

FLATLAND SKI ASSOCIATION

2017 Ski Week Wrap Up



CONGRATULATIONS to all of the clubs and individuals on your outstanding performance at this year's Ski Week! Special congratulations go to those taking top honors:

- #1 – **Kansas City** (2,471 Points)
- #2 – **Tulsa** (2,409 Points)
- #3 – **Oklahoma City** (2,239 Points)
- #4 – **Cornhusker** (2,017 Points)
- #5 – **Topeka** (1,316 Points)
- #6 – **Wichita** (765 Points)
- #7 – **St. Louis** (725 Points)
- #8 – **Columbia** (693 Points)
- #9 – **Omaha** (657 Points)

Each club's Race Director received a copy of all of the race results, so for more details contact your club's Race Director. Results will also be posted at the FSA's Website:

www.flatlandski.org

For more information on all things related to the FSA, don't forget to check the site on a regular basis. Also, please make sure that your club keeps the Webmaster and the FSA Secretary updated on all things related to your club.

OTHER SPECIAL AWARDS were also handed out at this year's banquet. The FSA Board awarded this year's **Judy Cup** to **Ted Hischke** of the Topeka Ski Club in recognition of his many years of service to the club and in promoting the FSA. The award was accepted on his behalf by his grandson, Brodie Hischke. The Race Committee awarded this year's **Dave Vannett Trophy** to **Gene Elsberry** of the Tulsa Ski Club. Gene has been a Flatlander for many years and a strong supporter of the FSA and the FSA races. We congratulate both of these men and thank them for their many years of service and dedication to the FSA and their clubs!

For more information on both of these special awards, and their history, visit our Website and click "Awards."

We're also happy to announce that **\$2,265** was raised for **STARS** (*Steamboat Adaptive Recreational Sports*)!

Some Thoughts from our FSA President, Paul Snyder

It's been a few weeks now since we returned home after another great Flatlands Ski Association (FSA) Ski and Race Week. I know that I had a great time at Steamboat, as usual, and I hope all of you did, too. Steamboat is always a great host location, and we want to give a special word of thanks to April, Laura, and Jason in Group Sales, Campbell with Wyndham Properties, Lindsey in Banquets, and Valerie in the Race Department! I also want to thank each and every one of you who joined us this year! Whether it was your 1st time or your 50th, it was great to have you there. We enjoyed seeing you and really hope that you'll make the Flatlanders a regular part of your skiing experience each year. It has been a great pleasure serving as your president for the past year, and working with a great board, and I look forward to continuing as Past-President next year. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to all the FSA officers, board members and all the people who volunteer their time to help make Flatlands possible. Without volunteers our ski clubs and the Flatland Ski week would not function or be able to be held year after year. So, when your club asks: PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

We look forward to seeing everyone next year at Snowmass. The board members are busy working on details for that trip, so watch for information and keep checking the FSA Website.

Thanks, and see you next year!

From our 2017 FSA Activities Director, Teresa Ingram

Another great FSA trip has come and gone too fast! While we thank everyone on this trip, especially those who did "snow dances" in advance to ensure great skiing conditions, we have several people to specifically thank for their help and support with our activities.

Helping to assemble 400 welcome bags for the attendees were **Tom Becker** (Cornhusker), **Candy Girth** (St. Louis), **Cindy Girth** (St. Louis), **Daphne Reitz** (Kansas City), **Erni Wood** (St. Louis), & **Paul Snyder** (St. Louis). Thank you to this group for their work, which included getting numb fingers attaching activity passes to Steamboat lanyards!

At the welcome party & awards banquet, we sold \$995 in older FSA T-shirts as well as the new 2017 Steamboat shirts and old FSA ball caps. Thank again to **Tom Becker** and **Daphne Reitz** for helping set-up the display table and sell the items.

Thanks to the Cornhusker Ski Club members who helped on Saturday night greeting attendees and making sure everyone had their always-important activity pass! This included **Thurston Baker**, **Todd Ingram**, **Derek McElvain**, **Nick McElvain**, **Kathy Spahr**, **Rebecca Rundlett Starr**, and **Tom Starr**.

And a special thanks to **Penny Morgan** (Topeka) who year after year handles the ordering of the medals, trophies and other awards! We thank St. Louis members **Candy Girth** and **Cindy Girth** for setting up the awards table.

Congratulations to the winner of the \$200 cash prize from the Race Director Raffle, which was part of our fundraising effort for STARS. Also a special thanks to **Taryn Brooke**, a Topeka Ski Club member and Summit County realtor, for donating a \$500 Breckenridge lodging gift certificate for the raffle, and congratulations to that winner, too!

Next year, **Daphne Reitz** (Kansas City) will be serving as Activities Director. I'm sure she'll appreciate helpers from every club as she handles her volunteer duties. If you have feedback about this year's event, or ideas for 2018, you can contact me at tting@windstream.net or Daphne at daphne0602@gmail.com.

As with most organizations, nothing gets done in the FSA without dedicated volunteers! Our thanks to the officers & directors who served in 2016-2017:

Paul Snyder – President
Matt Knectel – Vice President
Candy Girth – Secretary
Mary Herring – Treasurer
Teresa Ingram – Activities Director
Teri Hammon – Race Director
Dave Bosarge – Past President
Daphne Reitz – Webmaster

And, of course, another big "thank you" to all of the individual club representatives and race directors who freely give their time!