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This week wasn't "real life". It was SKI LIFE! Very early one Saturday morning, a group of eager skiers arrived at the airport. Some had their traditional beer on the way to the airport, even though it was 4:30 am! We thought Charles Kulkarni was going to be left behind, but he showed up just before the flight attendants closed the doors!

The first evening, there was a wine and cheese party to welcome our group and then we had some really good pizza delivered. During this party, Bill Dahl ("Paper Boy") serenaded us with his piano playing expertise. We also had some special appearances by Tiny Tim (Lou Kleinman), Robert Redford (Carole Sahni), Timothy Leary (Bobby Viktorin)

Our first day of skiing was the first of many beautiful days on the mountain. At the condo that evening, TC, Angie Westergren and ATC, Roger Sahni hosted a happy hour at the hot tub.

After the second day of skiing, some of our group, including Ray Herndon, Angie Westergren, Ken Feaster, Steve Jaeger, Yvonne Guy, Sharon Nail, Pat Musemeche and Greg Roberts were seen

at Buddy's Run for Apres Ski. Yvonne Guy had skied with Billy Kidd and shared some of his secrets. However. Steve Jaeger didn't agree that it was good to ski without leaving a trail, because he wanted to make sure his body would be found! Mary Ann Soto could relate to Steve. because she disappeared when

skiing with Pat Musemeche, only to be found after going off a trail over the side of the mountain! While all skiers made it through the first day without any injuries, the second day was pretty tough on Chris Adoue. Even though she had surgery on her broken ankle, she seemed to enjoy all the calls she received while waiting in the emergency room! Her roommate, Sharon Nail, took real good care of her. Unfortunately, they missed the Pub Crawl that evening led by our tour guide from Steamboat Resorts, Chris Sommerhoff. The group started at at the Grubstake Bar, then to Slopeside, then to the Tug Boat. Who was that long-haired sexy guy Sarah and Angie had their picture taken with? A few diehards (John & Nancy Burk, Lisa Kelley, Sarah Granbery, Steve Jaeger, Mark Chambers, David Street, Bobby Viktorin and TC.

Angie Westergren) wound the party down at a Karaoke Bar downtown where a few more tequila shots were shared among friends! Luckily, John & Nancy Burk offered to drive us home. Not so lucky for them. though, their car full of passengers, who wouldn't sing Karaoke decided to sing and serenaded

them with "Gloom, Dispair & Agony on Me"! This tune was a tribute to Chris Adoue, in sympathy for her accident that day.

Day three of skiing came very early for some of the Pub Crawlers. A group, referred to as the "Magnificent Seven" (Keith Kirkman, Angie Westergren, Frank Adams, Morris Covin, Sarah Brown, David Street and John Burk) skied some fun places in the trees. Fearless leader, Keith Kirkman, wasn't sure if Sarah Brown was still talking to him after that venture! Rumor has it that Steve Jaeger had a pretty tough day on his snowboard. Another great day of skiing ended with Apres Ski was at the Slopeside The Pub Crawl the night before couldn't slow this group down! Tequila shots were compliments of Sarah Granbery, due to the waitress spilling six shots on her head! Not to be outdone by Sarah, Lisa Kelley managed to get a pitcher of beer thrown at her, which resulted in a free pitcher. Like they needed it..... If that wasn't enough excitement, Sarah and Lisa then joined a group on the stage to entertain us with "Hand Jive". Could this behavior have something to do with the margaritas the entertainer made with his chainsaw blender? Some of the other folks seen at Slopeside include Karen and Jim Icenhower, Ken Feaster and Bret Henderson. And.... Who was that man Yvonne Guy was talking to?

On Wednesday, a group of 25 people took an excursion to Strawberry Park Hot Springs. What a perfect way to end a



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fantastic day of skiing!!! Ann Borochoff and Marcia Resnick even got a massage while they were there. Others had fun making angels in the snow. After dark things got pretty interesting. What did ATC, Roger Sahni have hanging around his neck???? Other adventurous people in our group (Charles Kulkarni, Fran Spitzberg and Harold Kaminsky) went snowmobiling.

Thursday was the big NASTAR event, coordinated

by Race Director, Bobby Viktorin. We almost had 20 racers. Officially, it was 19. Some of our racers took a practice run, but Morris Covin wishes he hadn't because he blew out a knee trying to stop at the bottom. He was really mad because he was confident he could have won a silver medal, and of course, we're all sure he would have! There were several first time racers, including Lisa Kelley, Yvonne Guy, Cindy Jones and Michael Mangum. The races gave Lou Kleinman and Cliff Aymes an opportunity to keep their Jr. High rivalry alive. Lou contends that he has to let Cliff beat him every now and then or Cliff won't ski with him, anymore. (There was only .17 seconds difference in their times!) That evening, a lasagna dinner was hosted by the TC and ATC with the help of willing volunteers who baked the Roger Sahni and Karen Icenhower made an exceptionally good salad, too. After dinner, Race Director, Bobby Viktorin awarded 16 NASTAR medals. BRONZE medals were awarded to Rich Cannata, Bret Henderson, Mark Chambers, Lisa Kelley, Yvonne Guy



and Donita Soucek. SILVER medalists included John Burk, Frank Adams, Cliff Aymes, Lou Kleinman, David Street, Bill Dahl, Sarah Brown and Keith Kirkman. GOLD medals were awarded to Angie Westergren and Bobby Viktorin. One of the gold medals was earned on the first run; however, there seems to be some controversy surrounding the other one. The latter one has been submitted to a peer review committee comprised of Mark Chambers, Lisa Kelley and Michael Mangum!

Friday was a tough day for several people on the slopes. Not to be outdone by Chris Adoue and Morris Covin, Michael Mangum broke his arm, and Steve Jaeger hyper-extended his elbow. It's ok to be competitive guys, but you didn't have to try and get the most injuries on one ski trip! The ski patrol gal who helped Steve was so cute that Ken Feaster started having aches and pains that he needed help with, too! Where was that pain, Ken??? That evening the group went up the Thunderhead Gondola for a Western Bar BQ, all-you-can-eat prime rib, etc. Some enjoyed dancing, too.

On Saturday, much to our dismay, it was time to make the transition from "Ski Life" back to "real life". Some skied and others spent the day shopping and relaxing at local taverns. One of the most popular happy hour's was hosted by Rich Cannata and Hope Flynn at their Timber Run condo. Luckily, they didn't miss the bus to the airport! Once at the airport, the TC and ATC gathered their group, injured and all, and headed back to Houston, knowing they would see each other again at Bob

O'Neal and Dee Cartwright's home for the post-trip party. Hey gang, where are we going next year????



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