

"GREAT SNOW, CHALLENGING SKI AREA, AND WONDERFUL PEOPLE"



Smooth as glass and problem-free is how to describe our trip! The bus driver in Boise, however, was not prepared for the food-buying frenzy at Albertson's store. When groceries came pouring out in everyone's carts, the driver had to find places to stuff the items. The 42-passenger bus was overflowing with 24 passengers' gear and food. During the bus ride, Buddy Award names were assigned to the puzzled and disinterested group. Everyone checked-in to their various condos, then many met at the Ram Bar, and later scattered to a variety of restaurants at the resort and in Ketchum.

Sunday, everyone showed up bright and early at David George and Ellen Eastham's "Condo-Central", to be greeted by head chef, Pat Reinhardt, flipping green pancakes for St. Patrick's Day. His breakfast helpers were Cindy Jones, Sandy Brockhausen, and Yvonne Guy. Ellen was scurrying around handling breakfast details, David was checking activity lists, and handing out lift tickets.

On our first day, we were blessed with perfect ski conditions, at both Dollar and Bald Mountains. Sun Valley had the best spring snow in years! We discovered Sun Valley's three ski lodges were very elegant, and many in the group met at one of them for lunch every day. A highlight of every afternoon was a rock n' roll band, Molly Nova and the Hawks, playing outside at Warm Springs Base Lodge.

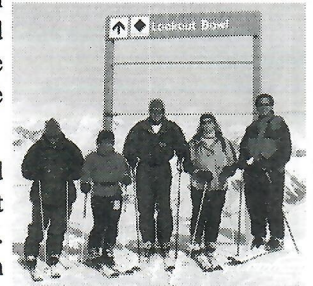
Sun Valley Resort hosted a Welcome Party Sunday evening for Ski Club Week activities. SCSC took the major share of the prizes. Carolyn Burris received her first ever gift from a prize drawing, Mark

Chambers got a new pair of ski poles, courtesy of Angie Westergren who actually won them. Free beer, wine, "Hot-Damn and Apple Pucker shots" gave courage to Paul Oatman, Bob Cadena, Bill Dahl, Bobby Viktorin, John Horton, Cindy, David, Mark, Angie, Pat R., and Ellen to sign up for the NASTAR race on Thursday. Pat Piech gave healing back massages to skiers' sore after the first day.

Monday was the traditional Pub Crawl. Those attending were Roger Holzman, Evan Lowe, Grant Fowler, Karl Ferenczy, Al Austin, Susan Wicker, Sarah Granbery, Mitch Gaspard, David, Carolyn, Mark, Yvonne, and Bobby. The group toured five fun establishments and rode the last bus back to the condos.

Tuesday's dinner was held at "Condo-Central." It was a great success because everyone was present, and the dinner was delicious. Ellen and Sarah prepared a fantastic home-style chicken casserole, scalloped potatoes, and homemade desserts. There was an abundance of food, and leftovers, which were enjoyed throughout the week.

Wednesday was topped off with a magnificent sleigh-ride and dinner. The journey through snow-covered countryside, under a cloudless and moonlit sky was picture perfect. Trail Creek Cabin was Sun Valley-elegant, with numerous gourmet menu choices. Sandy and Ed Brockhausen thoroughly enjoyed the sing-along, played by accordionist, Tim, from Norway. David, Pat R., and Yvonne, were especially exuberant serenaders. Mark, Evan, Carolyn, Ellen, Bobby, Susan and Al also enjoyed the festivities of the evening. We were greeted on the sleigh ride home by several foxes and coyotes looking for handouts. Yvonne and Bobby shared snacks with our furry friends.



Thursday was the NASTAR race. Of our racers, Paul won a silver medal, and David, Ellen, Bobby, Mark, Angie, and Bob won bronze medals. A NASTAR Awards Party was held at Warm Springs. We all enjoyed dancing,





drinking, and frolicking with our favorite rock band. Our dance troupe of **Mitch, Susan, Al, Sarah, Angie, and Yvonne** put on a great show.

**Carol Morris, Paul, and Bob**, from Los Amigos Ski Club of San Antonio, came on the SCSC trip, and joined in with all of our fun and games. Our healthy and active five Seniors led the way in enjoying themselves throughout the week. **Howard Schoenike** shared his very interesting ski and travel experiences with us. **Karl** had the quote of the week, with his Schwarzenegger accent, when he asked **Grant**, "Ver's da Pawdy?" **Fred Straube** wore a ski cap that was interesting enough to be the subject of his buddy award and received a new pin to wear on it. **Carolyn** enjoyed Dollar Mountain, skiing at a leisurely pace. **Roger** fell only once during the week, thanks to "Runaway Evan." Another colliding couple was **Howard** and **Sandy**, just like magnets toward each other.

Some great ski and people stories.....

- \* The "Bump and Bowl Gang" were committed to have everyone try them! **Evan** pursued the bumps with great vigor! **David** led the way through a deep bump challenge, **Paul** graced through them like it was a green run, **Ellen** encouraged everyone to ski the bowls, and **Grant** anxiously looked over the drop offs to the bowls, and say, "Ready to try this one?"
- \* **Susan** took bump lessons; **John** and **Yvonne** were eager to improve their skills.
- \* **Mitch** won the "costume award" for wearing the best assortment of hats and coats!

Our final evening was "Finger Food Night" hosted by "Condo-Central", supplemented by all condos contributing a tasty variety of dishes. This set the stage for the Buddy Awards. Early in the week, the group was mostly disinterested in the Buddy Awards, until many became desperate to find the perfect award! **David** started the ball rolling with his "coat of many colors" award to **Sandy**, and the comedy and laughter increased by giant leaps as each presenter became more creative and hilarious in their presentations. One award that received the most laughter was **Evan's** calm presentation to **Yvonne** that he heard about her "hot flashes" and thought he could give her Popsicles to cool her down. **Roger** presented **Bill** a bungee chord in case he got cold feet, and decided to "Jump." This was in response to **Bill** and **Cindy** becoming engaged after 5 years of dating. **Ellen** gave **Cindy** jewelry cleaner, to show off the gem she

wore. **Howard** charmingly gave **Angie** a pin of crossed skis to replace the ski poles she unselfishly gave to **Mark**. The awards were creative, and without a doubt, were the "bow that tied the bonds" for the group, which was a perfect conclusion for the week.

The post trip party was at **David's** home on April 14. The group enjoyed remembering the wonderful week by sharing photos and stories.

