

2019—2020

Ski Season

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## President's Letter

### **Greetings 3M Club Members,**

May Day! May Day! Don't worry. Everything is fine. I just wanted to get your attention, since it is now May. Spring has sprung and it is time to head outside to enjoy the warmer weather (and occasional rain shower).

We ended the month of April (famously known for its showers) with our Year **End Banquet & Silent Auction on 4/27**. What a great evening! We had a fabulous turnout – over 50 of you joined us at the **Minnesota Humanities Center in St. Paul** – with excellent food and drink options, and so many auction items on which to bid!



Thanks to all of you for your contributions and for helping make for such a fun evening. I hope you went home with fond memories, new friends, and perhaps a few new items. And special thanks to all the board members for your role in putting on such a great event!

**Joe & Stan's Pub & Grill** As we move into May, we will experience a mixture of the old and the new. We have two Thirsty Thursdays planned – the first is at a new venue, **Joe and Stan's Pub & Grill in St. Paul, on 5/9**; the second Thirsty Thursday will be at a familiar location, **Cowboy Jacks in Woodbury, on 5/23**. Details for both are included later in the Hootline.



The club will also be experiencing a mixture of the old and the new as we change to the new board. We are honored to have many of the current board members returning in the same role or moving into a new role, and are very pleased to welcome several new board members. I also want to thank the outgoing board members for your service.

As I reflect on the past two years, I think about all the great events and trips (we went to Italy!) and about how lucky I was to have such a fantastic team. Everyone on the board stepped up and worked together to support each other and to keep the club running smoothly. Yes, there were a few bumps along the way – some recent issues with flights come to mind – but we always worked through these challenges, and the club has been and will continue to be a great place to ski, snowboard, and socialize as we move forward into the new ski club year.

### ***As I step down, I would like to welcome the new President, Joanne Harvala.***

Please continue to give your support to your fellow club members and to the new board. We are always looking for help and input to keep the club relevant and strong.

And, as always, please check out the Hootline website (<https://hootline.com>) and watch for email messages to stay up-to-date on the club activities.

**All the best,  
Garrett**

## Thirsty Thursdays

**Thursday, May 9th, 2019, 5pm+**



[Joe & Stan's Pub & Grill - St Paul](#)

949 7th St W, St Paul, MN 55102  
(952) 260-8341

<https://www.joeandstans.com/>

### **Happy Hour**

Monday - Friday 4pm - 6pm

\$2.50 FOR ALL DOMESTIC BEERS, RAIL AND CALL DRINKS

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**Thursday, May 23rd, 2019, 5pm+**

[Cowboy Jacks - Woodbury](#)

1690 Woodlane Dr, Woodbury, MN 55125  
(651) 493-8887

[www.theaftermidnightgroup.com](http://www.theaftermidnightgroup.com)



### **Happy Hour EVERYDAY**

3pm - 6pm & 10pm to midnight

-\$2 rail & call drinks

-\$2 select tap & bottled beer

-\$4 house wines

-1/2 off select appetizers & flatbreads

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## Thirsty Thursdays



**Thursday, June 6th, 2019, 5pm+**

### **The Tavern Grill - Woodbury**

772 Bielenberg Dr, Woodbury, MN 55125

(651) 578-3000

<http://www.thetaverngrill.com/menus/>

### **Happy Hour**

**Monday - Friday**

3-6pm & 9pm - close

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**Thursday, June 20th, 2019, 5pm+**

### **Mississippi Pub**

4455 66th St E, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

(651) 455-4975

<http://www.mississippipub.com/>



### **Happy Hour(s)**

**Monday to Thursday**

2pm-6pm / 9pm-11pm

**Friday**

11am-6pm

**\$2.75** Rails & Domestic Taps

**\$2.75** Domestic Bottles

**\$ 3.75** Call Drinks

**\$1.00** Off Wines, Premium Taps & Bottles

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## Sun Valley 2019 Trip Report

I think we can safely say that this trip will become one of legend. From the travel snafus, to the exceptional skiing, and all the fun activities the group had along the way, we certainly made it memorable!

Saturday, March 2 dawned way too early for most of us as the 6 a.m. flight departure time required a very early arrival at MSP. Despite the early arrival, MSP was slammed with travellers and the wait line at the United counter ensured that most of the group almost missed the flight. Once everyone was safely on board, the announcement was made that the plane had a flat tire and there would be lengthy delay.

Faced with missing the connection in Denver, fearless trip leader Tim, with assistance of Bob & Chris, immediately sprang into action and figured out how to get everyone to Sun Valley despite the delays. (The rest of the group lunched, played games, bought shoes, talked and took walks, patiently waiting for the new schedule.) All would fly to Boise instead of Denver and a bus was arranged to Sun Valley. Through this, we had a wonderful group bonding experience that we are calling an "unplanned mixer".

The group finally left MSP for Denver, and due to the delays and de-icing, landed in Denver with zero minutes left on their connection to Boise. The group assigned Gary "superman" Heaser to run for the gate, leaving the rest to handle his carry-on bag. Gary made it and so did everyone else! Everyone made it to Boise and so did all the luggage, which is possibly a miracle. After this adventure, a relatively quiet and sleepy bus ride to Sun Valley finished off the journey. Everyone arrived in Sun Valley at 2:40 am on Sunday, March 3 (14 hours later than planned) and met up with the three group members who had come in on different flights.

We cannot say enough about the dedication and help provided by the staff at Sun Valley Lodge, particularly Pia on the front desk, and all the bellmen who worked all day and then came back in to work in the middle of the night to handle the luggage of all our very weary travellers.

