



On Saturday morning January 23rd, thirty-six SCSC participants along with TC Christie Burke and ATC Russell Benham were anxiously waiting the call to board the plane at Intercontinental Airport. There were three participants who were even more anxious to get to their destination because their travel day began even earlier. Lori Matthews flew in from Dallas and Steve and Mary Dollman came from Sulphur, Louisiana. Bob Knupp appeared to be a little less anxious. He arrived promptly at 9:24 and the plane left at 9:25!!!

Chris Sheehan, Ray Herndon, and Karen Vogelsang put the phrase "I'm on Vacation" to the test. They started partying prior to the flight and continued through the week. We had a brief layover in Denver to switch planes. Before long we were in sunny and cold Boise, Idaho. After grabbing our luggage, skis, and coolers, we hopped on the bus for a short trip to the grocery store for supplies. Condomates Mike Rothermund, Rod Hope, Ty Smith, and Robert Todd bought out the store as they were loading boxes of food and beverages on the bus. For our dining pleasure, Effie of Sportours provided complimentary box lunches.

During the 2 1/2-hour bus ride to Sun Valley, the party really got going. Greg Roberts, Linda Licarione, Kathy Dalton, and Susan Legg were engrossed in a game of Gin Rummy when Chris Sheehan opened the *first* bottle of Black Haus liqueur. Some time during the *second* bottle he got the nickname "Black Daddy." Susan

Russell's ear? After arriving at Sun Valley, not only did the driver get lost, but also he got us stuck twice in the same night. John Cook rounded up volunteers to help push the bus.



Finally, arriving at Sun Valley Inn, everyone got their room assignments and keys and had approximately one hour to freshen up and get to the TC/ATCs condo for the Wine and Cheese Welcome Party. Linda Licarione and Vicky Faulkner helped with the food trays. A good time was had by all!!!!

Sunday morning was a perfect, clear day for our first day of skiing. Bald Mountain is a beautiful Ski Area with many bowls and challenging terrain. In fact there really are not *any* green slopes compared to most other ski areas. The green slopes

Legg showed her Vegas style by dealing with her hands and holding her cards with her toes. Lori Matthews donated a bottle of Rumble Minz to the fray and the party just got WILDER!!! By the way Ladye, what was it that you were "whispering" into

here just indicate the easiest slopes on this mountain. Several skiers headed to the mountain early. Jay Gilbert and Lydia Heard wasted no time in hitting the groomed runs. Unfortunately, before the day was over, we had our first and second ski casualties. Susan DeWitt sprained her wrist and Kathy Dalton tore her ACL and MCL. Kathy stayed the rest of the week and eventually had surgery back in Houston. Several members of the group didn't make it to the slopes until the crack of noon. They were still recovering from the bus ride! Later that evening, there was a Welcome Party at the Sun Valley Inn followed by a "Prime Rib" buffet dinner at the Ram Restaurant. Judy Katany, T. J. O'Dowd, Marsha Lutz, and Barb Ehrlich were just a few of the people that enjoyed

the festive feast. The desserts must have been good, ATC Russell Benham was seen going back four times.

Monday brought another great day of skiing. But before the day was out, misfortune befell Barry Norman who tore his ACL, While Greg Chauncey was skiing, Naomi Chauncey could be found shopping in Ketchum. After lunch Dave Stotz and Chris Sheehan headed out to ski some of the black diamond

slopes. A snow covered Dave felt he was shanghaied when a "cruiser run" ended up being Limelight, the longest mogul run on the mountain. At day's end, most everyone headed to Ketchum for the Pub Crawl. It started at Whiskey Jacks and ended at, well..... no one's sure where! A lot of





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people stopped at Pioneer for dinner and claimed that it was the best!!

