

VAIL IN FEBRUARY, PRICELESS!! By Dennis Hughes

SCSC traded ice in Houston for Snow in Colorado on the February trip to Vail. A great bus ride through a blizzard gave us a preview of things to come. 39 inches of snow in 5 days made for some fantastic powder skiing. We made it to our "Meet and Greet" at the Evergreen Lodge for chili and hoagies which warmed our souls after the long day.

The Sunday evening Super Bowl game became a pub and condo crawl for Bob and Mary Simpson, Roger Holzman, Will Green, and Laurie Haischer. Wednesday was break day for many and found the extreme shoppers and art collectors Sharon Simandl and Melinda Hughes looking for bargains and admiring

the bear
snow
sculptures in
Vail Village.
Alan Bitzer
and

Margaret McCord tested their snowmobile skills while observing the herds of Elk. So as not to embarrass, that story too will have to remain untold. Pat Finch and Linda Guice went to Breckenridge to ski Pat's favorite run Bonanza while Susan Blome enjoyed some relaxing spa time.



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That night was the group dinner at the "Larkspur", a la Tony's. For all who attended, the dinner was a superb 5 Star experience. A take-out was even arranged for Chau Nguyen and Larry Landers after her spill kept her in the condo that night.

Up and out early every morning were Keith Kirkman, Barry Casper, Larry Edmondson, Frank Adams, Charles Allen, and Carl Webb headed for the back bowls and fresh powder. Jim Hodges skied and snowboarded with wife Marina Wang during the week. Ask Bruce Fleming why he felt safe following Jake Dupree and Nancy Kressin into the back bowls. How deep was that powder??

Our pro Adi Buturovic was honored when he was asked to participate in the Vail Area race on the Vail downhill race course Thursday. With SCSC friends cheering him on, he was our champion. Rick and Jane Adams tested new skis. It was nice to see the usual groups break-up and ski with others each day, beginners and expert



alike. Thank you all for giving up the black slopes for a little while to hang and lunch with the rest of us.

Ron and Roberta Rambin, Janet McKenzie, and Morris Covin spent most of the trip enjoying the runs on Northwoods Express. Dick and Sue Howard, Hartley Chelin, and Catherine Phillips shadowed the trip, enjoying the fresh powder snow with the rest of the group.

Leslie Adams, Steve Ellsberry, Cheryl Crockett, and Dennis Pechal enjoyed the ambience of Vail. Lunch everyday was coordinated so that skiers of different experience could meet up to discuss their morning adventures. Each day new areas were tested. On Thursday and Friday nights, some of the couples had date night at the Chophouse. Many condos were

lucky to have gourmet cooks. Imagine signing up for a trip not knowing that your condo mates are excellent cooks. Several condo groups got together to share their meals and on the last night all of the leftovers were enjoyed at the potluck dinner.

Every evening found Linda and Mark Aguilar, Dennis Hughes, and several others at a local watering hole for après ski, re-living the thrills and spills of each day. And, a final thank you to ALL, for a really good time, and especially those who pitched in to help.

