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## Spring 2026

## President's Message

In my first message to the club, I reflected about my history with the club. In my second message I reflected about how the club has evolved in the last 20 years. In my third message, I reflected how the ski industry has evolved. In my final message for 2025-26, I would like to talk about our wonderful board members who drive the success of our club.

**Record Center: Pat Pender**  
Pat joined the club in 2008 and became the record center director in 2015, taking over from long-time club member Sue Scott. While other board members earn credits to apply toward future trips, Pat, due to the nature of her work, charges the club an hourly rate for her services. The job requires meticulous attention to detail, since mistakes made can cost the club a lot of money. One of the reasons the club has been in the black these last few years can be attributed to her financial prowess in tracking payments and deadlines. Also, as I mentioned in one of my previous articles, transitioning to on-line trip payments instead of just checks has made it much easier for Pat to process club transactions which saves the club money in the time she has to spend. We are very fortunate to have Pat's long-time dedication as the record center. Thanks Pat!



**Communications Director: Dan McGurk**  
Dan joined the club in 2005 and has served as the Communications Director since 2018. His writing background makes him an ideal candidate to produce the newsletter and write up the club board meeting minutes. It is interesting that because Dan lives in Kirksville, MO, the board met in hybrid and on-line meetings years before the pandemic, when on-line meetings became a thing. Besides his service as an excellent trip captain for many trips, we also appreciate Dan's website skills. For multiple years the club has been recognized by the Chicago Metropolitan Ski Council (CMSC) for website excellence. Thanks Dan!

**Trip Director: Paul Snyder**  
Paul has served multiple club roles including Communications Director and President before serving as the Trip Director for the first time

this year. I am thrilled he took the Trip Director position over from me. The club needed new perspectives on trip planning. Plus, Paul's personal passion for both domestic and international travel gives him an ideal perspective in trip planning. He was a favorite of many club members all the times he served as an excellent trip captain. He is also known for his ongoing dedication to the Flatland Ski Association and their annual FSA trips. Thanks Paul!

**Vice President: Jo Anne Howard**  
Jo Anne is the newbie to the board as this is her first year serving. She quickly rose to the occasion planning many club social events. She also stepped up by recently improving the Out & About monthly communications. Jo Anne has been a great addition. Thanks Jo Anne!

While we are always looking for new board members, I'm elated that everyone is willing to continue their role for 2026-27. My role as President has been so much easier and enjoyable compared to when I was last President in 2002-03. This can be attributed to the excellent work the entire board has accomplished. The club salutes and thanks you all.



## Jackson Hole trip!

## More photos inside!

# Jackson Hole



In early February, 30 members of the St. Louis Ski Club, gathered at Lambert for the start of the club's final ski trip of 2026. The destination was Jackson Hole, Wyoming, which the club was returning to after a nine-year hiatus, just in time to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the ski resort. Club members on the trip were Richard Alexander, Frank Atkinson, Doug Bender, Denise Buehrer, Jim and Alma Delmonte, James Duzan, Nancy Engel, John Garcia, Sean Garcia, Scott Harter, Haskins Hobson, Jeff and Marianna Hopson, Donald Jones, Ken Kinsinger, Susan Leonard, Mary Jane Loeffler, Jennifer Marshall, Dan McGurk, Pat Pender, Dan Rath, Bob and Chris Schnieders, Paul Stamer, Paul Snyder, Vicki Stinger, Raju Muhki, and Erni Wood.

We arrived on Saturday, February 7th and rode a Mountain Resort Services shuttle bus to the Elk Country Inn, just four and ½ blocks west of the town square. There we met up with our trip captain, Joan Scholz, who had flown in from Wisconsin. We gathered Saturday night in the front parlor room for a welcome party dinner before bedding down for the night.

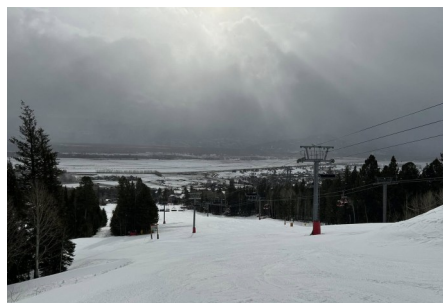
Most of us got up on Sunday morning, had complimentary breakfast in the parlor, and rode a morning shuttle bus to Jackson Hole Mountain, a 30-minute journey at either 8 AM, 9:30 AM or 11 AM. Skiing conditions on the first day were adequate, but the mountain had not had much snow over the past month, so there were a few thin areas. Many of us discovered or rediscovered how steep a mountain Jackson Hole actually is. Luckily, we were in for a snowy couple of days later in the week. That evening, a large group headed out to the Silver Dollar Bar and Grill to watch the Seattle Seahawks defeat the New England Patriots in Super Bowl 60.

