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**Sitzmarker
Fall 2020**

President's Message

What an incredibly beautiful fall this has been! It has been a number of years since we have seen such vibrant colors on the trees. I hope you have had the opportunity to get out and enjoy this wonderful season –a perfect time for hiking, biking, enjoying your favorite river or lake, etc. And that also means winter is just around the corner!

I hope you enjoy the seasons as much as I do. But much like the adjustments we have had to make in recent months due to COVID-19, we must continue to adapt to whatever the current situation is. Things seem to be quite fluid and ever-changing.

With so much uncertainty, trip sign-ups have been very disappointing to say the least – unlike anything we have seen in the past. The St Louis Ski Club board members have had to make some tough calls. Unfortunately, our Vail Colorado trip in February has now been canceled due to low sign-up numbers. Outside of anything unforeseen, the Telluride, Colorado trip in January (which is now full) and the Sun Valley, Idaho trip in March are still a go. However, activities and events planned on these trips may look quite different than in past years. The Flatland Ski Association (FSA) trip to Telluride will still have competitions among the cities represented but it will not involve



the downhill race course. Additionally, it is expected that some of the social events will be outdoor apres ski events.

You may or may not be aware that trip cancellations –in whole or part-- can be costly to the club, particularly if they occur beyond certain cutoff dates. To avoid this, you are encouraged to sign up early for our ski trips. Also, early signup helps assure you secure a spot on the trip. Those signing up last run the risk of being bumped off a trip due to lodging arrangements not working out. For example, you might be asked to drop off the list or pay a single supplement if there is no one to share your hotel room.

Even if you are not planning on going on a ski trip with our club, remember that payment of your annual dues helps provide funds for our activities and events –in addition to providing you with many benefits, including:

- Receive our quarterly Sitzmarker newsletter
- Receive our monthly Out

and About emails (assuming we have a current email address for you) with information on our social events

- Submit ads to trade or sell your personal ski/snowboard equipment in our newsletters or on our website
- Run for the St Louis Ski Club board
- You may be eligible for prize drawing at some of our events
- Potential to attend an event free of charge while non-members might be charged
- If you are nearing age 70 you might want to accrue a steady membership so that you will qualify for free membership upon turning age 70
- Create valuable friendships -- with someone who shares a common interest!
- And best of all, sign up for a ski trip --even trips sponsored by associated ski clubs through the Flatland Ski Association (FSA) or Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC)

Finally, a note of congratulations to the club for its recent recognition by the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council in its latest rankings. Our club won 3rd place in recognition for website excellence.

Here's hoping 2021 is a better year. Stay safe out there and hope to see you soon!

See Updated Ski Trip Information Inside



St. Louis Ski Club

Holiday Party

Thursday, December 3rd

6 PM—Social Time

7 PM—Dinner (Separate Checks Provided)

Zia's on the Hill

5256 Wilson Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110

Reserve Your Spot:

Karen Nugent
314-873-5150

or

Activities@stlouisskiclub.com

or

[Meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com)

*Due to concerns over the coronavirus, this event is subject to cancellation.
Check the web page at stlouisskiclub.com or watch for email updates.*

