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**Sitzmarker
Fall 2021**

President's Message

Hopefully, Covid-19 cases will continue to diminish and not interfere with our winter fun. Last ski season was certainly like no other: mask mandates, closures, ever-changing rules and restrictions, folks dropping off trips and then of course the constant fear of contracting Covid-19.

As I sit here, I am excited in anticipation of the coming ski season. The days are getting shorter and cooler. It won't be long until I dig out my ski gear and prep for the season. I always look forward to seeing my ski buddies on the slopes, and of course at après ski socials.

Speaking of ski gear, did you know that as a member of the club you can have your ski/snowboard equipment for sale or trade posted in our quarterly Sitzmarker? So now is a good time to clean out your closet or basement and cash in on gear you may no longer be using. Contact our Communications Director Dan McGurk to get your ad posted.

Our club has a great lineup of trips coming up – Telluride, CO



in January, Copper Mountain, CO in February, and Steamboat Springs, CO in March. It's a Colorado kind of year! Sign-ups have been steady but we are nearing the cutoff. Once the trips are full, please don't forget that with a \$100 deposit you can be put on a trip waitlist. This deposit is refundable if you decide not to take a spot that opens up or if a spot does not open up for you. The sooner you get on the waitlist, the better your chance of going on a trip. The waitlist is first-come, first-serve. It is quite often that someone has to drop off of a trip for any number of reasons. Don't miss out!

As a member of the St Louis Ski Club you are also eligible to join

trips of the following ski associations as well as their club member organizations: Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC) and Flatland Ski Association (FSA).

Vice President Karen Nugent has been doing an awesome job of lining up some new and fun club events. We would love to see more of our members attending these events. As much as we really want to be your year-round club, sadly it could be that we will be sponsoring fewer events in the future if attendance does not pick up. Our calendar currently offers a nice variety of activities. There is something for everyone. Come on out and support your club!

This year's Christmas party will be held at Zia's on The Hill on Thursday December 2. Please be sure to RSVP if you will be joining us for dinner. It will be a good time with a good meal! See details on Page 4.

Finally, I would like to welcome our new club members. It's exciting to see some new names and faces! Just as importantly, thanks to those who have renewed their club membership. YOU are what make us a club!



Night at the Munny – Thursday, August 26th

St. Louis Ski Club 2022 Ski Trips

Ski Resort & Trip Captain	Dates	Lodging	What's Included	Price Info	Ice Breaker
<u>Telluride, CO</u> (FSA Trip) www.tellurideskiresort.com Paul Snyder psnyder@immanuelolivette.org 314-761-4797	1/22/22 thru 1/29/22 28 26 skiers 6 ski days	"The Most Beautiful Place You'll Ever Ski" <u>Bear Creek Lodge (Condo)</u> 2BR/2B condo for 4 people <u>Flatland Race Info</u> www.flatlandski.org	Lodging / Airfare Transfers to/from Montrose Airport FSA Welcome Reception FSA Banquet, Parties & Races Club Party <i>(Racing is optional)</i>	Trip Price \$1,930 Deposit \$1,000 Balance \$930 Due* 11/10/21	1/13/22
Room For 1 Male Skier					
<u>Copper Mountain, CO</u> www.coppercolorado.com Lou Boyer boyeremalou@gmail.com 618-610-2297	2/21/22 thru 2/26/22 32 20 skiers 4 ski days	"A Mountain for Everyone" <u>Element 29 (Hotel)</u> 2 people per hotel room	Lodging / Airfare Transfers to/from Denver Airport Club Party	Trip Price \$1,090 Deposit \$590 Balance \$500 Due* 12/7/21	2/9/22
Trip Full! Waitlist Only					
<u>Steamboat Springs, CO</u> www.steamboat.com Karen Nugent karenknugent@charter.net 314-873-5150	3/5/22 thru 3/12/22 28 16 skiers 6 ski days	"Experience Ski Town, USA." <u>Ranch at Steamboat (Condos)</u> 2BR/2B condo for 4 people	Lodging / Airfare Transfers to/from Yampa Valley Airport Club Party	Trip Price \$1,160 Deposit \$600 Balance \$560 Due* 12/15/21	2/23/22
Room For 1 Male Skier					

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 or PayPal 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 - Take Two!"