Monday turned out to be a poor day for skiing with sleet and frozen rain falling in

town and at the mountain during the morning hours. A few intrepid skiers and boarders rode the free shuttle bus from the hotel to the mountain, while most of the ski club stayed in town to wait out the wet weather. Those who did stay in town or returned to town from the mountain on an early bus took advantage of the clearing conditions to walk around the town and do some souvenir shopping, art gallery gazing, and local cuisine sampling. A small group of us enjoyed Liberty Burger for lunch, where they serve creatively named, deliciously healthy beef and bison burgers; some even took home chipotle ketchup bottles.

Tuesday was an optional side trip day for the club; 19 members rode the 90-minute shuttle bus from Jackson to Grand Targhee ski resort east of Alta, WY. Although it had snowed overnight, the weather on Tuesday was postcard perfect, with blue skies all day. The resort had added a new Colter ski lift since our last visit, which added 8 more vertical runs and untold acres of fresh powder to see and ski. Those that went had a fabulous day, seeing many breathtaking views of the backside of the Teton range and the valley below.

The snow began falling Tuesday night into Wednesday and continued falling Thursday and Friday. While the weather was warm for February, the skiing conditions on Wednesday were exceedingly difficult, with deep, ungroomed piles of snow everywhere and visibility hindered by a persistent fog. Many skiers had a short day on Wednesday. A group of club members rode the Aerial Tram up to the top of Rendezvous Peak on Thursday, some even having waffles at the world-famous Corbet's Cabin Top of the World Waffles at 10,450 feet above sea level, just a few ski turns from the insane Corbet's Couloir. Most skied down, though a few of us took the return trip down via the tram.



Over the course of the week, some non-skiers (and those taking some days off) managed to pursue some other activities in Jackson Hole and its surrounding areas. On Wednesday, a group took a trip to Grand Teton National Park to see some wildlife. While they did spot the occasional wolf, moose, bald eagle, and raven, the snow kept them from seeing too much of the animal kingdom.

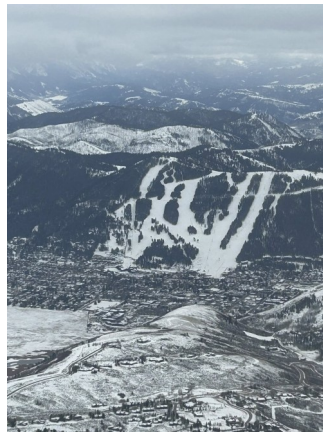
Thursday evening was our club party at the Snake River Brewing, which bills itself as Wyoming's oldest and most awarded small craft brewery. We had a private (and slightly cramped) room to gather for a good meal. The restaurant offered a varied selection of entrees to choose from, and everyone managed to find something to their liking. It was good to have one last group gathering on the trip.

A few people took off from skiing on Friday, but most went out to enjoy one last day on the slopes. Overall, it was a good day, with the resort returning their trails to a groomed state, though visibility remained challenging.

Saturday, February 14th, we regretfully departed from Jackson for the journey home. All in all, the trip was a success. Old friendships were reunited, and new friendships were formed. Winter Olympics were watched, the King and Queen of Corbet's Couloir competition was held, moose, elk and other wildlife were spotted, tired legs and feet were soaked in the outdoor and indoor hot tubs, bellies were stuffed with local fare, nights were slept in comfortable beds, and all returned home having enjoyed a wonderful week of Wyoming's natural beauty. Thanks to the Ski Club for putting the trip together and to Joan being our trip captain!

# Jackson Hole Photos





# Social Events



**Hike at Queeny Park**



**Happy Hour at Blue Jay Brewing**



**Happy Hour at Heavy Riff Brewery**

# Club News

## Annual Meeting and Elections

Thanks to all who attended the Annual Meeting on April 23rd and participated in elections for the St. Louis Ski Club Board of Directors. The following were all elected to the board.

