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## Fall 2019

## President's Message

Autumn marks the transition from summer to winter. It's that time of year when we dig out the sweaters, hats and gloves. And we have visions of the coming winter (AKA ski season to us skiers).

Our ski trip signups for the coming year have already closed except for those who might want to be placed on a wait list. On signup night, the Steamboat trip in January filled up VERY quickly — with a few folks already on the wait list at the end of the night. Signups for the Telluride and and Park City trips were also quite robust. If you missed making the list for a trip, do not hesitate to be put on a wait list. There is virtually always a need for someone to cancel a trip. Those on the wait list are the first called to fill a vacant spot, in order of trip applications received.\* The



higher up on the list you are, the better chance you will have of going!

*\* Note: the slot(s) needing filled might also be based on gender according to who else will be sharing a room/condo.*

Now is the time of year I think about my ski gear —getting my skis tuned and mulling over any new gear or clothing I might want to get. Speaking of "gearing up", I hope you found our recent presentation at the Alpine Shop enlightening (I know I did) and that it will prove helpful when you go looking for your new gear.

Let's face it — it's no easy task keeping up with the latest and greatest in ski gear. Many thanks to the Alpine Shop for hosting!

It will be interesting to see what the coming ski season holds for us locally, as Hidden Valley Ski Resort in Wildwood, MO is now officially owned by Vail Resorts. No doubt there will be many changes, hopefully all for the better.

Vice-President Lou Boyer is doing a great job of bringing new and fresh activities to the club, as well as scheduling some proven winners. Be sure to check out page 2 for the flyer on our upcoming holiday party at Zia's. I hope to see you there. Also, let Lou know of any ideas you have for upcoming activities and if you would like to host an event. This is YOUR club!

May you have a lovely fall, and an even better winter.



**Trip Sign-Up Night - August 22nd**  
**More Club Photos on Page 5**



***St. Louis Ski Club  
Holiday Party!***

**Thursday, December 5**  
**6 pm – Social Time in the Bar**  
**7 pm – Dinner**

***Zia's on the Hill***

**5256 Wilson Avenue**

**St. Louis, MO 63110**

*(Separate checks will be available!)*

**Reserve YOUR Spot:**

**Lou Boyer**

**(618) 610-2297**

*or*

**Activities@stlouisskiclub.com**

*or on*

**Meetup.com**



# St. Louis Ski Club 2020 Ski Trips

Ski Resort & Trip Captain	Dates	Lodging	What's Included	Price Info	Ice
<u><b>Steamboat, CO</b></u> <b>(FSA Trip)</b> <a href="http://www.steamboat.com">www.steamboat.com</a>  <b>Paul Snyder</b> <a href="mailto:psnyder@immanuelolivette.org">psnyder@immanuelolivette.org</a> 314-761-4797  <b>Trip Full!</b> <b>Wait List Only</b>	1/19/20 thru 1/26/20  26 <i>skiers</i>  6 <i>ski</i> <i>days</i>	"Ski Town USA With the FSA"  <u><b>Phoenix</b></u>  2BR/2B condo for four people  Walking distance to the slopes!  <b>Flatland Race Info</b> <a href="http://www.flatlandski.org">www.flatlandski.org</a>	Lodging/Airfare  Transfers to/from Hayden Airport  FSA Welcome Reception  FSA Banquet, Parties & Races <i>(Racing is optional)</i>  Club Party	Trip Price \$1,300  Deposit \$700  Balance \$600  Due* 11/15/19	Thursday  Jan 9th  6 PM
<u><b>Telluride, CO</b></u> <a href="http://www.tellurideskiresort.com">www.tellurideskiresort.com</a>  <b>Dan McGurk</b> <a href="mailto:danieljmcgurk@gmail.com">danieljmcgurk@gmail.com</a> 660-216-3623  <b>Trip Full!</b> <b>Wait List Only</b>	2/8/20 thru 2/14/20  32 <b>18</b> <i>skiers</i>  5 <i>ski</i> <i>days</i>	"Unmatched in North America"  <u><b>Peaks Hotel</b></u>  2 people per hotel room  <b>Hot Buffet Breakfast            Included</b>	Lodging/Airfare  Transfers to/from Montrose Airport  Club Party	Trip Price \$1,780  Deposit \$900  Balance \$880  Due* 12/1/19	Wednesday  Jan 29th  6 PM
<u><b>Park City, UT</b></u> <a href="http://www.parkcitymountain.com/">www.parkcitymountain.com/</a>  <b>Lou Boyer</b> <a href="mailto:boyeremalou@gmail.com">boyeremalou@gmail.com</a> 618-610-2297  <b>Trip Full!</b> <b>Wait List Only</b>	3/11/20 thru 3/16/20  36 <b>16</b> <i>skiers</i>  4 <i>ski</i> <i>days</i>	"Elevated. Enhanced. Reimagined"  <u><b>Peaks Hotel</b></u>  2 people per hotel room  <b>Hot Buffet Breakfast            Included</b>	Lodging/Airfare  Transfers to/from Salt Lake City Airport  Club Party  Welcome Reception	Trip Price \$1,109  Deposit \$550  Balance \$500  Due* 1/7/20	Wednesday  March 4th  6 PM

