trifecta of cold temperatures, wind and snow tested his love of the sport. It certainly didn't stop the indefatigable hard-charging group of Joe Dann, Joan Scholz and Alma and Jim Delmonte. And Denise Buehrer said that this was a personal record for her coldest day skiing!

Friday was our best day! While temps started out in the below-zero territory, a burst of sunshine brought warmer and milder weather. The Panoramic Express lift, having been closed almost all of the previous days of the trip, was finally open, allowing many of our group to experience it and the fabulous views from the top.

Amazingly no one in this large group needed to seek medical attention. Some initially struggled with altitude sickness: Mary Robert was seriously hit by it, as was Andrea Lubershane. (Oxygen was a life-saver, or, at least, a trip-saver!) Some also suffered aches and minor muscle sprains, but nothing serious.

What we did when not skiing:

Good Eating: Rod Whiteside remarked that the Back Bowl Restaurant, where he had soup and a chardonnay at the end of each day, "rocked". Other good restaurants included Pepe Osaka's, Goody's Mountain Creperie, and The Vertical, for a great Happy Hour menu.

Mary Bubash enjoyed the Snowcat mountain tour.

Sandy Pollman, Bev Doolin, Nancy Hahn, Dan Rath, and Frank Atkinson played broomball at the village rink Tuesday night.



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The antidote to a cold and wretched Thursday was varied — some assembled a puzzle (with John Barack staying up late to finish), a large group played Left Center Right, and Joan Scholz beat everyone in the Bag Snag (where you stand on one foot, bend over, and pick up a paper grocery bag with your mouth. Each round the bags got cut shorter). Tom Coscia, Ken Kinsinger, Scott Kaelin and Haskins Hobson played an old-fashioned game of Monopoly. So fierce was the competition that they shut down the bar and had to move to the lounge to finish.

Worth a mention:

- Chuck Boylan celebrated a monumental birthday on Thursday.
- Annie Merriott gave Mary Plumlee and her sister Sandy a thoughtful gift - a lovely framed photo of her parents, long-time and beloved deceased club member Charlie Nahlik and his wife Carole!
- It was John Barack's first ski trip ever.

- Richard Alexander serenaded us on bus with a club ski song to the tune of "Home on the Range"
- There were a record four Marys in our group - fitting for a resort famous for its Mary Jane trail.

Thanks to Bev Doolin for running a very well-planned and well-executed trip. She was always available when needed, and worked tirelessly to make sure everyone was having a good time.

Coming Up: Annual Meeting and Elections

The Annual Meeting of the St. Louis Club will be held on Thursday, April 4th at the Des Peres Schnucks. Elections will be held for members of the board beginning at 6 pm. Voting closes at 7 pm, at which time the meeting will begin.

Please consider offering your time and talent to the club by running for a board position. The four board members are President, Vice-President, Trip Director, and Communications Director. The duties of these officers are listed on the club website in the [club bylaws](#) and are summarized here.

President:

Presides over all meetings of the board of directors and the general membership. The board meets monthly

Vice-President:

- In the absence of or at the request of the President, preside at all meetings and perform the duties of the President.
- Supervise the publicity and promotion of the St. Louis Ski Club through printed club material and the news media.
- Prepare and arrange the general membership schedule and meeting places

Communications Director

- Edit the St. Louis Ski Club newsletter, Sitzmarker.
- Arrange for timely delivery of the Sitzmarker to the membership 4 times a year.
- Monitor and update the St. Louis Ski Club website

Trip Director:

- Produce the trip schedule, secure trip contracts and execute the scheduled ski trips for the St. Louis Ski Club.
- Create and update the trip grid and payment schedule posted in the Sitzmarker.
- Recruit and supervise the trip captains.
- Maintain and update the trip captain manual.
- Submit Sitzmarker articles to update the membership on status of scheduled ski trips.

Board members receive 800 trip credits for serving an entire year.

The current board members have been happy to the club but new ideas and input are always welcome. New blood on the board provides new energy to leadership and helps to attract new members and retain current ones.

Winter Park Photos



Member Spotlight: Joan Scholz

Joan Scholz is a fairly new member of the St. Louis Ski Club but is hardly a novice on the slopes. Like many of us, she first picked up skiing far away from St. Louis. In her case, it was in her home state of South Dakota where she learned the sport on youth group trips to Deer Mountain and Terry Peak. After moving to Wisconsin for college, she tried a few of the “bunny hills” there while occasionally returning to the Black Hills for skiing. Some of life’s inevitable transitions (including motherhood) kept her from making more than occasional trips to the slopes for a period of more than 20 years.