January 22 - 29, 2022 ~~28~~ **26** Skiers

Price \$1,930 (Lift tickets not included)

Trip Captain: Paul Snyder

psnyder@immanuelolive.com or 314-761-4797

Room For 1 Male Skier



Due to Covid-19 restrictions last year, many club members & FSA members didn't get to enjoy wonderful Telluride, so we return to one of our favorite resorts for the 57th 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, with transfers to and from the airport.
- 7 nights lodging at Bear Creek Lodge (2 bedroom/2 bath – 4 people), with a funicular that takes you from the front door to the lower village bypass run with easy access to lifts #1 & #10, and to all of the amenities at the base or in town. The lodge also has a free "on demand" shuttle, a heated pool & hot tubs, and many other great amenities!
www.bearcreeklodge.com
- 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, plus other fun group activities!
- 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!

Copper, Colorado

"A Mountain for Everyone!"

February 21 - 26, 2022 ~~32~~ **20** Skiers

Price \$1,090 (Lift tickets not included)

Trip Captain: Lou Boyer

boyeremalou@gmail.com or 618-610-2297

Trip Full!

Waitlist Only

The club is returning to Copper Mountain for a four-day ski trip. If you want to go skiing but are limited on time, this trip to Copper is the one for you.

- Roundtrip airfare from St. Louis to Denver with transfers to and from lodging
- Five nights lodging at the brand-new Element 29 Hotel (2 persons per room), conveniently located at the base of Center Village and steps away from the slopes
- On-site ski rental shop
- Pool, hot tub, and weight room
- On-site Bar29 offers libations from morning coffee to local beers for the perfect après ski
- 2490 acres of skiable terrain for all levels of skiers
- Over 140 marked trails (21% beginner, 25% intermediate, 36% advanced, 18% expert)
- 24 lifts including an 8-person gondola, a six-person bubble high-speed chair, and 4 high-speed quads
- Other activities include ice skating, snowshoeing, tubing, alpine coaster, athletic club, spa facilities, shopping, dining and more



Steamboat Springs, Colorado

"Experience Ski Town, USA."

March 5–12, 2022 ~~28~~ **16** Skiers
 Price \$1,160 (Lift tickets not included)
 Trip Captain: Karen Nugent
 karenknugent@charter.net or 314-873-5150

Room For 1 Male Skier

The club returns to one of its most popular destinations of recent years with 6 ski days in the authentic western town of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Experience the renowned "champagne powder skiing" on this incredible value trip

- Round-trip airfare from St. Louis to Yampa Valley Airport and transfers to and from lodging
- 7 nights lodging at the Ranch Condos (2 BR/2 Bath, 4 Persons Per Unit)
- Each unit has full kitchen, private balcony, wood-burning fireplace, washer/dryer, television and high-speed internet access
- Fitness center, outdoor heated pool, 3 hot tubs and sauna
- Private shuttle service to ski area and downtown Steamboat Springs
- 2965 skiable acres
- 165 trails (14% beginner, 42% intermediate, and 44% advanced)
- 18 lifts including an 8-passenger gondola and six high-speed quads



St. Louis Ski Club Holiday Party

Thursday, December 2nd

5 PM—Social Time

6 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)

Grand Canyon Trip



This past June several of our club members got to experience the trip of a lifetime ... a week of rafting the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon. This trip was organized through the Flatland Ski Association (FSA). It was originally planned for 2020 but was postponed until 2021 due to Covid-19.

We had a large group: 15 FSA club members and 14 from other places, plus 2 guides and a "swamper" from Hatch. Those who went from the St. Louis Ski Club were Paul Snyder, Joe Bauer, Lou Boyer and her friend Ellen Voyles, Bill Harr, Gale Rahmoeller, Joan Scholz, and Sharon Surgeon. The Cornhusker (*Lincoln*), Kansas City, and Tulsa ski clubs were also represented, plus a member of the Springfield Ski Club who was also affiliated with KC club.

We all met at Cliff Dweller's Lodge at Marble Canyon, AZ the night before the trip, and on Monday morning, June 21, began our adventure getting our stuff together, getting some instructions from the crew at Hatch River Expeditions, and shuttling to Lees Ferry, the starting point on our 188 mile trip down the Colorado River. The company provided all the food and sleeping gear. We just brought our personal items, camera, alcohol, and sense of adventure. We were limited to 25 lbs per person for the week, alcohol not included (*fortunately!*)

At the launch site we met our guides, J.P. and Sean, and our Swamper (*trainee/general helper/gofer*), Jackson. (*J.P. had more than 25 years of*

experience and had led more than 300 trips. Sean, a member of the Hatch family, did his first trip at 8 years of age.) They introduced us to our rafts, got us fitted for life jackets, had us load up ... then it was off.

