

## Breckenridge, Co - March 3—7 by Patty Finch TC

Breckenridge is a beautiful, very high altitude ski town and we had perfect weather conditions -- Spring skiing temperatures. Our trip totaled 24 participants, including several new members. I was thrilled to be able to show our new members that skiing is a wonderful sport. New members were **Madhu Moza, Deborah Adams, Brett Rovey, Kristen Mogensen, Danny Miller and Kristin Koblis**. We also had **Harriet and Whitney Leavell** rejoining to ski. We arrived on Saturday to a pizza party with Vail Resorts representative providing us with information about the ski area. Many participants wanted to know about the 4 peaks so they could navigate between each with a wide range of skiing ability. **Larry Edmonson and Lori White**, who arrived a day earlier to enjoy skiing an extra day, joined us at the pizza party.

Our condos were located on the Four O'Clock run, with easy ski-in access to our units at the end of the day. The bus stop was right out our door to catch in the morning to go to the Snowflake lift or to the Beaver Run and QuickSilver lifts.

Sunday was a sunny day and everyone seemed to be out early to enjoy the runs. **Tom Hutcheson** and **Whitney Leavell** were ski buddies, as were **Chaille Hutcheson** and **Harriet Leavell**, skiing the blacks on Peak 10 and then would meet the guys at night for dinner. **Kristen and Brett** enjoyed cooking in the evenings. Very good cooks.

**Pat Piech** was our last minute add-on and enjoyed skiing with everyone. She was also a very good roommate. New members **Kristin Koblis** and **Danny Miller**, same level of skiing experience, skied together. **Kristin**, a Telemark skier, has lived in Denver and knew the mountain well. **Don Macken** skied with **Tony Loverdi**. **Don** was kind enough to share a bottle of wine one night with our condo. **Don** had lots of leftover food and wine. My suggestion to **Don** is to eat before going to the grocery store. **Brett Rovey** has skied before but this was **Kristen Mogensen's** first attempt, and she enjoyed it. **David Stotz** seemed to enjoy every aspect of the trip - skiing and dining out with wife **Diane** and friends, but rumor was he did work a little during the trip (as probably did others). Cell phone and computers make it harder to escape and just relax. **Ash Moza** encouraged his wife **Madhu** to try skiing. She took lessons, and on the last day was able to ski some of the blue runs. I think we have a new skier!

We also had non-skiers on the trip who are our black-diamond, professional shoppers. **Diane Stotz** and **Linda Guice** were out early and managed to shop until they dropped. On the last day I went with them on a bus trip to Frisco. We enjoyed a wonderful pastry in Frisco and then made every shop before returning to Breckenridge to shop some more. **Diane** and **Linda** were

also able to get in one day of snow shoeing. They got lost and found themselves on a black "Shock" route but they did manage to maneuver down. The nice thing about Breckenridge is there are many things to do if you do not ski.

**Deb Cini** and **Ann Dorn** flew to Denver separately and met us at the Denver airport. **Deb Cini** was busy encouraging **Ann Dorn** to ski the blue runs, which I think she accomplished! Another accomplished skier on our trip.

**Mary Jo Loverdi, Tony Loverdi** and **Suzan Meaux** were ski buddies and fun entertainment, especially on the bus. **Deborah Adams** greatly enjoyed her first SCSC ski trip and being condo mates with **Mary Jo, Tony** and **Susan**. **Tony**, an avid fisherman, was envious of the ice fishermen on the lake at Georgetown.

We anticipated poor weather conditions when leaving, so we left Breckenridge early to arrive

safely at the airport in time for some of our participants to get on an earlier flight home