Sunday, March 3 was a gloriously sunny day. Most went to ski, though some chose this day as a rest day to recover from the travel. We were joined by Felix, Sherry and Chris to bring our numbers up to the full complement of 25 skiers.

At the end of the day, we had a welcome reception hosted by the lodge and attended by several ski clubs that were enjoying the Sun Valley Lodge and Sun Valley Inn. We found out that our epic journey had already been shared with all the other ski clubs and everyone was very kind and welcoming to our club. After the reception, the trip leaders hosted a happy hour in their condo, very cleverly delegating the duties of food and party preparation to party host extraordinaire, Char, who eagerly accepted nacho making, bartending and food replenishing skills of helpful trip participants. At the Happy Hour we introduced the game we would follow all week, giving everyone in the group the goal of competing for Mardi Gras beads.

Monday, March 4 was another beautiful sunny day and almost everyone skied. Char, Gale, Angela and Denis went off to discover Dollar Mountain while everyone else enjoyed Mount Baldy.

Monday night was a night of Bowling at the historic and iconic Sun Valley Bowling Lanes in the Basement of the Sun Valley Lodge, built in 1936. Everyone bowled exceedingly badly, and had a great time teasing each other, and eating pizza and drinking beer. Mila had never seen a bowling ball before, apparently bowling is not the national sport of Russia!

Tuesday March 5 was the trip leader-sanctioned spa day so Angela and Gale went off to the Zenergy Spa, while others on the team either went to ski, or enjoy the town of Ketchum. The afternoon started to cloud over, foreshadowing the snow that would arrive on Wednesday. Tim managed to drop his gloves from the

chair lift into a difficult crevasse like area. Thankfully, Felix was able to ski down to retrieve them and Bob F. loaned Tim one of his gloves to help keep him warm while they waited.

Tuesday night was a group dinner at the Sawtooth Club. All we can say is WOW. The food was absolutely amazing. Several people barhopped in Ketchum after dinner, finding a couple of hotspots to return to.

Wednesday March 6 the snow moved in during the afternoon and the snow kept getting heavier all through the afternoon and into the night. A few folks in the group had arranged for tickets to see the Young Dubliners live on stage at The Sun Valley Brewery in Hailey. Others in the group enjoyed group condo dinners. We heard good things about delicious goulash and spaghetti.

Thursday March 7 was a grand snow day. Everyone said the resort doubled in size as so much of the terrain was so skiable due to the new snow. Thursday afternoon the sun came out and for a fleeting time there was epic bluebird skiing to be had. The late afternoon quickly got warm though and the day finished off with some spring skiing conditions.

Thursday night was garbage night. We did this one day early to accommodate a town wide art crawl of Friday night. Chris made his famous cheesy potatoes, we also had little smokies, wild trout, bread pudding and all the other great leftovers from all of the condos. It was this night we had our Rookie Initiation. We were blessed with eight rookies this trip. Joe, Frank, Nancy H, Nancy B, Chris, Bob, Jim and Melanie. We split the group into two teams of four for a rousing game of Prosecco Pong! The team of Joe, Jim, Chris and Bob narrowly beat the team of Nancy, Nancy, Melanie and Frank, even though Frank was a Prosecco Pong savant. Frank credited 5 years of post secondary education (apparently in advanced pong playing) for his skill. Prizes were awarded for the Rookies and other Mardi Gras bead-related accomplishments.

Friday March 8 dawned cooler and cloudy. Early in the day we had the only accident from the trip when Frank did not see the catwalk across the expert run in the flat light and fell on the hardpacked run breaking his collar bone. Fortunately, he was skiing with several of the club and they stayed with him, called the ski patrol, and helped the ski patrol while they prepared to get Frank safely from the hill. We can now report back to the team that Frank has had surgery to repair the collarbone and is healing very well.

Friday evening was a city-wide Art Crawl in Ketchum. The group chose to see a classic art studio and a modern art studio. The conversations on who liked which was very entertaining. After the art, we all retired to the Sawtooth Brewery so Silvia could have "elk burger and a baked potato" which she had decided would represent classic Idaho food. Since we all agreed, most of us joined her in the exact same meal.

Saturday March 9 was the day to return home. After a group photo in front of the lodge, we boarded the bus for the short ride to the airport in Hailey. There Frank left us to fly back to Sacramento, Sherry to Fargo and Chris on to meet another friend for more skiing. Most of the rest of the club flew to San Francisco to get a connection to MSP. The flight from San Francisco left two hours late, affording a few more hours of bonding. The planned midnight arrival became a 2 am arrival. With the time change that happened exactly at that time, it became a 3 am arrival. Everyone was grateful to arrive home because it was a very snowy night and more delays might have been possible.

All in all, it was a wonderful trip with a great group of people and some epic "travel stories"!

*Angela and Tim*

# Calendar of Events

## May 2019

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	<b>9</b> <u>Joe &amp; Stan's Pub &amp; Grill</u> 5:00 pm St. Paul	10	11	<b>12</b> <u>Mother's Day.</u> Holiday.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	<b>23</b> <u>Cowboy Jacks - Woodbury</u> 5:00 pm Woodbury	24	25	26
<b>27</b> <u>Memorial Day.</u> Holiday.	28	29	30	31	1	2

Reference the club's website for current activities and updates: <http://www.hootline.com>

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## June 2019

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>27</b> <u>Memorial Day</u> Holiday	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	<b>6</b> <u>Tavern Grill -</u> <u>Woodbury</u> 5:00 pm Woodbury	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	<b>14</b> <u>Flag Day</u> Holiday	15	<b>16</b> <u>Fathers Day</u> Holiday
17	18	19	<b>20</b> <u>Mississippi Pub</u> 5:00 pm Inver Grove Heights	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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