Note: To find out a lot more information about trips with Hatch you can visit their Website at www.hatchriverexpeditions.com. There's a lot of great stuff at their FAQs page!

Each motorized raft had either 14 or 15 participants plus a guide, and Jackson switched between the two throughout the week. These are large neoprene rubber rafts, with side pontoons, based on a design first used in WWII. They have small out-board motors, mainly for steering, and each has a back-up. ALL of the food, portable toilets, camping gear, alcohol, camp gear, etc., for the *full week* is carried on these rafts. Gear is stored in the center, and there's plenty of seating. Depending on how much you want to enjoy the rapids, or the wet, you could sit towards the back in the more sheltered "Tea Room" or you could sit along the sides on "the boards," on the pontoon if it wasn't too rough, or up in the very front in what was known as "The Bathtub" if you wanted a *really* wet and wild experience! Riding the pontoons, especially the very front, was allowed except in extreme rapids ... sort of like a version of a mechani-



cal bull ... but much wetter! In more extreme rapids we all had to move to the side boards to sit, or the bathtub, and hang on tight!

Every day on the river brought something different as we traveled about 30 miles per day over our 188 mile trip. Some of the highlights included:

Hiking to see petroglyphs ▪ Shimumo Falls ▪ Deer Creek Falls (*and Upper Deer Creek across the Narrows*) ▪ The Ross Wheeler, a historic metal dory used to run the canyon ▪ Redwall Cavern ▪ The Little Colorado with its sapphire water ▪ Elves Chasm ▪ Havasu Creek.

The RAPIDS (*check out a canyon guide to learn more*) included: Badger Creek ▪ House Rock (*a biggie*) ▪ Tiger Wash ▪ Basalt ▪ Hance (*a really big one*) ▪ Hermit ▪ Sapphire ▪ Lava Falls (*the most exciting of all*)

We camped on sandy beaches along the river. When we'd arrive it was "all hands on deck" to unload the pumpkins (*night bags*), cots, camp chairs, and all of the cooking equipment. Then we'd find spots that we wanted to set up ... either more secluded, private areas for some, or the larger "living room" for big groups that others preferred. Everyone had a ground tarp, folding cot, sleeping bag, sheet, and pillow provided, plus their personal gear.

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Grand Canyon Trip (cont'd)

And our friends, the Groupers" (*chemical toilets*) were set up each night, too. Once camp was set up some people cleaned up (*in the river, or once, a waterfall*), and we enjoyed happy hour with beverages (*our own*), Hors d'Oeuvres, and then fantastic dinners! Just ask someone how good everything was. The cooking was normally done by the Hatch crew, but others were welcome to pitch



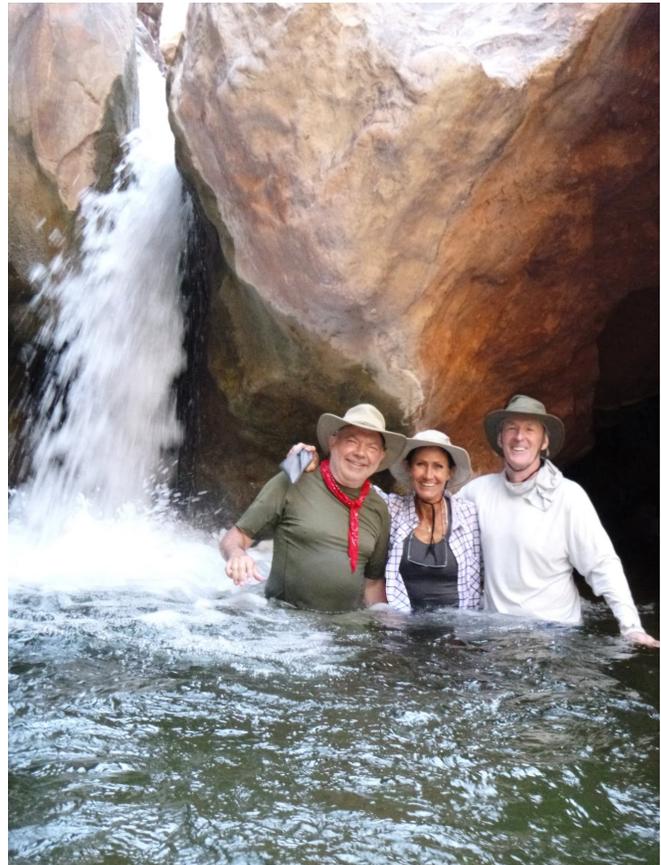
in and help, and everyone was expected to clean up their dishes.

