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What a fabulous group we had on this trip. Our newest members who joined the ski club JUST TO GO ON THIS TRIP are Janie Krch, Rene and George Reed, Charlie Gallagher, Tom Grauer, Greg Mifsud, David Trevitz and Linda Starr. That is 8 NEW MEMBERS and #9, Scott Bradshaw rejoined from Huntington Beach also just to only go on this trip.

Teresa Toward came out from Boise to join Sarah in touring the town. However, we are so proud of Sarah for taking a lesson and trying skiing again. Seems as though, however, she and Teresa prefer to scout the bars and town more. That was great as we could rely on them for the latest and the best places to go.

Saturday night Betty cooked pulled pork sliders with all the Texas trimmings and Heather and James from CB Mountain Resort came to give us insight on the mountain and activities. Jamie came in to offer assistance as well and helped us set up our Pub Crawl for Thursday night.

Sunday we were off on our Mountain Tour and Heather took the EXPERTS with her. Great day skiing. One of our groups, led by Courageous George, threatened to mutiny if our guide didn't take us to see the entire mountain. The group won! Several decided to adjust to the altitude before tackling the mountain and watched the football playoffs at the Flat Iron Grill, downstairs in our condos. However, Bob Donellan led off the injury report group by having an oxygen reading of 86 which required him to be on oxygen all week. Then, Chris Bryan couldn't figure out why they put a pole in the middle of a slow chair and it knocked him over, causing a rotator cup injury. Not to be outdone the same day, Jimmy Walker slipped on an icy spot in the road outside the condos and bruised his body for the rest of the week, but luckily cleared by the doctors with nothing broken.

Monday most of us took advantage of the full day cheap lessons offered to us by the Mountain Resort, however, George spilled the wine and Rene found she was happy raising the opposite arm downhill in the drill. Of course, with ZERO

lift lines all week, it was easy to get tired early. Monday night was our fabulous home style chicken dinner at Slogars. No one left hungry for sure. CBMR hosted 29 from Atlanta Ski Club and 20 some including Greg's friends, from the DC Ski Club so it was fun seeing other groups identified with helmet ties, bandanas, etc. Greg was our super star skier and enjoyed his friends from DC too.

Wednesday was another cook in night as Betty prepared Chicken Fettucine with a garlic cream sauce with peas, salads, bread, and desert, and of course, plenty of wine. Then on to game night.

Rene won the first prize in the drawing for trip sign ups. Then Don, Charlie and Craig led the winners in trivia. And new members, Janie, Linda, and Charlie won LRC.

Thursday, some of us took the day off and Betty, Charlie and Tom had a great sunny day in town shopping and eating while others found the bars early. Thursday night was our Pub Crawl which found many of us at the Dogwood trying out their famous martinis. Bobby and Carol V., Teresa and Sarah arrived first to enjoy beet martinis and other exotic drinks. They were joined by Charlie, Gayle, Dana, Janie, Scott, David, Bob and Betty and Craig. Then we went to the Steep for a great dinner before having a nightcap at the Princess Wine Bar. Friday found fresh powder, but after lunch during her last lesson, Linda presumably still had snow under her ski and it came off as she got off the lift. She fractured her arm as she fell. Betty visited the Gunnison hospital thanks to Tom's insistence but ran out as soon as she could to join the group for dinner on our last night. So no one actually had an actual ski accident but we did have incidents and injuries. Goes to show you walking is just as dangerous as skiing. Thanks to Craig and Sarah who always are there to help out whenever asked. You are truly valued members. Thanks to all who made this trip so much fun because you all were the best. And Charlie and Dana, hope your snowboarding was great as well. Don, thank you for the Crested Butte Betty bear-I love him.

















Plan to attend the Texas Ski Council Bidfest April 20 to April 23 in San Antonio, Texas.