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SCSC – In Old Durango Town!



# Durango, Colorado – TSC Winter Shootout

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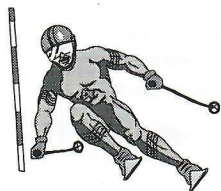
Our trip to Duranot Mountain Ski-in – Ski-out Resort was comprised of many long time experienced skiers, but also we had a surprising number of newly signed up members and even six



never ever skiers! All were ready to ski and party – ski and party – and ski we did, even despite of the lack of snow. It snowed on Thursday, but that left us only Friday to enjoy it. Skiers found challenging slopes with over a 30" base, but icy conditions made apres-ski earlier in afternoon.

Besides the Durango-Silverton Narrow Gauge Train ride gave skiers a chance to relax and enjoy unspoiled views of the

San Juan National Forest. A number of our group greatly enjoyed the sleigh ride gliding through a winter wonderland to a cozy mountain cabin where hot chocolate and a hearty western-style dinner waited on the stove. This reporter was told that the meal was outstanding, but the amenities were a different story...no indoor plumbing...just a old fashioned "Out-house"



Ron & Roberta Rambin arrived at the mountain a couple of days earlier due to an air schedule change. They had the mountain to themselves before our group arrived and had to leave two days earlier, but managed to get a lot of skiing and enjoyed their company.

Even though Michelle Hebert and Monica Andrus were never ever skiers, we believe they enjoyed all the dinners, dancing and parties and will go again—and ski too.

David Whitehead (a renewing member of the club who hoped to see some former friends) wins the award for traveling the farthest to join our group – from Great Britain.

Excellent Food was just another unexpected benefit for the participants. Margie Clingerman, though her stay was

short, shared wonderful meals. Charles Butler for delivering groceries (including butter shortage runs). Chefs Warren Schroeder and David Bobo for their culinary talents.

The best dressed attendees at the club Black Tie Leather and Lace party were Bob Wray, Christine March, Audrey Wray, Eric and John Carlson.

Despite trying to match Audrey and Eric by a few of the "matchmakers" of the group and their denying any interest in each other, they did become friends and Eric will be joining Audrey in Chicago to attend a concert. (They were also two of the youngsters on the trip).

In spite of all the TSC parties available to the group, the "life of the party" award goes to Melanie Morin, Alison Finley, Michelle H., Monica Andrus, Johnny Butler, David W, Philip Vice, David B, Gerry Rein, and Warren S. who lead the socials, group dinners, hot tub parties, dancing and — more parties.

Congrats to Annaliese U who did quite well trying a completely new style of skiing.

Gerry R got a kick out of Russell March as he went flying past not looking where he was going (to the point of no return) and ended up on a double black



diamond!

Mirelle Rosca really broke the age barrier when she got Eric C. on the dance floor (and others) at the TSC Awards Banquet. But they weren't the only "Fred and Ginger". Alicia Torbin was teaching David B some fancy dance steps in the hall also.

Would you believe that Carolyn Burris beat out Alison F. for having the most ski outfits on the trip – Alison 4, Carolyn – 5

Never Ever skiers Eric & John Carlson from Chicago ... We were worried about Eric because he did not mind the speed but would not turn. It was pretty

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scary to see Eric flying down the Bunny hill—located just above a major highway...seen fly off the last embankment heading through the parking lot toward the highway. We cheered when we saw his head as he climbed back up. He also gave us a few scares before he learned to get up enough speed for the highway trick, he was seen crashing a couple of times into the ski racks, knocking them down and scattering skies everywhere!

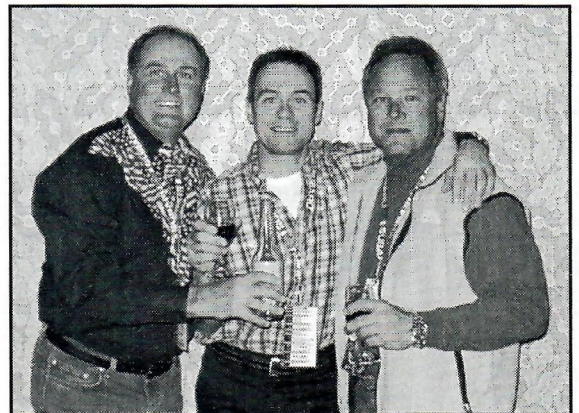
Dan and Terry Conery were greatly inconvenienced when they arrived at the mountain—minus their skis, boots and luggage. Fortunately it did arrive a day later, but not before they had to rent any equipment for the day.

Alicia Torbin, Carolyn Burris and Joanne Fore found some wonderful buys in one of the town stores...beautiful fur jackets and coats...reasonably priced starting at a mere \$5,000 and up.

The Winter Olympics were going on at the same time as our trip...if anyone wanted to know the results, just ask Joanne who was watching every spare minute she had.

If anyone was wondering where Russell March was at night—would you believe that he brought his computer with him and was studying most nights for his lieutenant's exam that he will be taking soon for the Fire Dept. Go Russell!

Our thanks go to Caryn Prater (Corpus Christi Ski Club) and SCSC's Kayleen Kill, our TSC representatives for meeting us at the airport and providing us with our trip packets.



### Race Results:

Almost everyone entered thanks to the efforts of our Race Director Charles Butler's recruiting.

Silver Medals: David Whitehead, Bob Wray and Warren Schroeder

Bronze Medals: Kayleen Kill, Gerry Rein, Philip Vice, Jerry Montgomery and Ron Rambin

Club Points: Christine March, Terry Conery, Charles Butler, Johnny Butler, Gary Butler

We are happy to report that Peggy Montgomery is making an excellent