St. Louis Ski Club 2021 Ski Trips

Ski Resort & Trip Captain	Dates	Lodging	What's Included	Price Info	Ice Breaker
<p><u>Telluride, CO</u> (FSA Trip) www.tellurideskiresort.com</p> <p>Paul Snyder psnyder@immanuelolivette.org 314-761-4797</p> <p>Trip Full! Wait List Only Available!</p>	<p>1/30/21 thru 2/6/21</p> <p>30-18 skiers</p> <p>6 ski days</p>	<p>"The Most Beautiful Place You'll Ever Ski"</p> <p><u>The Peaks (Hotel)</u> 2 people per hotel room</p> <p>Ski In / Ski Out</p> <p>Flatland Race Info www.flatlandski.org</p>	<p>Lodging / Airfare</p> <p>Transfers to/from Montrose Airport</p> <p>FSA Welcome Reception</p> <p>FSA Banquet, Parties & Races</p> <p>Club Party</p> <p>(Racing is optional)</p>	<p>Trip Price \$1900</p> <p>Deposit \$1000</p> <p>Balance \$900</p> <p>Due* 12/1/2020</p>	1/20/21
<p><u>Vail, CO</u> www.vail.com</p> <p>Lou Boyer boyeremalou@gmail.com 618-610-2100</p>	<p>2/21/21 thru 2/25/21</p> <p>28 skiers</p> <p>4 ski days</p>	<p>"Like Nothing on Earth"</p> <p><u>Highline Vail (Hotel)</u> 2 people per hotel room</p> <p>Continental Breakfast</p>	<p>Lodging / Airfare</p> <p>Transfers to/from Denver Airport</p> <p>Welcome Party</p> <p>Club Party</p>	<p>Trip Price \$1175</p> <p>Deposit \$600</p> <p>Balance \$575</p> <p>Due* 12/15/2020</p>	2/10/21
<p><u>Sun Valley, ID</u> www.sunvalley.com</p> <p>Dan McGurk danieljmcgurk@gmail.com 660-216-3623</p>	<p>3/13/21 thru 3/20/21</p> <p>28 skiers</p> <p>6 ski days</p>	<p>"The Birthplace of Destination Skiing"</p> <p><u>Sun Valley Lodge (Apts)</u></p> <p>2BR/2B Apartment for 4 people</p>	<p>Lodging / Airfare</p> <p>Transfers to/from Boise Airport</p> <p>Club Party</p> <p>Welcome Reception</p>	<p>Trip Price \$1390</p> <p>Deposit \$700</p> <p>Balance \$690</p> <p>Due* 1/15/2021</p>	3/3/21

Cancelled

All icebreakers will be held Llywelyn's Pub, 17 W. Moody Ave., Webster Groves 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—Must sign up by August

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.**

Telluride, Colorado (FSA Trip)

"The Most Beautiful Place You'll Ever Ski"

January 30 – February 6, 2021 30-18 Skiers
 Price \$1,900 (*Lift tickets not included*)
 Trip Captain: Paul Snyder
psnyder@immanuelolive.org or 314-761-4797

Trip Full!
Wait List Only Available!



Join 350+ of your friends, or soon-to-be friends, as we return to one of our favorite resorts, Telluride, for the 56th Annual FSA Ski & Race week. Nestled high in the San Juan Mountains, and set apart from Colorado's other resorts, it's possibly the most balanced ski resort in the country, with something for everyone! "Hard to get to, but even harder to leave!" is how many skiers describe the incredibly charming resort and town.

- Round trip airfare from St. Louis to the Montrose airport on American Airlines, with transfers to and from the airport.
- 7 nights lodging at **The Peaks**, with ski-in/ski-out access, plus easy access to all of the amenities at the base or in town.
 - www.thepeaksresort.com (2 people per room)
 - Onsite restaurant, free high-speed Wi-Fi, ski valet, fitness center, indoor-outdoor pool.
- Six ski days with 2000 acres of skiable terrain, 148 trails, and 17 lifts.
- Deeply discounted lift tickets through the FSA plus discounted ski/board rental through the FSA.
Note: The EPIC PASS is accepted at Telluride!
- FSA Welcome Party, FSA Awards Banquet (*Italian buffet*), and a Club Party are included!
- Complimentary Boulevard Beer at the FSA events!
- Opportunities to compete in various races with levels for anyone from novice to advanced. They're optional, but a lot of fun and great bragging rights! Our club Race Director is Joe Bauer – activities.jb@gmail.com
- Optional activities include après ski with the FSA, slope-side FSA picnic, snowshoeing, snowmobiling cross-country skiing, snowbiking & lots of eclectic restaurants & bars, both at the base and in town, from casual to high-end!
- <https://tellurideskiresort.com/events-activities/activities/winter/>

Vail, Colorado

"The Ultimate Ski Destination"

February 21- 25, 2021 28 Skiers
 Price: \$1175 (*Lift tickets not included*)
 Trip Captain: Lou Boyer
boyeremalou@gmail.com
 (618) 610- 2297

Join us as we return to Vail Ski Resort (www.vail.com) for 4 days of skiing in February. Vail is the largest ski area in Colorado and offers 5,289 skiable acres and an average annual snowfall of 366 inches. It includes 193 marked trails for every ski ability level and 7 miles of expansive back bowls that should be on everyone's bucket list. This is accessed through 31 lifts, including one gondola and 17 high speed quad chairs!