Icebreakers to be held at Llywelyn's Pub — 17 W. Moody Ave., Webster Groves

Trip prices may change due to fuel surcharges. Gratuities for ground transportation/baggage handlers included.

Additional fees for airline baggage may apply.

**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.**

## Steamboat, Colorado

### "Ski Town USA with the FSA"

January 19 - 26, 2020    26 Skiers  
 Price \$1,300 (*Lift tickets not included*)  
 Trip Captain: Paul Snyder  
 psnyder@immanuelolivette.org  
 314-761-4797

**Trip Full!**  
**Wait List Only**



Join 350+ of your friends, or soon-to-be friends, as we return to Steamboat for the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual FSA Ski & Race week! Steamboat is famous for its "Champagne Powder" skiing, and with 6 peaks, 2,965 acres of terrain, and 165 runs to choose from, you'll certainly find plenty to enjoy!

- Round trip airfare from St. Louis to Hayden (*Steamboat*) airport on American Airlines, with transfers to and from the airport.
- 7 nights lodging at **The Phoenix**, within easy walking distance of Gondola Square and the slopes.
  - <https://thephoenixatsteamboat.com/>
  - 2 bedroom/2 bath condos for four people.
  - Complimentary shuttle service around the resort and downtown.
- Six ski days.
- Deeply discounted lift tickets (*locked in at 2019 prices, starting at just \$62 per day*).
- Club party, FSA Welcome Party, and FSA Awards Banquet (*Western BBQ*) included!
- Complimentary Boulevard Beer at the FSA events!
- The opportunity 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.
- Optional activities include après ski with the FSA, snowshoeing, hot springs, slope-side FSA picnic, & lots of great restaurants from casual to high-end!

## Telluride, Colorado

### "Unmatched in North America"

February 8 - 14, 2020    ~~32~~ 18 Skiers  
 Price: \$ 1,780 (*Lift tickets not included*)  
 Trip Captain: Dan McGurk  
 danieljmcgurk@gmail.com  
 660-216-3623

**Trip Full!**  
**Wait List Only**



Enjoy 5 days of skiing at one of the club's more popular destinations of recent years. There is something to challenge skiers of all levels on this mountain. The 2000 acres of skiable terrain contains 148 trails (23% beginner, 36% intermediate, 41% advanced). This is serviced by 17 lifts including 2 high-speed gondolas and 5 high-speed quads.

We are also returning to The Peaks, which many club members have described as the truest ski-in/ski-out resort they have ever encountered.

- 6 nights lodging at the Peaks Resort in Mountain Village (2 persons per room)
- Rooms include free high-speed WiFi, coffeemaker with gourmet tea and coffee, and a mini-fridge
- Ski-in/Ski-out access
- Onsite restaurant
- Free hot breakfast daily
- Access to the spa services at the Peaks Resort
- Fitness center and indoor/outdoor pool
- Ski valet and onsite rental shop
- Club party

When not skiing, explore the variety of dining options and other attractions in the adjoining Mountain Village. Or take the complimentary gondola ride to the town of Telluride. This one-time gold mining town now houses historic buildings, quaint bakeries and local watering holes, along with 5-star restaurants and sophisticated shopping venues.

