



## Lori and Bruce's Excellent Ski Adventure

Yep, the Lurkers, Losers & Couch Potatoes stayed home!

The infamous trip to Vail Colorado included 60 of SCSC's COOLEST, Fun Loving, REAL Skiers & Legendary Partiers.

### Chapter 1: Saturday - "Departure Day"

*1<sup>st</sup> stop* – Wal-Mart. On the way to the airport at 4:30am, TC, Lori Gilliland's chauffeur, **Bill Bomberger** was asked to make a side trip for a bottle of Pepto Bismol to cure a case of "TC Stress". This little pink bottle was soon replaced by Fat Tires & Powderhounds. POOF! The stress was gone. Imagine that?



Lori & Christine initiate another new SCSC member.

*2<sup>nd</sup> stop* – "Paradise" – Denver, Colorado! The Adventure begins ..... Imagine 60 people with grocery carts racing up & down the aisles of King Sooper's Grocery & Apple Jacks Liquor with a 30-minute time limit. Lori needs a driver's license to operate a moving vehicle; she took out 3 jars of Ragu rounding a corner at warp speed ..... "**CLEAN UP ON AISLE 9**".

*3<sup>rd</sup> stop* – Vail Spa Condos (Home Sweet Home) for the week. Upon arrival, we all scattered in different directions, checking into our condos, getting rentals etc. WOW, it's amazing how the words "FREE WINE" can bring 60 people back intact. We even had a few extras! **Stacey & JR Ronczy**, now residents of Colorado, joined us for some skiing and socializing.

Capturing all the Kodak moments was **Pam Smith**. She took pictures of everything, "Oh look, there's a tree! Hey, there's a snowflake! Wait; did you see that toilet?" One had to be very careful with what they did. Chances are ... it would be caught on film!

### Chapter 2: Sunday – "Let the Skiing Begin"

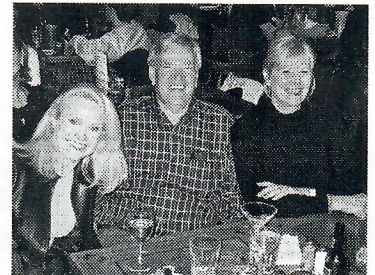


The Covered Bridge in Vail Village

What a great way to fuel up for day! **Lori** and **ATC, Bruce Lowther** put together a killer welcome breakfast to feed the troops before our 1<sup>st</sup> day of skiing. **Cindy Moore** held **Bruce's** banana while he cut a mean one.....(a banana that is). **Lori** led an awesome breakfast taco assembly team, **Bill Bomberger, Martin Bradley, Leyla Ozkardesh** and **Ladye Freitag** rolled 100 breakfast tacos by 8am. (Look-out Taco Cabana!)

The skiing begins..... **Buzz Allen**, the tattoo man, **Bob DeBumps DeBirthday DeBell, Bob Knupp, Bill Bomberger** and **Sue DeWitt** formed the "**B.S.**" ski group, an exclusive group requiring superior ski skills. These guys skied together aggressively in search of their next challenge. **Lou Kleinman** and **Keith Kirkman** joined the group, thereby changing the name to "**Sue & the Boys**". Any way you look at it.....they're still full of B.S.!

Others tried joining the "**B.S.**" ski group, completely unaware of their superior qualities. Ask **Gary Freeman**. He found out the hard way after charitably offering to ski with **Sue DeWitt**, if she could keep up. Groveling followed! Even **DeBumps DeBell** (a "**B.S.**" regular, or is that regular "**B.S.**"er") admitted that **Sue** had skied him into the ground. **Richard Payne** was another "**B.S.**" wannabe. Why did he stop skiing with this group? Did it have anything to do with the face plant, broken glasses and cuts; or was it because **Janet McKenzie's** offer was more enticing? Inquiring minds want to know!



Yep, blondes DO have more fun ... at the Red Lion.

Après ski activities brought a special treat to a few "lucky" hot-tubbers. Apparently, happy hour began earlier (for some) in Condo #502 as *flashers* showed a little T&A to the steamy group below. Names will be kept anonymous to protect the innocent.

### Chapter 3: Monday – "Beaver Creek, Anyone?" (MLK Holiday)

**Stan Broniak** awakened saying, "Last Night....I had a dream!" Many are still waiting to hear his dream. In honor of the holiday, **Stan** vowed to ski only the most difficult runs today. Maybe that's why they called him *The Lone Skier*. Did he ditch

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those slower than himself, because of his devilish ways as evidenced by his ski hat? Ask those who attempted to ski with him, **Mitch Gaspard, Paul Pavlik, Don McGee**, members of the “*B.S.*” ski group, **Pam Smith and Marsha Lutz**.

*Lone Skiers*, **Paul Pavlik** and **Davis Tucker**, were on separate quests for ultimate ski perfection. Although *loners* by day, this didn't stop either of them from partying with the group at night!

### Chapter 4: Tuesday - “NASTAR Race Day & Red Lion Rendezvous”

What a great day for skiing, racing, and let's not forget ... **PARTYING!** For those of us trying and dying to earn a medal, the NASTAR races (led by Race Director, **Bill**

**Bomberger**) proved to be quite a challenge for some. Our official NASTAR photographer, **Guri Pryce** had a prime position on the racecourse snapping everyone “breaking the gate”.

SILVER medal winners included **Richard Payne** (Fastest Dude), **Curt Frisby, Bob Wray, Susan Wilson** (Fastest Chick) and **Janet McKenzie**. BRONZE medalists included **Martin Bradley, Rob Hienaman, Bruce Lowther, Bill Bomberger**, and **David Pryce**. Oh yeah .... and that Dan Bromiar guy! Was “he” with Space City? It was later discovered that this WAS **Stan Broniak** and he was

awarded a BRONZE medal.