Our trip ended at mile 188½ on the river ... at our campsite at Whitmore Wash. The last morning we were up early, ate and packed, then headed to the helicopter pad just up the hill from to be flown out of the canyon to the Bar 10 Ranch on the North Rim. After cleaning up people were either flown back to the starting point to pick up vehicles, or transported to Las Vegas to fly home.

Paul, Joe, and Joan stayed in the Southwest for a few extra days, visiting the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, and Las Vegas with a side trip to Hoover Dam.

Some things we'll all remember:

- Our first ice-cold drenching in the rapids
- The sand. Everywhere ... in everything ...
- Washing in the river ... or a waterfall
- Bocce Ball with the kids
- The great Hatch crew ... so fun, and funny, and knowledgeable!
- The new friends we made from around the country
- The full moon & the night sky filled with stars
- Beautiful (& scary) hikes and waterfalls
- Riding our life jackets (*like diapers*) down the Little Colorado
- The HEAT and the cool rain.
- No phone, e-mail, etc. for a WEEK and we LOVED it



Member Spotlight: Jackie and Jerry Kohler



Jackie and Jerry (with Larry Essmann) at Q and Suds in June 2021

Jerry and Jackie Kohler have been familiar faces in the ski club for many years, having been members since the 1970s. Their adventures on the slopes started before that though. They first began skiing in 1971 on trips with a club at Florissant Valley Community College. Most of these were bus trips and it was only when they joined the St. Louis club that they began flying to resorts. Winter Park was a favorite destination then, although they did not waste any time branching out. They estimate they have skied at least 27 different western ski areas, many several times. As far as their preferred resorts go, they subscribe to follow the adage that their favorite "is the one where you happen to be at the time." They have expressed some fondness for Big Sky, Lake Tahoe, Purgatory, and the Summit County resorts in Colorado. They recall one memorable trip to Banff in 1986 when it was too cold for downhill skiing but there were "convinced" to try cross-country skiing for the first time by another club member. They lost sight of their leader fairly quickly and struggled to make it back but still managed to cover six miles of terrain.

Like many club members with a long pedigree, Jerry and Jackie have fond memories of the club in its heyday in the 1980s and 90s, when membership was at its prime and trips were far more plentiful. And, of course, they well remember some of the club's more colorful members, including Wayne Baker and his ever-present movie camera. They never recall seeing any of the films though. They made many friendships with other members over the years, some of which endured even after some of these friends stopped skiing.

Jackie served as ski club's secretary for a number of years and wrote many of the Sitzmarker articles for trips she and Jerry went on. At that time, one of the perks of being an office holder was taking advantage of free skiing and lodging that resorts offered to promote themselves to larger clubs. Jackie went on three of these trips, with Coeur D'Alene in Idaho being her most memorable.

Off the ski slopes, Jerry spent much of his time working in the printing industry. In 1955, he joined his two brothers in a company that his father had started in 1923 and began with what would be a 42-year career there. When not working or skiing, he enjoyed golfing, bicycling, and building model airplanes. Jackie did medical transcription for St. Joseph's Hospital and some other institutions and also enjoyed Tole painting and collecting Hallmark ornaments and Pepsi-Cola advertising memorabilia.

As impressive as their list of ski trips is, Jerry and Jackie have an even more extensive list of trips they have taken beyond the ski slopes. In the early 1980s, they did two sailing trips with other couples, renting a 46-foot Morgan Class sailboat and crewing it themselves. The first trip was to the Bahamas where they spent Thanksgiving on an uninhabited island beach and the second was to the Virgin Islands.

Since taking up bicycling seriously in 1980, Jackie and Jerry have ridden in over 14 states, including Florida, New York, California, South Dakota (where they climbed to the top of Mount Rushmore) and Texas (where they visited the Alamo). Abroad, they have bicycled in France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, and South Africa (where

they both rode an ostrich).