There is something for everyone at Telluride! Don't miss out!

## Park City, Utah "Elevated. Enhanced. Reimagined"

March 11 - 16 **36 16** Skiers  
 Price: \$1,109 (*Lift tickets not included*)  
 Trip Captain: Lou Boyer  
 boyeremalou@gmail.com  
 618-610-2297

**Trip Full!**  
**Wait List Only**



If you are looking for a shorter trip and a bargain value, this is the trip for you. This location has been a favorite of the ski club in the past and much has changed since our last trip there in 2014. Park City has merged with the nearby Canyons Resort and now encompasses over 7300 skiable acres with over 330 trails (15% beginner, 54% intermediate, 31% expert). And the ever-popular Deer Valley is only a short bus ride away, with another 2000 skiable acres and 103 trails.

We are staying at the Peaks Hotel, which is loaded with amenities, including a hot breakfast served daily. Free shuttle service is available. The price is reasonable and includes a pizza party!

- Four ski days, your choice of Park City or Deer Valley
- Lodging at the Peaks Hotel (2 persons per room)
- Pool and spa
- Fitness Center
- Daily hot breakfast
- Onsite restaurant
- Welcome reception pizza party
- Club party

Park City is a unique locale. It was established as a silver mining community. When silver prices dropped in the 1930's, a new commodity was discovered...Snow!! In addition to the majestic mountains, the flavor of the old West is present in the town, with abundant dining, shopping and night life. Please sign up and share this amazing experience with us.

## Recent Events



Night at the Muny - 7/29



Trip Sign-Up Night - 8/22



Happy Hour at Lascelles Bistro - 9/20



Hike at Powder Valley Nature Center - 9/28

# Member Spotlight: Linda Strunk

Who said you can never go back? It's not true. Downhill skiing really is a lifetime sport.

So says Linda Strunk, who learned how to ski in the 1970s, and is back at it again. Linda first learned about the St. Louis Ski Club from her boss at her first job. She and her sister decided to join and took a bus trip to Chestnut Mountain and she enjoyed it enough to stay a member of the club, eventually meeting her husband there. They had two children and eventually left the club to begin skiing on their own. Their children grew up skiing.



**Linda and her family at Hidden Valley**

Linda eventually put skiing on the back burner but kept active in other areas. She worked at Monsanto Company for 38 years, always in a service group, with positions including mail room supervisor, purchasing buyer, and record center archivist. She happily retired to welcome more leisure time.

In 2015 Linda rejoined the St. Louis Ski Club with the goal of skiing with her daughter and two grandchildren. Her return was made a little tricky by the fact that she had had both knees replaced. She describes some of her initial steps in preparing for her return:

*I decided to ski Hidden Valley a few times to make sure that it was the right thing for me to do, and it worked. Of course, I went to the gym and exercised a lot, starting out very slowly, but then I had no trouble skiing. It was so fun and so exhilarating to finally get out there, schussing, and working out the bugs.*

Her first trip upon returning to the club was to Jackson Hole. Although friends told her that she picked a tough place, she knew there would be ski slopes just right for her. She has since been to Steamboat Springs, Snowmass, Copper Mountain, Winter Park, and Banff. When asked to pick a favorite, her response is a simple "I love them all."

Linda's travel has not been limited to ski resorts, however. In recent years, she has followed the urge to begin seeing the world beyond the USA. As she states:

*As far as world travel, I've done very little. Now that I've had my 70th birthday, however, I hope to start traveling more. I've been to Spain, and I plan to go to Italy soon. A friend and I have driven up the coast of Maine to Roosevelt Campobello International State Park and had "Tea with Eleanor", and then drove down the coast of Maine. That was the most fun I've had in ages.*

When not traveling or skiing, Linda has plenty of interests that keep her busy close to home. She has enjoyed sewing all her life and quilting for the past 35 years. She makes quilts, wall hangings, and articles of clothing, and she enjoys joining other volunteers to make Quilts of Valor to present to veterans. She also enjoys reading, gardening, and lunch with her quilting friends on Fridays. She has even begun studying French at Maramec Community College.



