

President's Letter

Greetings 3M Club Members,

Ciao amici! After a great week-plus in **Italy** at the start of March, the club's intrepid travelers have all returned to the US with many stories, photos, and memories. The trip featured breathtaking views, great skiing, a lot of excellent food and drink, a day trip to Verona (of Romeo and Juliet fame), tours at two wineries (including one owned by famous cyclist Francesco Moser), an afternoon in Trento, and a boat cruise with visits to three towns on Lake Garda, the largest lake in Italy. After this action-packed week, about half of the trip participants returned home with the original itinerary, and the other half continued to explore Italy (or nearby countries).



 Back in the US, March kicked off with the final **Meet-and-Ski at Welch Village on the 3rd**. If memory serves me correctly, the weather was quite pleasant that day, but snow-lovers probably wished the event had been a few days later, as I understand there was a significant storm in the area on the 4th. As March comes to an end, so does the local skiing.

We wrapped up the month with a well-attended **Thirsty Thursday** at **Crooked Pint Ale House on 3/22**.



THE MUDD ROOM April will be a little quieter – no international trips – but we will have two **Thirsty Thursdays** to allow you to wet your whistle. First up is a visit to **The Mudd Room in Mendota on April 5**. If you plan to visit the Mudd Room, you need to keep a low profile – to enter this speakeasy, you must pick up the phone at the top of the stairs and wait for instructions...

Then on **April 19**, we are heading to **New Bohemia Wurst + Bierhaus in Roseville**. I can speak from experience that the pretzels there are even larger than those at Tamarack Tap Room! New Bohemia also features many different wursts – e.g., alligator or wild boar -- and a wide range of beers.



2017—2018
Ski Season

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Year End Banquet 2018

As we move into Spring, we are approaching the end of the 3M Ski Club year. We are pleased to announce that the details for our **Year End Banquet** are now available! This year's event will be held at the beautiful **Minnesota Humanities Event Center in St. Paul on Saturday, May 5**. The cost is \$32 for members and \$37 for non-members. We ask for your **RSVP by April 26**.

As in past years, the evening features a reception, silent auction, dinner, and awards program. **The Silent Auction** helps to raise funds for ongoing club activities, and is a great opportunity for you to help out the club. Please consider donating something unique / fun / memorable. Examples of past auction items, plus a preview of a few items already donated for this year's auction are included in the **flyer and sign-up sheet on page 4 and 5 of the Hootline** as well as being posted on the club website. You will definitely want to bring your checkbook.



Ski Club Board Nominations

Finally, with the end of the club year rapidly approaching, we are asking for nominations for individuals to join the executive board. If you would like to help guide and influence the activities and trips for the upcoming year, please consider serving on the board. The time commitment is minimal -- the board usually meets a few times per month earlier in the club year, as we are planning the major trips, and then usually just once per month for the remainder of the year for planning and management of ongoing activities and events. **We are gathering nominations until April 15 – and yes, you can self-nominate** – and then, for positions with multiple candidates, will hold an election to determine next year's board.



If you have questions about any of the positions, please feel free to contact a current board member.

Contact information for each of the officers is available on the final page of the Hootline and on the Contacts tab of the club website. (<http://www.hootline.com>)

To stay up-to-date on our club activities, please check out the Hootline website and watch for email messages on the latest club news.

**All the best,
Garrett**

For more information about these and other club activities and trips, please visit our club site at: www.hootline.com