In 2016, with her daughters’ school and sporting activities at an end, Joan found herself looking for a way to get back into skiing with people who shared her interest and enthusiasm. Although she works in Milwaukee as an accountant at the CliffordLarson-Allen accounting firm, it was our own Paul Snyder who led her to the St. Louis Ski Club as a way of fulfilling this goal. She had a business relationship with Paul through her work at Concordia University Wisconsin and through their discussions they realized they

both had a love of skiing. Paul convinced Joan to join a trip he was leading to Jackson Hole in 2017. Although she was a little leery of Jackson Hole’s reputation as a challenging resort, Joan decided to join the trip (and the club) and has been glad of her decision ever since. She started that trip knowing one person on it and ended it with 34 new friends and fellow skiers.

Joan followed this up with a trip to Copper Mountain in 2018 and the Winter Park trip in 2019. She has also skied with other club members outside of club trips. She and Ken Kinsinger went on another trip to Winter Park with the Skiowans Ski Club out of Burlington Iowa and enjoyed it very much. The only downside was that this was a train trip which she is glad to have experienced but isn’t sure she would want to do it again.

Like many skiers in our club, Joan’s love of adventure goes far beyond the slopes. She has visited 19 countries and has less than ten states to go to complete her goal of visiting all fifty. Many of her adventures have been

with her daughters: Rachel is a police officer who will be getting married in August and Amber is in her third year at Concordia University in Wisconsin, studying graphic design and computer science. In the time not taken up by her work and travel, Joan also enjoys reading, spending time with friends, and even riding a Harley.

Joan’s own words sum up what many in our group feel about the benefits of belonging to the St. Louis Ski Club:

Being a part of the STL ski club and meeting its members that have been on my trips has given me anticipation and hope for the future. It is so inspiring to see retired 70+ year old skiers on the trip. If I keep myself healthy, I can continue this sport for many years to come. My roommate, Linda has even had double knee surgery. Sue Adams blew her knee out at Jackson Hole 20 years ago, but she was back there skiing in 2017. These are wonderful examples of friends enjoying this fun sport.

I look forward to years of club membership, great trips, and additional friendships.



Joan and Paul Snyder at Jackson Hole, her first trip with the club



Joan and fellow St. Louis skiers at Copper Mountain in 2018



Annual Chili Cook-off

Saturday March 23rd

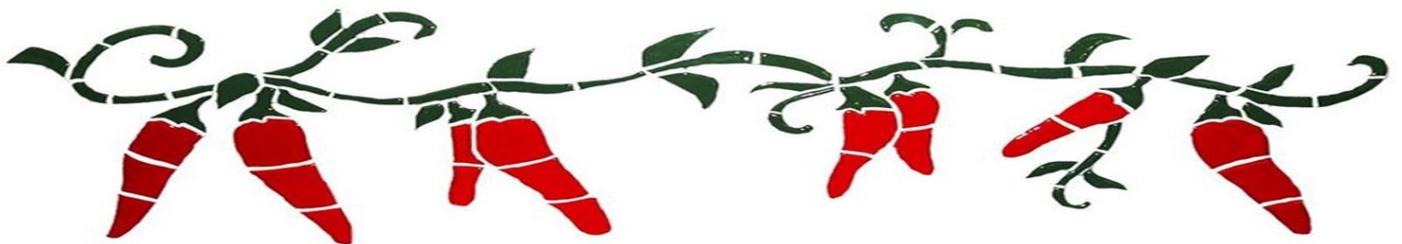
6 pm

Bring your award-winning chili, a side dish or a dessert
Prizes for top 3 winning chili entries

Drinks must be purchased at bar

We welcome club members and non-members
\$5 charge for non-members

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Mark Your Calendars Now!

Please use our Meetup page <http://www.meetup.com/St-Louis-Ski-Club/>
or you may RSVP to activities@stlouisskiclub.com
See stlouisskiclub.com for the latest updates!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday March 23, 2019 6 pm	Chili Cook-Off	Elks Club 2242 Mason Ln Manchester, MO 63021
Thursday April 4, 2019 6 pm	Annual Meeting	Des Peres Schnucks 12332 Manchester Road St. Louis, MO 63131
Saturday April 27, 2019 11 am	Combined Trip Picture Party	Location TBD