**Linda enjoying her quilting hobby**

Like many in the club, Linda also enjoys the socializing and camaraderie at other ski club events, from happy hours to the annual Dogs 'n Suds (now called Q 'n Suds) picnic. This has allowed her to become reacquainted with "vintage" friends from the past and make new friends. In her words: "Friends are golden. One needs lots of friends to appreciate and enjoy life. That's what I believe, anyway."

Since rejoining the club, Linda appears to have lost no time in taking advantage of our skiing opportunities while also re-establishing friendships and social connections. Let us hope that her experience serves as an example for us all: Even when life takes us in other directions, we can always come back to the activities and people we care about.



**On the club trip to Steamboat in 2019**

# ST. LOUIS SKI CLUB INCOME AND EXPENSE SUMMARY

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2019

ACODE	DESCRIPTION	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-2019
<b>INCOME</b>					
090200	Membership Income	2,560.00	2,385.00	2,530.00	2,265.00
090201	Membership Income/Senior	260.00	260.00	220.00	235.00
090202	Membership/Couples	950.00	405.00	190.00	195.00
090300	Guest Fee Income	335.00	75.00	50.00	85.00
090400	Interest Income	21.67	24.22	48.71	52.71
090600	Miscellaneous Income	247.00	40.84	-1.50	0.00
090800	Unused Trip Credits	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
090801	Trip Credit Transfer Fee	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
090900	Trip Admin Fee Income	4,950.00	3,848.76	4,225.83	3,740.42
091100	CD Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>Income Totals</b>	<b>9,348.67</b>	<b>7,038.82</b>	<b>7,263.04</b>	<b>6,593.13</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>					
100100	Sitzmarker Printing	586.52	307.37	374.71	261.87
100200	Sitzmarker Postage	139.91	65.80	56.84	51.00
100500	Postage	71.29	22.92	26.15	65.05
100700	Office Supplies	162.33	216.81	332.91	108.80
100900	Insurance	457.00	504.00	299.00	308.00
101000	Dog N' Suds	428.97	435.16	458.14	479.74
101100	Activities/Sports Expense	0.00	68.76	0.00	0.00
101200	Board Member Credits	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,200.00
101400	Honoraria	60.00	60.00	0.00	0.00
101500	Record Center	2,732.50	2,508.75	2,141.25	1,815.00
101600	Miscellaneous	629.32	-100.50	40.54	25.00
101800	Trip Administration	0.00	105.00	100.00	275.80
101900	Post Office Box	41.00	90.59	99.80	96.00
102000	Bank Service Charge	35.00	0.00	30.00	0.00
102400	Chicago Ski Council	80.00	115.00	40.00	40.00
102500	Tax Preparation	100.00	100.00	100.00	125.00
102600	General Membership Mtgs.	250.00	100.00	309.95	188.66
102700	Advertising/Marketing	72.00	0.00	179.88	214.94
102800	Internet	89.94	224.00	144.00	224.00
102900	Business Incorporation Fees	0.00	0.00	21.25	0.00
	<b>Expense Totals</b>	<b>\$9,135.78</b>	<b>\$8,023.66</b>	<b>\$7,954.42</b>	<b>\$7,478.86</b>
	Operating Profit (Loss)	\$212.89	(\$984.84)	(\$691.38)	(\$885.73)
	Trip Profit (Loss)	\$5,181.80	\$1,664.68	\$1,715.51	\$189.45
	<b>Year Net (Loss) Profit</b>	<b>\$5,394.69</b>	<b>\$679.84</b>	<b>\$1,024.13</b>	<b>(\$696.28)</b>



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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](mailto:activities@stlouisskiclub.com)  
See [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>Friday November 8, 2019 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Happy Hour</b>	<b>Bar Louie</b> 110 S. Kirkwood Blvd Kirkwood, MO 63122
<b>Thursday December 5, 2019 6 pm</b>	<b>Annual Holiday Party (See details on Page 2)</b>	<b>Zia's on The Hill</b> 5256 Wilson Avenue St. Louis, MO 63110