### **President**

Tom Coscia

### **Vice-President**

Jo Anne Howard

### **Trip Director**

Paul Snyder

### **Communications Director**

Dan McGurk

We ask all our club members to consider running for the board in the future. New ideas and new blood are important to any organization. We know our club has many talented and committed people who could help take our club in new directions.

Descriptions of the various offices are available in the [St. Louis Ski Club by-laws](http://stlouisskiclub.com/about/) accessible from our home page at <http://stlouisskiclub.com/about/>. Please review these to determine which positions might be ones in which you could make a valuable difference for the St. Louis Ski Club.

## Membership Renewals

Club memberships expire on April 30th 2026

Current members save \$5 by renewing by May 15th

Membership applications are available on our website at <https://www.stlouisskiclub.com/>

We now allow you to renew to join the club or re-new memberships completely online.

Use the form at <https://forms.gle/z8QfovUfTF5wXUtR7> and then use the link to Venmo or PayPal to submit payment.

## Refer a Friend and Earn \$25

We are continuing our successful program from years' past.

If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a brand new club member and they sign up for a 2027 trip, the club will send you a \$25 referral check. The check will be sent to you in April 2027. On the application form there will be a place that the new member can indicate your name.

# Club News

## Appreciation to Brett Coleman of NeuConcept

You may have noticed a new and improved look to the St. Louis Ski Club website. This is due to the efforts of a former club member, Brett Coleman, who designed our website many years ago and has maintained it ever since. While the club's communications director is responsible for updating content on the website, Brett serves as our webmaster who ensures that the site runs smoothly on the server and deals with any technical glitches. And he has done this without ever charging the club a penny!



Brett certainly has the background for this task. Since 1996, he and his wife Sonia have owned and operated Neu-Concept Productions, a technology and marketing company that provides technical help for companies across all industries. See the company website at <https://neuconcept.com> for more details about its services

In appreciation for Brett's efforts, please consider using NeuConcept for any technological needs you may have in the future.

## 2027 Planned\* Trips!



*Here's are the club's  
planned trips for 2027!\**

*\*Awaiting final contract information!*

**St. Anton, Austria – 1/22 – 2/2**  
**Steamboat, CO (FSA) – 1/23 – 1/30**  
**Winter Park, CO – 2/21 – 2/26**  
**Big Sky, MT – 3/13 – 3/20**

# Mark Your Calendars Now!

See [stlouisskiclub.com](http://stlouisskiclub.com) for the latest updates!

Download the [Band App](#) to RSVP for activities

You may also RSVP to [activities@stlouisskiclub.com](mailto:activities@stlouisskiclub.com)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday May 9th 10 AM	Hike at Fort Belle Fontaine	13002 Bellefontaine Rd St Louis, MO
Thursday May 21st 6 PM	Thirsty Thursday Happy Hour	Casa Juarez 12710 Dorsett Rd Maryland Heights, MO 63043
Friday June 5th 5 PM	Q and Suds Picnic (See Details Below)	Tilles Park (Skow Shelter) 9551 Litzinger Road St. Louis, MO 63124
Friday June 19th 6 PM	Night at the Munny <i>Hairspray</i>	The Munny (in Forest Park) 1 Theatre Dr St. Louis, MO 63112

## Q and Suds—June 5

Join us at the Q and Suds picnic at **Tilles Park (St. Louis County) on June 5th**. We will once again be serving BBQ and hot dogs along with beer and soda.

***This year we are also asking people to bring along their own side dish or dessert.***

Social hour begins at 5:00 pm, with dinner being served at 6:00 pm. Look for the large blue and white St Louis Ski Club banner in Tilles Park at the **Skow Shelter Pavilion - rain or shine**.

***No charge for current paid members or senior members; \$10 for all others.***  
Guests are welcome.

No worries if you are not a paid member —we will have membership applications available at the Q.

Please RSVP on the [Band app](#) to give us some idea of how many people to expect. You may also contact Jo Anne Howard at 210-722-2587 or email her at [activities@stlouisskiclub.com](mailto:activities@stlouisskiclub.com)

### Where:

Tilles Park (Skow Shelter)  
9551 Litzinger Road  
St. Louis, MO 63124

### When:

Friday, June 5th  
Gather at 5 pm

### Cost:

Free for current paid members  
and senior members

\$10 for all others