- Five nights lodging at the popular *Whispering Willows* resort.
 - Highlights brings you to the heart of Vail – the ski resort locals love, which is only an arm's length from the iconic Vail Village.
 - Two individuals per room. (Single Supplement is available.)
 - Free wi-fi, Swimming Pool, Spa, Fitness Center are available.
 - Free continental breakfast is provided.
- Non-Stop Round trip air from STL to Denver with ground transportation to/from Vail
- 4 days of skiing with tickets good at Vail and surrounding resorts (Breckenridge, Beaver Creek, Keystone, and A-Basin)
- Transportation to resorts outside of Vail are not included.
- Club Party
- Numerous restaurants, bars, shops, and an exciting nightlife scene available in Vail Village
- Other activities include snowmobiling, snowshoeing, ice skating, cross country skiing, etc.



Cancelled

Sun Valley, Idaho

"The Birthplace of Destination Skiing"

March 13 - 20, 2021 28 Skiers
 Price: \$ 1,390 (Lift tickets not included)
 Trip Captain: Dan McGurk
danieljmcgurk@gmail.com
 660-216-3623



With more than 3,400 vertical feet and over 2,000 acres of varied terrain stretching to the edges of the Sawtooth National Forest, Sun Valley has earned a reputation as one of the world's finest ski mountains for skiers and boarders alike. Bald Mountain contains over 70 trails from beginner to expert, serviced by 13 lifts (including 7 high-speed quads). Construction scheduled for completion in the fall of 2020 will add a new high-speed quad and increase the skiable terrain by almost 20 percent. Nearby Dollar Mountain is an ideal spot for less advanced skiers, with 13 treeless groomed slopes and 3 chairlifts

- 7 nights lodging at the Sun Valley Lodge Apartments (<https://www.sunvalley.com/lodging/deluxe-condos>)
 - 2BR/2B (4 per unit)
 - Fully equipped kitchen and fireplace
 - 3 swimming pools and hot tub
 - Fitness center—available 24 hours a day
- 6 days of skiing or boarding
- Easy bus transportation to the lifts at River Run and from there to the whole mountain
- Relax and rejuvenate at any of Sun Valley's five deluxe day lodges, three of which contain 360-degree views of the mountain
- Ski valet service available at the base of Bald Mountain—No need to carry skis to and from the condos!
- Numerous opportunities for dining, recreation, and nightlife on the mountain and in nearby Ketchum
- Club party and welcome reception

Hike at Castlewood Park - October 10th



Member Spotlight:

Dan McGurk



Dan at Telluride in 2020

Like many of those profiled in the Sitz-marker, Dan McGurk took a roundabout route to the St. Louis Ski Club (and to skiing in general). His journey began on the east coast where he grew up on a farm outside of Utica, New York. After attending college in Rochester, he lived there for several years, working first as a legislative assistant in the county legislature and then as the director of data processing for a mail processing company. Although he was in close proximity to several ski resorts, skiing was not any real part of his experience in these years. In fact, his only endeavor in this area consisted of a brief lesson he took at Bristol Mountain in the Finger Lakes, which was unsuccessful to say the least.



Dan in a 2017 production of the British farce *See How They Run*.

Skiing would have to wait until Dan's move to the Midwest, which he made in 1995 to begin work toward a master's degree in library and information science at the University of Iowa. After obtaining his first library position at Illinois State

University in Normal, Illinois, Dan began pursuing two outside interests which would prove pivotal to him. One was to become involved in community theater, continuing an interest in acting which he had not pursued since high school. The other was to join the Bloomington-Normal Ski Club, mainly as an outlet for socializing and meeting people. He did venture up the nerve to go on his first ski trip in January of 1999, when the group took a weekend trip to Cascade Mountain in Wisconsin. This was not much more successful than his first attempt. Over the course of two days, though, he did manage to get his skis (and his feet) pointed in the right direction for the most part. Dan continued taking trips to Midwest resorts for the next few years, gradually improving his skills through lessons and repetition. In 2002 he finally went to his first major resort, spending a week with the group in Banff.

After five years at Illinois State University, Dan moved to Kirksville, Missouri to take a position as a reference librarian at Truman State University. For a while, he kept up his membership in the Bloomington-Normal Ski Club and went on a trip with that group once a year. In 2004, he decided to join up with the St. Louis Ski Club and went on his first trip with them to Aspen-Snowmass in 2005. He has enjoyed the comradery he found with this club and has been on numerous trips since. In 2017 he was recruited to serve as a trip captain to Vail. While this was a new challenge, he enjoyed the opportunity and has led several trips since then. Some of his favorite resorts include Keystone, Park City, Telluride, and Winter Park.

