
TELLURIDE

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Telluride is definitely a destination resort since it's located in a box canyon. The beauty of this is there were no lift lines all week and we had over two feet of fresh snow during our visit. **Keith Kirkman, Janet McKenzie, Frank Adams** and several others braved hurricane-force winds at the top on the first day. **Ky Griffin** said the wind kept blowing him back up the hill but **Mike Rothermund and Robert Todd** didn't have that problem! **Julie Rothermund** said it was fun

watching the three of them adjust to having one of the wives in the condo.



Barb Ehrlich, our fearless TC, dealt with major condo problems on Sunday morning, then skied **Steve Amy's** legs off in the afternoon! In the meantime, **Don Molgaard** (Walmart Man) got "in touch" with his inner boot and greeted everyone we met on the streets of Telluride. **Flo Molgaard** skied with her gorgeous form and found out how tough she really was when the operator didn't slow Lift 7 and Flo skied right off into



the wall to avoid hitting anyone. **Patti Richards and Linda Walden** had a blast skiing off Lift 10 and **Dana Wardell** couldn't keep up on those long cruisers.

The Texas Ski Council sponsored a great Super Bowl Party on Sunday evening and **Dave Novak** was seen helping fill the squares for the football pots. Also spotted in the big crowd were **Jere and Dane Fuqua** and **Bob Rexford** and almost our entire group. With pizza, beer and football, who wouldn't have had a great time? It was a great turnout and a huge screen!

New member **Robin Novak** was a superb leader for **Carmen Mikhail, Janet McKenzie, Sean O'Brien** and **Roger Holzman** even though only she and **Betty Snow** made it to Prospect Bowl. After they reconnected with



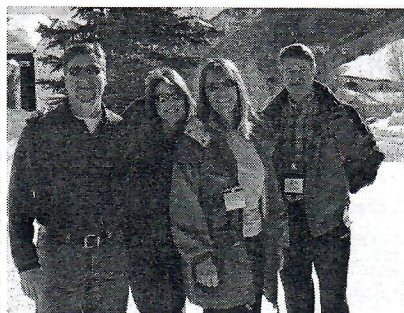
the rest of the group, she couldn't lose them no matter how hard she tried! By the third day, **Bill Simmons** told us that **Mary Kay Kitchens** was trying to kill him. **Vern McGaw** lost a ski getting on a lift and was afraid he'd have to ski down one-legged. He was most grateful when they sent the ski up to him. **Tom Kaptain** dropped a glove off the lift while taking pictures, then did a great job of retrieving it on the way down.

Keith "Trail Boss" Kirkman and **Jim "The Face of Telluride" Hodges** patiently waited on **Melinda Hughes** on top of Life 7 when the "Velcro snow" peeled her skis off. She managed to dive under the lift and retrieve them without stopping the lift. **Chris Ubanczyk** accepted a challenge to ski West Drain, a twenty-foot wide tree-lined river gulley and ended up in a snow bank when he lost his concentration. Hey, **Frank Adams**, we heard that you got caught up on a month's laundry at the condo since your new Colorado home doesn't have a washer/dryer yet.

The top of Sandia has been renamed Clements Cliff. **Robert Clements** left his pride splattered all over it after the girls led him off a cliff. But, **Lori Gilliland, Christine March** and **Bruce Lowther** all agreed that your price-winning brisket was wonderful. **Leyla Ozkardesh** lost her famous red and

black fur hat on Lift 10 and now her mantra has become, "Is my hat on my head?"

First time never skiers, **Mike and Carol Eberle**, decided to enjoy the snow at ground level. In fact, he thinks that sea level may now be his favorite level. But that didn't keep them from enjoying marathon dominoes and delicious



dinners with **Barbara and Mike Carr** after they got in from the mountain. **Dan Schneider** led his wife **Jan** and a group off Lift 9 and down the infamous Plunge on Sunday and Monday. Tuesday was a totally different story with packed snow and they didn't let poor Dan lead any more. **Elena Bloom** got back on skis after several years and had a ball. **Steve Amy** led **Elena** and **Dana** into Prospect Bowl the final day for gorgeous skiing and photo ops. **Tom Hogle** and **Merlyn Harger** were hard to keep up with except when they made their stop for "provisional pees".

Thuy and Richard Rocque did a fabulous job on the races and Space City came away with two silver medals for the club. In all, we had 14 out of 26 medals awarded. Among the racers were **Karin and Kurt Schidlowski, Martha and Helmut Zenger, Philip Vice, Dave Whitehead, Joe Bruccoliere, Andy and Leslie Cashio** and several others.

Stan Smith got to check out the progress of his new house in the heart of Telluride and **Evan Lowe** joined the trip at the last minute and loved Telluride. Glad to have you aboard!

It was a super week in Telluride and certainly a mountain everyone enjoyed skiing. The people were great and the snow was fantastic. Thanks to everyone who made the trip so much fun!

