

3 SKI CLUB HOOTLINE 2009-2010

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A note from the President !!!!

Greeting Club Members:

Whew! , that went fast. The first club western trip is in the books. A great time was had by all in Vail where the club has not been since 2002. Timing is everything, as the group had great snow and sun conditions for skiing and snowboarding. Rick and Colleen did an excellent job of leading the group. The next western club trip is coming quickly as the club ventures for the first time, at the end of February to Schweitzer Mountain in northern Idaho. Due to lack of registrations, the local club trip to Lutsen trip in March has been cancelled. Thanks to Felix and Carolyn for their valiant recruiting effort.

Don't forget that the next club meeting is Thursday, Feb 18 @ 7pm (Sgt Peppers in Oakdale), where Joan and Erik will be hosting the Schweitzer pre-trip party. Even if you are not part of this trip, come down and socialize and exchange stories and photos of the Vail trip. Otherwise the next social get-together is on Friday February 12th at Ray J's in Oakdale. Check out the club website www.hootline.com for more details on upcoming club events.

In spirit with the recent State-of-the-Union address, it is time to start thinking about the 2010-2011 club board elections in March. The term for the current board members is up at the end of April. Whether you are a long-time member or new to the club, please consider volunteering. The club would not be able to put together successful ski trips and social events without the support of the membership. The commitment is not as time consuming as you might think as the board works well together to plan the yearly social events and ski trips.

Rich

Vail 2010 Trip Report

Written by Rick Heine edited by Colleen Vickerman

Day 1: Sunday Jan 24th. “Misting in Minnie, snowing in the Rockies”

Our flight with 27 skiers left MSP on time and arrived in Denver slightly ahead of schedule. We were met at baggage claim by Chris, Darla and David bringing the total number to 30. Dale our bus driver announced as we were loading our luggage that chains were required for both the tunnel and Vail pass. Instead of chaining up in Georgetown, Dale suggested that he drop us off at Applejacks and King Scoopers for provisions and that he then run over to the bus yard which was only 5 minutes away to have the chains put on. This worked out well. By the time we reached Silver Plume it was very windy and snowing quite hard. As we were coming down Vail pass we got the first report that the Vikings had scored on the opening drive. Things were looking good. The bus pulled into the Simba Run driveway and promptly got stuck. We quickly unloaded, checked in and headed down to the party room for deli sandwiches, cheese, crackers, veggies, fruit, chips, salsa and some beverages to watch the Viqueen’s game. It was an exciting game with a bad ending.

Day 2: “Major powder day”

The first big powder day Vail had seen all season, and 30 folks from the flatlands had just come into town. The 19 inches over the weekend had the majority of our group on the first bus to the base. The “Boarder Patrol” which consisted of Karen H “ISaFB”, John G, Jerry H, headed into the back bowls along with a lone “two planker” Glen C, who for the first time in history skied all day with Dirt Bags. The sun was out in the morning and then the clouds came in about noon. The hot tub got a workout that evening as stories were swapped and sore muscles were soaked.

Day 3: “Groomed Cruising”

Sunny in the morning, a good showing at Eagles Nest for lunch, snowing at 1:00, the crowds went away today as did the powder. Groomed corduroy was the game today and lots of it. Some closed down the lifts and racked up the vertical, while other’s headed to Pepi’s in the Village for a little après skiing delight. Gourmet meals flowed in the condos following the hot tub ritual.

Day 4: “Cat sightings”

Sunny in the morning and fresh tracks from the snow the night before, it’s beginning to sound like a broken record but it was sunny every morning with clouds coming in around noon, except the last day when it was sunny all day. Après ski activities were in the back room at the Tap. Appetizers were provided for the group until no one could eat any more. We had the back room to ourselves, this made for a very relaxed environment. We had a Cougar sighting during this event which is all I can say because as everyone knows “What goes on in Vail stays in Vail”. No gourmet meals tonight.

Day 5: “Bald Eagle sightings at BC”

After 3 days in Vail, most of the group decided to go ski Beaver Creek. To get to BC in time for opening was logistically a challenge using the various bus systems available to us. The hard-cores opted to take the Sandstone line to the transportation center, then ride the ECO express to the Elk lot and then catch the BC bus to the base. 17 of us showed up to catch the 8:00 AM ECO express. To pay for the ECO bus you had to feed four \$1 bills into a bill collection device. This process took the 17 of us close to 15 minutes. It seems one of the trip leaders had his dollar bills so wrinkled up, he couldn’t get them to feed into the machine properly. The bus driver was livid; “get a life buddy or get a better system” replied the leader. Had we been smart about it, we could have fed 3 \$20 bills in and had 15 of us walk on lickety-split. The other two, being seniors could each put \$1 in. The not-so-hard-cores opted to take the 9:00am Turtle Bus. This bus goes from the transportation center directly to the base of BC. John H and company was on this bus, which broke down along the way. The Turtle bus never made it and had to call in reinforcements, which resulted in a 15-minute delay. BC only got 4 of the 19 inches that Big Brother Vail got over the weekend, which made for some pretty icy conditions. BC has some great terrain, it just needed more snow.

