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**Sitzmarker
Winter 2025**

President's Message

Hello fellow skiers, boarders, and other club members! We're right in the middle of ski season, with one club trip completed and two more still coming up. Check out the article on our great trip to Telluride on **Page 2**. I know I had a fantastic time, especially with all the great new snow in the middle of the week, and now I'm looking forward to March and our trip to Paganella, Italy! But even if you're not taking one of our ski trips, keep an eye out for the "Out and About" emails and watch the website for other upcoming activities. As the weather improves there will be even more things going on.

A VERY important thing to think about is that club elections will be coming up very shortly. Our



Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10th. If you'd be interested in serving on the SLSC board, please let Pat Pender know. Review the information about the different board positions and the meeting on **Page 5**, or talk with one of the current board members if you want to

know more about what is involved! It's rewarding, and even easier now that we can do most of our board meetings virtually. Also, if you have an activity you think the club would enjoy, contact our vice president, Karen, and also consider helping to host or organize! Last, but not least, our club has been a member of the Flatland Ski Association (FSA) for many years. The past few years Joe Bauer has been the race director, but is no longer able to fill the position. As of June, we NEED someone to take this on. Please contact either Joe or me for more information. It's not a big time commitment during the year, but it is important, especially the week of the FSA trip.

Thanks!



**FSA/Telluride Trip
More Photos Inside**

FSA/Telluride



Alma Delmonte racing toward a medal!

Under the leadership of trip captain Carole Stevenson, twenty skiers set out from St. Louis on Saturday, January 25th, to begin the first ski trip of the year. The destination was Telluride, Colorado, where our club would participate in the annual Flatland Ski Association (FSA) events. Making the trek were Jim and Alma Delmonte, Bev Doolin, Alan Fiddleman, John Garcia, Sean Garcia, Steve and Nancy Hahn, Bill Harris, Scott Harter, Joe Kavanaugh, Annie Merriott, Gary and Janet Rottler, Paul Snyder, Patsy Stanley, Erni Wood, Ann Wrightstone. We would be later be joined in Telluride by Nicholas and Rebecca Floyd and Lori Rottler, who arranged their own transportation.

This would prove to be a great trip but we had a rather ominous start with a long delay on the tarmac in St. Louis due to severe weather conditions in Denver. We all feared that we would miss our connecting flight to Montrose, which was the last flight of the day. Luckily, Southwest held our plane and we made our flight.

Once we arrived at our beautiful accommodations at Bear Creek Condos, Carole hosted a welcome party in honor of our dear friend, Ed Goedde, who had been scheduled to be on the trip. Ed was a very kind, special man and will be missed by all.

This trip marked the 61st year of the Flatland Ski Association (FSA) races. For some, this is a regular event, but for others this was their first time participating. Overall, our club came in 5th in the final club rankings.

The weather for both Monday and Tuesday race days was sunny and comfortable, although the ski conditions would get icy later in the day. Wednesday brought much needed snow. It snowed more during the night after the groomers were done, so Thursday had some fresh snow. The locals said it was probably the best snow fall of the season. The conditions Friday were perfect.

A number of people took part in the races, and we made a good showing. In the challenge events, Alma Delmonte took a silver medal in her bracket, and John Garcia took a bronze in his. We had three club members, Ann Wrightstone, Janet Rottler, and Gary Rottler who got certificates for participating in the novice race. And we had great fun watching Scott Harter, Annie Merriott, John Garcia, and Steve Hahn participate in the snowshoe relay!

St. Louis Ski Club president Paul Snyder was given a special honor by the FSA board, who unanimously awarded him the **Judy Cup** for outstanding service and commitment to the FSA. Paul has served several times as the club's FSA representative and Race Director. In addition, he has served the FSA as Vice President, President, Past-President, and four times as the Activities Director.



Heading home from the Montrose airport.

Beyond the skiing and FSA races, there plenty of other activities to occupy our time. We had a fabulous, fun-loving group who enjoyed skiing, socializing, and playing games in the gorgeous lobby in front of the

roaring fireplace, Sunday evening, the highly anticipated NFL playoff game between Kansas City and Buffalo was televised at the FSA social in the Convention Center. Patsey Stanley did a snow shoe hike off Lift 10 and a snowmobile trip.

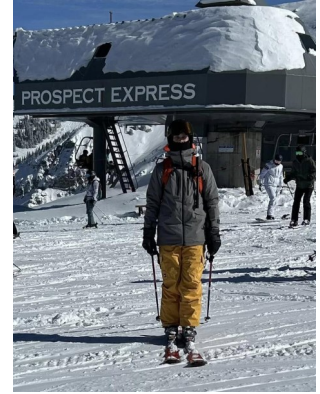


Club President Paul Snyder and the Judy Cup

Scott Harter kept especially busy celebrating his birthday with gusto over the course of the entire week! One night after some late night partying, he and his Kansas City Ski Club pals missed all the shuttles, Ubers, and gondolas and found themselves hiking straight up the mountain in the wee hours of the morning!

On Saturday, February 1st, we boarded the shuttle for our trip to Montrose and our flight back to St. Louis and the first ski trip of the year was in the books. By all accounts, it was a success for the FSA events, the overall skiing, and the general comradery. While this trip is now a memory, for many of our members the thrills of Palisades and Paganella Italy still await. Here's to a great start to our season!