Tuesday was another crystal clear day and the first day that there were no casualties. **Robert Wray** and **Christine March** were skiing hard to bum some of the calories that they had taken in from the Pub Crawl the night before. Later that evening, we gathered at the Sun Valley Inn for our sleigh ride to the Trail Creek Cabin for dinner and drinks. **Karen Vogelsang** took the reins and provided us with a smooth ride through the Sun Valley golf course to our destination. It was a beautiful moon lit night. Wrapped in blankets and huddling close, we sang songs and drank to keep warm. **Jill** and **Jimmy St Clair**, **Diane McKenzie**, **TC Christie Burke**, **Dave Stoltz**, **Ashley LaDaune** and **Derek Shoobridge** were among the few whom enjoyed the culinary delights! On the ride back to the Inn, **Ladye Freitag** took the reins had her opportunity with **Adam** and **Baldy**. Upon returning to the Sun Valley Inn, a large group went to the Duchin Room for dancing and cocktails. Late arrivals **Barb Ehrlich** and **Karen Vogelsang** asked the Bell Captain for directions to the "Douching Room." After a good laugh, directions were given. Several women were lined up to get their chance to dance with **John Cook** - the Fred Astaire of Sun Valley.

On Wednesday, the sight to behold was **Barb Ehrlich**, **Vicky Faulkner**, and **ATC Russell Benham** who were testing their snowboarding skills at Dollar Mountain. Watching them was like

shredders **Mike Rothermund**, **Rod Hope**, **Ty Smith**, and **Master Snowboarder - John Cook**. You could always find **Vance Usher** as he was the Court Jester of the Slopes. Concern began to mount back in the bar at the Warm Springs Base when it took **Rod Hope** 45 seconds to respond to the question "how was your day?" **Rod** appeared to be much better after a few pints of Stout. That night many could be found soothing their aches and pains in the hot tub.

Racing was included as part of our Theme Week Package. On Thursday, a NASTAR course was set up on an Hemingway an "intermediate" slope. Each participant had two runs to try to get the best time, one on the blue course and one on the red course. Of the 80 or so racers, there were 9 from Space City. **Chris Sheehan** recorded the second best time of the entire race and won a pair of goggles. **Chris** ran his two races on two different sets of skis and qualified for silver medals on both. Five of our nine SCSC racers received bronze medals. Despite an injured and bandaged wrist and some discrepancy about her age, **Sue DeWitt** won a bronze, but only after we convinced the NASTAR Director

that she was not a day over 29. **Bob Knupp**, **Dave Stoltz**, and **Bob Wray** ran solid races and won bronze medals. **Lou Kleinman** had one of the most interesting races of the day. He did a credible impersonation of a big fish when he crashed on his first run, slid into a retaining net and got hung up. After they

got him untangled, they decided he wasn't a keeper and threw him back. To **Lou's** credit, he went back up, ran down the other course and won a bronze. **Barb Ehrlich** ran a close race and we again tried to use the



age routine, but once was enough, and **Barb** finished with a Blue SCSC Challenger Medal. **Russell Benham** apparently didn't see **Lou's** crash and crashed on the same course that **Lou** had. **Greg Roberts** ran a couple of practice runs parallel to the course and then went up to race. When he got to the starter gate, he found that the races had been shut down and everyone had gone home. **Greg** said that he ran the gates anyway and had the best time of all. We think **Greg** needs a new watch. **Ray Herndon** took his duties as Trip Race Director so seriously he didn't get the chance to run the course.

Friday was another routinely great ski day. But alas, another casualty. This time **Mary Dollman** twisted her knee. The highlight of the day was the Lasagna Dinner — a specialty cooked by **Russell "Stouffer's" Benham**. He slaved away in the kitchen all day, most of it was oven time, making two trash bags of salad of which one ended up feeding the snow bunnies. After chowing down, a chorus of "Happy Birthday" was sung for our **TC Christie Burke**, whose age will remain anonymous. **Karen Vogelsang** scoured the town of Ketchum for a cake. She couldn't find enough candles, so she opted for one in the shape of an Academy Award Oscar figure with special wick like features. Sufficed to say, we lit the candle at both ends and wished her a "Happy Birthday." We think **Christie** was pleasantly surprised, but we weren't sure, as her face was so red.

On Saturday, everyone was up early to catch the bus back to Boise. The ride was much more subdued than the ride up because everyone was disappointed about having to return to Houston. But the upside, no one sustained an injury on the bus!



watching a disaster unfold. **Vicky Faulkner** took a few hard spills and found out later that she had broken her tobone. The bottom line is **Vicky**, **Barb**, and **Russell** are not quite ready to keep up with snowboarding