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A Ski Trip of Olympic Proportions -- Park City, Utah!

One month after the 2002 Winter Olympics, there was plenty of Olympic USA spirit around Park City for the 31 SCSC participants who descended upon the town for the club's final ski trip of the year.

In the spirit for the Olympic medals.... SCSC's Park City participants deserve a few medals of their own...And the winners are...



New member, **David Moravec**, wins for "Best First Impression," as he was the only one who missed the flight. David's a great guy and we're glad he was able to find his way to meet us. The rest of us arrived in Park City early afternoon on Saturday. We got situated in the condos, then headed to our Welcome Party hosted by Indemnity Properties. It was a bit tricky sorting lift tickets for the four separate resorts, but it's great that we had the choice. After the welcome party, a few of us went into town. **Deborah Christie** won the "Professional Shopper" medal. She knew where to go, what to buy, and how to find those really cute Olympic berets at the "Roots" store in downtown Park City.

Park City Mountain Resort (PCMR) was the choice for Sunday's skiing. We enjoyed wonderful spring ski conditions throughout the week. It snowed most of Saturday night, so much of the mountain had piles of snow. Is there such a thing as too much powder?



Monday found us at Deer Valley with the Olympic banner waving overhead as we entered the resort. The ski lift went right over the runs for the Olympic aerial ski jump, but, surprisingly, no SCSCers even attempted that run!

Janet McKenzie earned the "Pigging Out" medal after eating everything scrumptious at the massive

buffet in Stein Ericksen Lodge, including dessert, and still being able to ski all afternoon. She learned her technique from the "Master of Buffets," **Bruce Lowther**. Other medallists in this event include **Ken Harger**, **Cindy Moore**, and our ATC, **Leyla Oskardesh**.

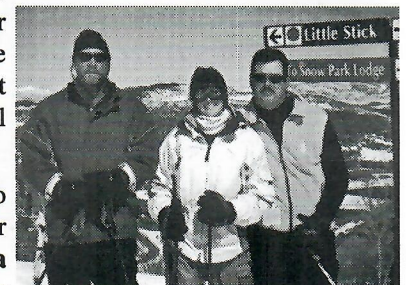
Tuesday found The Canyons had plenty of snow and the day ended in a blizzard. The medal for those achieving the "Highest Altitude" on this trip was a seven-way tie. **Mike Dawson**, our fearless TC, **Larry and Deborah Christie**, **Bill and Julie Davis-Raley**, **Leigh Leathers** and **Teresa Morris** took off Tuesday morning for an awesome balloon ride over Park City. **Julie** also wins the "Major Wrong Turn" award. While snowblading through knee-high powder, she missed a turn and ended up in the employee parking lot ditch in knee-high MUD!

Happy hour at **Leyla's** condo had an added birthday celebration for **Lori Gilliland**, thanks to **Terri Ullrich's** hint about

the birthday girl. **Bruce Lowther** wins top honors for "Best Margaritas," as he didn't move from the blender all night! Though there was fierce competition, **Lori Gilliland** gets the medal for most interesting jelly shots, and **Kim Kujawa**, who has a way with voices, gets the gold for the best joke telling of the night. Thanks to our emcee of the evening, **Lisa Thomas**. Oh, and yes, **Lisa** and **Kim** really *are* two separate people.

Sharon Broughton got high medals in the perseverance and courage category. Sharon broke her finger on one of her falls. The mishap didn't stop her one bit, as she found a special glove that enabled her to continue skiing all week.

Wednesday, several made a road trip to Snowbird, a fun mountain that is not for beginners. **Leigh Leathers** and **Teresa Morris** had mixed feelings about their tram ride at Snowbird. They enjoyed the 8-minute ride to the top, but upon arrival realized the runs were all Experts Only. They get a medal for "Perseverance" for their trip back down. A similar story comes from "Double Black **Larry Christie**" who led a group to a *supposedly* blue run from the top. **Mike Dawson** had to almost slide on his butt



to make it down, and **Leyla Ozkardesh** resorted to sitting down and flipping her skis over to make turns, but both survived.

On Thursday we returned to Park City. Our group dinner, at **Mike's** condo, was a fun evening of eating, visiting and dancing. **Lori Gilliland** and **Christine March** had an impromptu wrestling match in the snow while **Bob Wray**, **Pawel Siwek**, and **Davis Tucker** watched. **Lori Gilliland** sure knows how to liven up a party with her rendition of coffee table surfing. **Cindy Moore** gets the "Readiness" award for always wearing her dance shoes.

During our stay in Park City, the National NASTAR Race Championships were held. We are proud to report that **James Wayne** of SCSC earned 4th place in the Expert division for the age group 60-64.

Friday was a day when everyone went to his or her favorite resort.

Debbie Abadie won the "Airborne" medal for her stunt at Alta. She was launched from her skis as her left ski became buried in the powder, and her body didn't get the message. **Dave Launerey** earns the "Hard Head" award for his foresight in protecting his head with a helmet. After two crashes, Dave said his ski helmet was well worth it, especially after **Debbie Abadie** ran directly into him.

Jim Hendrix kept things interesting and wins the "Storytelling" medal. **Paul and Sue Olstad** share the medal for the "Most Traveled," giving fascinating tales of their life abroad during dinners. After a bad spill at The Canyons, **Terri Ullrich** refrained from further skiing to heal and therefore deserves the "Good Spirit" award. Sunday, **Frank Adams** and **Dave Launerey** earned a place on the fashion police team for their continued critique and assessment of Academy Awards attire. **Lori Matthews** gets a fashion award for her airport outfit of snakeskin pants. Another fashion award goes to **Kevin Mitchell** for "Best T-

shirt Slogan." We all agree "Work Sucks...I'm going skiing!"

Many of us hope to make it back to Park City for more skiing and fun in the future.