Telluride Photos



Remembering Ed Goedde



The St. Louis Ski Club lost a long-time member and a cherished friend with the sudden death of Ed Goedde on December 18th. Ed was a regular on our ski trips over the years, often traveling with his partner, Carole Stevenson. All those who had the pleasure of knowing Ed remember a warm and friendly personality as well as an excellent ski and travel companion.

A St. Louis native, Ed grew up in the Tower Grove neighborhood and attended Immaculate Heart of Mary and Preparatory South High School, graduating with the class of 1967. After his graduation from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, he served his country as an officer in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. Ed proudly served as a F4 navigator and was stationed in Thailand.

After his tour of duty with the Air Force, Ed was employed with the United States Government Defense Contract Management Agency. During this time, Ed also continued to serve his country as a major in the Missouri National Air Guard until his retirement.

It was while he was in military training in California and New Mexico that he developed his lifelong love for skiing. Beyond skiing, Ed also stayed active in a variety of other activities, including basketball, softball, golf, and pickleball. He also loved traveling with Carole and other friends and family to numerous parts of our country as well as many cruises and overseas adventures.

He was a loving father to Laura Gehant (Kevin Thompson), Brian (Katie) Goedde, grandfather of Trevor and Adelaide, and a devoted brother, uncle, friend, and loving partner to Carole Stevenson.

Our hearts are heavy at this time, but we can be grateful that we had the opportunity to know Ed and experience his presence on so many of our trips and other activities. We know that he will always be with us in spirit as we traverse the mountains he loved so well or gather for social functions where he always made others feel at home.



Halloween Party at Casa Loma



Hike at Pere Marquette State Park

Help Our Club Flourish!

St. Louis Ski Club Board of Directors

Elections to our Board of Directors are coming up in April. Once again, we ask all our members to consider stepping up and contributing their time and talent to help lead our club. All of the current board members are willing to continue serving in their respective roles, but we would also welcome the chance to see new faces on the board. We have detailed the duties of each board member

below and you may see that you have more of the skills necessary for a role than you realized.

There is compensation for this work. Board members receive 800 trip credits for serving a full year. Beyond this, though, you have the chance to shape the club for the future and help ensure it can continue.

At the very least, even if you cannot contribute to our leadership, please pay your membership fee in a timely manner, even if you do not plan on any trips

in the coming ski season. Club membership fees may seem like small amounts but taken together they form a significant part of our operating funds. And, as noted in our president's message, please encourage others to join our club and participate in trips. Beyond the immediate benefits of the Refer-A-Friend program, this is another important element of helping our club grow and prosper.

If you have any interest in running for a board position, contact Pat Pender at financial@stlouisskiclub.com to have your name placed on the ballot.

Board Position Descriptions

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, presides at all meetings and perform the duties of the President.
- Supervises the publicity and promotion of the St. Louis Ski Club through printed club material and the news media.
- Prepares and arranges the general membership schedule and meeting places

Communications Director

- Drafts and edits the St. Louis Ski Club newsletter, the Sitzmarker.
- Arranges for timely delivery of the Sitzmarker to the membership 4 times a year.
- Monitors and updates the St. Louis Ski Club website
- Records minutes for board meetings

Trip Director

- Produces the trip schedule, secures trip contracts and executes the scheduled ski trips for the St. Louis Ski Club.
- Creates and updates the trip grid and payment schedules posted in the Sitzmarker.
- Recruits and supervises the trip captains.
- Maintains and updates the trip captain manual.

Annual Meeting and Elections

When:

Thursday, April 10th, 2025

Social Hour and Voting at 6 PM

Election Results and

Meeting at 7 PM

Where:

Llywelyn's Pub

17 W. Moody Ave.

Webster Groves, MO 63119

Electronic ballots will be emailed to members in late March with instructions for voting. They will need to be completed and returned by April 10th at 6 pm.

Club memberships expire on April 30th 2025. Current members save \$5 by renewing by May 15th. Membership applications are available on our website at <https://www.stlouisskiclub.com/>

Refer A Friend: Remember that if you refer a brand new member to the club and they go on a ski trip in 2026, you are eligible for a \$25 referral check. There is a place on the membership application where they can indicate your name.

Recent Social Events

Christmas Party at Pietro's



St. Louis Zoo Wild Lights December 16th



Mark Your Calendars Now!

Please use our Meetup page at <http://www.meetup.com/St-Louis-Ski-Club/>
or RSVP to activities@stlouisskiclub.com

See stlouisskiclub.com for the latest updates!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday February 13th 6 PM	Palisades Trip Icebreaker	Llywelyn's Pub 17 Moody Ave Webster Groves, MO 63119
Wednesday February 19th 6 PM	Paganella Trip Icebreaker	Llywelyn's Pub 17 Moody Ave Webster Groves, MO 63119
Thursday April 10th	Annual Meeting and Elections <i>(See Details Page 5)</i>	Llywelyn's Pub 17 Moody Ave Webster Groves, MO 63119
Friday June 6th 5 PM	<i>Q and Suds</i> <i>(Details in Spring Sitzmarker)</i>	Tilles Park (Skow Shelter) 9551 Litzinger Road St. Louis, MO 63124



Hidden Valley Ski Day—January 19