Beyond skiing, Dan has continued to foster other interests, including theater. He has appeared in numerous productions for the Curtain Call Theatre Company, Kirksville's community theater group, and has served on its board of directors for much of the last 12 years. He has also directed several plays. Throughout his library career, Dan has also continued to engage in scholarly and academic pursuits. While working at

Illinois State University he obtained a master's degree in history and in 2010 he earned a master's degree in professional writing from an online program at Chatham University in Pittsburgh. He has continued to hone his lifelong interest in writing, working on various short stories, articles, and even some ideas for novels that may one day see publication.

In 2018, Dan was honored to be elected as Communications Director for the St. Louis Club. This has given him a chance to use his computer, writing and editing skills in service to the club. His main task in this position is to assemble the Sitz-marker newsletter four times a year and to keep the club's website updated. Although he lives three hours from St. Louis, the magic of technology allows him to attend board meetings virtually and he has enjoyed the opportunity to get together with other board members to make some positive differences for the club.

Like most of those profiled in this newsletter, Dan has taken an indirect route to his skiing hobby and his membership in the St. Louis Ski Club. But he has enjoyed the journey and looks forward to the new adventures that lie ahead of him. He is grateful for the friendships and social connections he has made in the club and hopes they continue for years to come.



Dan (with John Wood on right) taking a break on Red Mountain in Canada in 2016

ST. LOUIS SKI CLUB INCOME AND EXPENSE SUMMARY

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2020

ACODE	DESCRIPTION	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-2020
INCOME					
090200	Membership Income	2,385.00	2,530.00	2,265.00	2,065.00
090201	Membership Income/Senior	260.00	220.00	235.00	90.00
090202	Membership/Couples	405.00	190.00	195.00	260.00
090300	Guest Fee Income	75.00	50.00	85.00	60.00
090400	Interest Income	24.22	48.71	52.71	62.24
090600	Miscellaneous Income	40.84	-1.50	0.00	0.00
090800	Unused Trip Credits	0.00	0.00	20.00	30.00
090801	Trip Credit Transfer Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
090900	Trip Admin Fee Income	3,848.76	4,225.83	3,740.42	3,359.70
091100	CD Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Income Totals	7,038.82	7,263.04	6,593.13	5,926.94
EXPENSE					
100100	Sitzmarker Printing	307.37	374.71	261.87	360.49
100200	Sitzmarker Postage	65.80	56.84	51.00	48.40
100500	Postage	22.92	26.15	65.05	31.60
100700	Office Supplies	216.81	332.91	108.80	201.31
100900	Insurance	504.00	299.00	308.00	290.00
101000	Dog N' Suds	435.16	458.14	479.74	580.08
101100	Activities/Sports Expense	68.76	0.00	0.00	0.00
101200	Board Member Credits	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
101400	Honoraria	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101500	Record Center	2,508.75	2,141.25	1,815.00	2,152.50
101600	Miscellaneous	-100.50	40.54	25.00	281.90
101800	Trip Administration	105.00	100.00	275.80	17.28
101900	Post Office Box	90.59	99.80	96.00	106.00
102000	Bank Service Charge	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00
102400	Chicago Ski Council	115.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
102500	Tax Preparation	100.00	100.00	125.00	125.00
102600	General Membership Mtgs.	100.00	309.95	188.66	0.00
102700	Advertising/Marketing	0.00	179.88	214.94	247.88
102800	Internet	224.00	144.00	224.00	144.00
102900	Business Incorporation Fees	0.00	21.25	0.00	21.25
	Expense Totals	\$8,023.66	\$7,954.42	\$7,478.86	\$7,847.69
	Operating Profit (Loss)	(\$984.84)	(\$691.38)	(\$885.73)	(\$1,920.75)
	Trip Profit (Loss)	\$1,664.68	\$1,715.51	\$189.45	\$1,657.34
	Year Net (Loss) Profit	\$679.84	\$1,024.13	(\$696.28)	(\$263.41)

Blasts from the Past

Vail—2001



Banff — 2002



Telluride—2006





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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>
Thursday December 3, 2020 6 PM	Annual Holiday Party (See Details on Page 2) Subject to Cancellation	Zia's on the Hill 5256 Wilson Avenue St. Louis, MO 63110