

On Saturday morning, January 21st, 63 intrepid souls made it to Hobby Airport dark and early to find a super easy check in and boarding for the flight to Denver. This seemed to be a sign of what was to come for the week: smooth skiing, on-time events, mostly great weather including constant dumps of fresh snow. OK, it did get cold a couple of times <guy in back> “How cold was it?”

Bil: “It was so cold Starbucks had to serve their coffee on a stick”.

The first night we gathered for the pizza, beer and wine party where Vail Resorts answered questions about Peaks 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 for our newcomers. Also, thanks to Chuck Pena, we got a bonus of \$15 mountain money for lunch with each ticket!

After each day of skiing, we had a strong attendance at the happy hour. Base Nine Bar at the entrance to Beaver Run seemed to be the most popular - free pool tables, cheap drinks, and very convenient. TC Bil and Pete Mathieu kept place at the bar while the rest of the Crew were ordering around us.

We had a group dinner at Beaver Run on Wednesday which was well attended. The dinner was mid-week and it gave us all a chance to enjoy a nice meal and great conversation and get to know some of our new members: Linda Cooper (from Oklahoma), Bob Williams, Darrell Lindsay, Debbie and Ed Hamilton, Edith and David Wright, John and Denise Holmes to name a few. I understand Robert Riley and Angela Zumwalt encouraged the Hamilton's to come on their first trip.

Wanda Callahan and Debbie Moser discovered “The His-

toric Brown”. “The Historic Brown what?” I asked. Well, it turns out to be a very cool venue off the main drag with a different band every night. Spotted there the night I attended was Bernie Clinton, James Holland, Kasia Rezmer and a host of locals slam dancing to 80's music. If our kids could see us now.



Deb Cini reminded me to mention the ‘chairlift incident’ involving her, Pete Mathieu, Cindy Moore, and (oh yeah) me, Bil. I’m not saying who is responsible for the four of us stopping the lift 5 minutes while we got ourselves together for a remount. Ah, rare occasions are the ones you remember...

Not everyone skis on our trips; there is plenty of fun to be had with all the great recreational choices. Jeanne Marie Ying tells of a great snowshoe hike to see a miner’s boarding house from 1868 and the stories behind it. Joanne Shank went dog sledding and snowmobiling and has rave reviews. Ask her!

So I was a first time TC... was I worried? Not with the likes of my very competent ATC Patty Finch and our SCSC officers and previous TC’s like Melinda and Dennis Hughes, Steve Ying, Ann Dorn, Ann Rogers, Cindy Moore, Bob Wray, Craig Campell, Ron Rambin, Sandy Fowler, Marti Turner, Kate MacDougall and Chuck Pena (and probably others I missed) in attendance. We had a deep bench of SCSC leaders present with roughly 10,000 combined years of trip experience.



We did not see or hear much from the Big Dogs (Keith Kirkman, Jim Hodges, Frank Adams and Morris Covin) on this trip. They seemed to be very busy enjoying each day.

We had several couples on the trip: Sam and Sandra Cornelius, Charlie and Beverly Roberts, Nelson and Marti Turner and Richard and Beverly Adams. Whitney and Harriet Leavell spent their ski days with Chaille Hutcheson trying to make sure they skied each Peak, and they did.

The big winter carnival began during our week in Breckenridge. This brought us world-class snow sculptures, fire throwing and other wonders of nature right in town to enjoy.

Our lodging at Beaver Run was awesome, all the ame-

nities under one roof – well 7 roofs, all connected. The town of Breckenridge was an 8 minute walk or a 2 minute shuttle ride away with all the great shops, restaurants, pubs easily accessible. Our group of skiers consisted of all skill levels from beginner to expert.

The best part was that we had NO major injuries! We took everyone home we brought - (a few more actually). The Breckingcrew came, skied, and brought home excellent memories.

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