

Dateline - Telluride, February 1st through February 8th, 1997 **Bill Bomberger** Reporting. All sources for this information is confidential, but the reporter will accept bribes for those desperate enough for the information. Boy is it nice to have to be at the airport at a reasonable hour to start a fabulous ski trip. Everybody made it to the airport with time to spare, including **Carrie Niemeyer** who flew in from Dallas to meet us for the trip. After arriving at the Montrose Airport, we then loaded all of the participants into 3 15 passenger vans for the trip into Telluride. The van drivers that picked up all of the skiers were warned in advance that the Ski Club always travels with the minimum amount of luggage required for the trip. They were really surprised when all of our luggage would not fit on top of the 3 vans that they had arranged for us to use. The food and some of the drinks for the trip had to hitch hike on another van for the hour long trip to Telluride. The van drivers earned every penny of their tips for the luggage handling and I thank all of the participants for their help. Also. After arriving in Telluride, everybody started their exercise routine in carrying their luggage up stairs (no first floor accommodations and no elevators available).

Our opening wine and cheese party was held in **Joanne Fore's** condominium, with representatives of the ski area graciously joining us for drinks and snacks. After all of the free information that they gave us about the area and services available, about half of the participants decided to take lessons. Their prices were the most reasonably priced that this Reporter has seen in a long time.



Most of the skiers, including **Janet Arentzen, Mary Pat Rapp, Darcy Farley**, your reporter, **Patty Maudsley**, and others (too many to be remembered) opted for the mini ski week that included 3 days of morning lessons in small groups with afternoons off to recover or practice newly found skills for the next day.

On the trip there were several memorable groups that skied and or partied together everyday. The biggest group consisted of **Tom Mercer, Debbie Starnes, David Lindsay, Pam Holder, Ray Naudain, and Diane Jamail**. They most frequently could be found cruising on the black slopes with some serious Blue cruising also occurring. Another group that took an advanced lesson included **Bob2** (Bob Squared = **Bob**



**Davis and Bob Porter**) and **Terri Hesse**. This reporter skied with the above groups and will not report anything unfavorable due to pay backs from the skiers involved. On the trip, **Patti Maudsley** won the Special Award for Ski Patrol Tester by having a ride down the mountain because her boots did not fit properly and her feet hurt. I have no report on whether the single Ski Patroller had any influence on Patti or not. (No other injuries were reported to this reporter.) Another Special Award was presented to **Bob Porter** for his skiing problems on one apparent day. He kept crashing on the mountain for no apparent reasons other than being bitten by the proverbial Snow



Snake. (According to his ski partners, 6" of fresh powder was no excuse.) Some of our intermediate skiers, **Janet Arentzen, Joanne Fore, Patti Maudsley**, and others that participated in lessons were invited by their instructor to visit the top of the

mountain for some spectacular views off of one of the tougher blue runs, **See Forever**, on her own time. It took some time, but they all successfully made it down the mountain. The views from Telluride are spectacular, but from this particular run and on a clear day, you can see the mountains in Utah.

Some of the night time activities included a group at a German Tavern doing some serious beer drinking out of the Glass Boot. Participants included **Alan Buchman, Terri Hesse** (her idea anyway), **Bob2**, your reporter, and **Miriam Glover**, if your reporter can remember everybody after three boots of beer. The group also consisted of several impartial Judges for the event, including **Darcy Farley, Diane Jamail, and Ray Naudain**. They were diligent in making the participants follow



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the rules. To our best determination, **Alan Buchman** either knew the rules better than the rest of the group and knew how to get the most beer or was just having more problems than the rest of the participants. He even wasted some beer by pouring it on himself. After this event everybody was still able to walk down the street for dinner. The dangerous part was returning home after dinner. The streets were extremely slippery with Ice that night, your reporter will testify to that fact. You will have

to ask **Darcy Farley** why she had problems getting to sleep after the adventures of getting down the street to the condominiums.

The party at the pool hall had some interesting stories unto themselves. One table in particular gave a new meaning to 8 ball in the corner pocket or up the stairs (40 feet away from the table). **Roger Holtzman**, **Bobbie Sellers**, **Alan Buchman** and **Ann Levy** provided this particular entertainment. The club also had 2 visitors from Australia join us for the excitement

This trip also had an excellent turn out on race day. Twenty five participants signed up to race for medals. Some of the newest club members on the trip, **Terri Hesse** and **Darcy Farley**, became instant addicts to racing and spent numerous runs trying to knock off that 1 second for a bronze medal. Another Special Award for the best Yard Sale award was given to **Bill Clifford** for his spectacular wipe out on the race course. He even took out the side barrier of the course during his tumble. This reporter after racing down the hill for his bronze medal, had his ego severely bruised when it was pointed out by several members that **Diane Jamail** had beaten him by 3/100's of a second. (He will not tell how many runs were taken to rectify the situation, none were successful. She still reminds me of this fact when I see her. According to my recollection, **Tom Mercer** received a Silver medal and the rest of the

participants on the trip garnered numerous bronze medals.

Other Special Awards that were given on the trip include the Lumberjack Award given to **Roger Holtzman**. (See his roommates for details). The final Special Award, Shop Till You Drop went to **Diane Jamail**.

Your ski reporter for this trip cannot be held responsible for any of the information included or not included in this article. The ski weather God's smiled upon this

trip. We could not have asked for better weather.