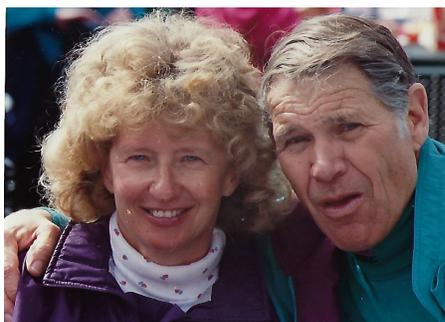
In October of 2007 they took a non-bicycling trip to China, where they saw Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City, and walked on the Great Wall. They also visited Qufu, the home of Confucius, and Suzhou, known as the Venice of the Orient, and made a final stop in Shanghai. Just a few months later they continued their Asian explorations with a seventeen-day bicycle trip to Thailand



The infamous cross-country trek in Banff in 1986

in January of 2008.

Like many of our club members, Jerry and Jackie have led very active lives both on and off the slopes and this article only provides a brief look at Jerry and Jackie's extensive travelogue. Although they have slowed down a bit in recent years, they continue to try new endeavors. In April of 2016, they went on a riverboat cruise from Lisbon, Portugal to Barcelona, Spain, with many interesting stops along the way. Their adventurous spirit can no doubt serve as an inspiration to us all!



At Big Sky in 1992

ST. LOUIS SKI CLUB INCOME AND EXPENSE SUMMARY

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2021

ACODE	DESCRIPTION	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-2021
INCOME					
090200	Membership Income	2,530.00	2,265.00	2,065.00	1,451.35
090201	Membership Income/Senior	220.00	235.00	90.00	80.00
090202	Membership/Couples	190.00	195.00	260.00	400.00
090300	Guest Fee Income	50.00	85.00	60.00	0.00
090400	Interest Income	48.71	52.71	62.24	33.52
090600	Miscellaneous Income	-1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
090800	Unused Trip Credits	0.00	20.00	30.00	0.00
090801	Trip Credit Transfer Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
090900	Trip Admin Fee Income	4,225.83	3,740.42	3,359.70	1,870.00
091100	CD Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Income Totals	7,263.04	6,593.13	5,926.94	3,834.87
EXPENSE					
100100	Sitzmarker Printing	374.71	261.87	360.49	251.25
100200	Sitzmarker Postage	56.84	51.00	48.40	48.95
100500	Postage	26.15	65.05	31.60	37.20
100700	Office Supplies	332.91	108.80	201.31	61.71
100900	Insurance	299.00	308.00	290.00	301.00
101000	Dog N' Suds	458.14	479.74	580.08	0.00
101100	Activities/Sports Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101200	Board Member Credits	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
101400	Honoraria	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
101500	Record Center	2,141.25	1,815.00	2,152.50	1,562.25
101600	Miscellaneous	40.54	25.00	281.90	430.18
101800	Trip Administration	100.00	275.80	17.28	-3.20
101900	Post Office Box	99.80	96.00	106.00	118.00
102000	Bank Service Charge	30.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
102400	Chicago Ski Council	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
102500	Tax Preparation	100.00	125.00	125.00	225.00
102600	General Membership Mtgs.	309.95	188.66	0.00	0.00
102700	Advertising/Marketing	179.88	214.94	247.88	25.00
102800	Internet	144.00	224.00	144.00	144.00
102900	Business Incorporation Fees	21.25	0.00	21.25	0.00
	Expense Totals	\$7,954.42	\$7,478.86	\$7,847.69	\$6,471.34
	Operating Profit (Loss)	(\$691.38)	(\$885.73)	(\$1,920.75)	(\$2,636.47)
	Trip Profit (Loss)	\$1,715.51	\$189.45	\$1,657.34	\$760.75
	Year Net (Loss) Profit	\$1,024.13	(\$696.28)	(\$263.41)	(\$1,875.72)



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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 November 11th 5 pm	ThirstyThursday Happy Hour	Mezcaleria Las Chupacabres 25 The Blvd Richmond Heights, MO 63117
Saturday November 20th 9:30 am	Hike at Powder Valley Park	11715 Cragwold Road St. Louis, MO 63122
Thursday December 2nd 5 pm	Annual Holiday Party (See details on Page 4)	Zia's on the Hill 5256 Wilson Avenue St. Louis, MO 63110