Day 6: “A perfect day and more Bald Eagles”

One of the prettiest mornings I can remember skiing. The combination of low clouds, sun, blue sky, green trees and white snow was breathtaking. The Bald Eagles were soaring as we got off the chair at Blue Sky Basin. Garrett M, who was skiing with Ken G, used his trillion GB of memory to record the whole morning on his camera, and then forced his roomies to watch it that evening. Pizza, general leftovers and rookie initiation in the evening ended the great trip on another positive note. Rookies Kate B, Cindy W, Bunny T, and Bronwyn F played a Jeopardy trivia type game and all ended up walking away with a very valuable and treasured prize. After the pizza party, many went back to their condos to pack, and another group went out to check out the Lionshead’s night life. Bargains were found at Garfinkel’s as the group slipped in before the cover charge yet still while the drink specials were ongoing.

Day 7, “In your own bed”

The bus left Simba Run at 7am, the Airbus left DIA at 11:15 and we were on the ground in Minniesnowta a little after 2pm. On behalf of “Royal Blue” and myself, you were a great group to share the Vail experience with. We hope you had as much fun as we did. Until next time, spend as much time on the west side of the continental divide as you can, and keep the skis pointed down the fall line.

“Purple”

3M Ski Club Happy Hour

When: Friday, Feb 12th
5:32 pm - ?

Where: Ray J's American Grill
9854 Norma Lane
Woodbury, MN
651-714-2035



Directions: I-94 to Woodbury Dr (South)
Right (West) on Hudson Road.
Right (North) on Norma Lane and the restaurant is on the right.

Why: Are you ready to talk about skiing, ski trips and winter fun? If so, join us for a winter Happy Hour at Ray J's in Woodbury. Add a little slice of happiness to your week and join the gang at this popular Woodbury Bar and Grill. Also, hear the latest news on the Ski Club's upcoming events and activities. Bring your cheerful self and friends and hang around for some tasty appetizers and barbeque dinner. See you there. Cheers.

When: Friday, March 26th
5:28 pm - ?

Where: Throwbacks
1690 Woodlane Dr.
Woodbury, MN
651-379-92211



Directions: East on I-94 then South on I-494.
Exit on Valley Crrek Road and go East to
Woodlane Dr. The bar is on the right.

Why: Fuel your appetite for good food and drinks and then get ready for some retro 80's music by live band, Brat Pack Radio. You should wear your 80's wardrobe and hair (if you still have it) and join us for a Rock and Roll Happy Hour, food and friends. Be a "Rock Legend" and relive the 80's lifestyle for a night see you there! Rock On!

3M Ski, Snowboard and Social Club's
Ski Trip To Schweitzer

<http://schweitzer.com/>



Sat. Feb 27 to Wed. March 3, 2010

Cost \$870 for 32 People
(Lift Tickets are not included)

Two people per room at Selkirk Lodge, Ski-in / Ski-out, 2 Queen Beds per Room, (hotel type rooms with no kitchens)

Flying directly into Spokane with a 2 hours bus ride to the resort.

Send Trip Deposit Form & Payments To Joan Moseman

Payment Due Dates Are-

\$200 15 Oct, 2009 – Trip Signup Night or Sooner

\$335 20 Nov, 2009 or Sooner

\$335 18 Dec, 2009 or Sooner

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February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>Happy Hour Ray J's (Woodbury) 5:32pm</i>	13
14	15	16	17	18 <i>Club Meeting Sgt. Pepper's (Oakdale) 7:00pm</i>	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>Schweitzer trip leaves</i>
28 @ Sch						

March 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 @ Sch	2 @ Sch	3 return from Sch	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 <i>Club Meeting Sgt. Pepper's (Oakdale) 7:00pm</i>	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 <i>Happy Hour Throwbacks (Woodbury) 5:28pm</i>	27
28	29	30	31			

Also reference the club's website for Activities and updates: www.hootline.com

January Birthdays

FIRST	LAST	DAY	FIRST	LAST	DAY	FIRST	LAST	DAY
Bronwyn	Fitzgerald	2 nd	Mary Beth "concert"	Donovan	18 th	Kathleen "Travlin w/ Mike"	Graske	21 st
Joan "Mardi Gras"	Moseman	16 th	Kristin	Bigham	19 th	Douglas	Neal	25 th