**Maria Pavlik, Harold Kaminsky & Barb Penkala** opted out of the NASTAR races. Knowing they would all win GOLD medals, they decided to give the rest of us a chance and headed out to ski together. “*Screw that! We don't need no stinkin races.*”



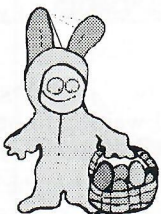
*A Day at the Races*

**Christine March** and **Lori Gilliland** had their medals stolen from them. **Christine** later redeemed herself. Once back in Houston, she and **Linda Mac** learned that the NASTAR people had them classified in the “Male” category. What a rip off! Protests were made. As a result of their “sex” changes (proof of gender), NASTAR

capitulated and gave them BRONZE medals. Hey **Lori**, where's your medal???

The hot tub “tease” continued! When willing hot-tubbers asked for another sneak peek, there followed a loudly bellowed “AAAGGGHHHHHH” by **Stan Broniak** -- getting sick in the hot tub when **Bill Bomberger** raised *his* shirt, flashing the crowd. What a disappointment! It was a set-up; the women “teased”, but **Bomberger** delivered!

The SCSC club party at the Red Lion was definitely a night to remember, for those who “could”





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remember! Some are STILL trying to remember! It was a good old-fashioned rock-n-roll bash, with great food, great entertainment and great stories to tell. From the moment the alcohol began to flow, talented SCSCers surfaced. **Jessica Halter** sang with Phil Long (Red Lion owner) while tambourines played backup and continuously switched hands. **Lori Gilliland** and **Rita Wright** were “dueling” with tambourines, trying to out-shake each other. **Ladye Freitag** performed her infamous “chair dancing” to the beat of the music.

**Marsha Lutz** earned an honorary “mixology” degree for drinking the weirdest combination of drinks WITHOUT getting sick!

One evening highlight was the performance by **Don McGee**, **Stan Broniak**, and new member **Dave Bannon** as they attempted to sing Billy Joel’s *Piano Man* to the crowd. Autographs followed (NOT!). Photo Groupie **Ruthann McGee** got a little snap happy. She shot 3-4 rolls of film that night. No actions or behaviors can be denied from this night -- we have the evidence to prove it!



Condo #502

**Lori** had to fill out accident reports for her tambourine bruises as well as her snow burn after the wrestling match in the lobby with **Susan Wilson**. Neither one remembers who knocked down who.

*That was the alcohol talking!*

Another injury occurred today. **Mary Anderson** tumbled down the hill, and awoke with three gorgeous young men in blue and white looking down at her. She thought she was in Heaven and surrounded by angels.

Later that night, the most unlikely heroes emerged. Condo-mates **Curt Frisby** and **Rob Hienaman** came to the rescue of **Don McGee** during a medical emergency when **Ruthann McGee** needed assistance. Good job guys! Our real

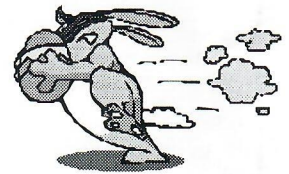
superheroes ... we salute you; as opposed to **Ted** (Rip Van Winkle) **Widmer**, who slept through the entire incident.

### Chapter 5: Wednesday - “Adventure Ridge & Beano’s Cabin”

Optional activities were on the agenda. Nighttime thrill seekers **Bruce Lowther** and **Robert Clements** formed a snow tube train with **Linda Guice**. They maximized the speed on their tubes with their combined weight. **Cindy Moore**, **Lori Gilliland**, **Leyla Ozkardesh**, and new members **Maria Vivona** and **Dan Sample** joined in on the snow tubing adventure. The REAL speed was experienced by Thrill Sledding Adrenaline Junkies - **Marsha Lutz**, **Steve Samuel**, **Bill Bomberger** and **Cindy Moore**. Steve renamed this event M.A.N.I.C. Sledding: Masochistic Adventure Night in Coldness. Maybe that’s because ... (They called him *FLIPPER*, *FLIPPER*, faster than lightning, no one can find him, over the edge!) **Steve** and his sled were eventually rescued via snowmobile. Thankfully, the only casualty was **Marsha’s** broken



Carriage ride through Vail Village



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camera. What a ROUGH ride!

One group took a different kind of "ride" that night .... a luxury sleigh ride to Beano's Cabin in Beaver Creek. Participants included **Nancy Gentzel, David Edwards, Gary Freeman, Sue DeWitt, John Gay, Becky Reitz, Rob Hienaman, Jeff Kovacs, Mary Anderson, Beverly Roberts, Susan Wilson, Linda Mac, Ric Ploeger, Meynard Nussbaum.** This

five-star dining experience was Fantastic! **Gary** found the dessert to be better than sex and got the recipe from the chef, for future use on some lonely night.

## Chapter 6: Thursday - "A Night with Steve Meyers"

A "light" dusting of powder during the night sent SCSCers in search of the ultimate ski trails. In the gladed terrain of Blue Sky Basin, fresh

powder was found! **Bob Wray** took **Martin Bradley** to ski some REAL snow & wore him out on the bumps and trees for two days straight. This became their "best kept" secret. **Martin** admitted he'd never had a better time skiing in his entire life!

After another hard day of skiing, or hardly skiing for some, après skiers gathered at Powder Hounds. **Steve Meyers** was the ever-so-popular & ever-so-insulting local entertainer for the evening. **Rita "Turbo T\_ts" Wright**, as nicknamed by **Steve**, was selected to judge a singing contest. Amazingly enough, our SCSC group won several rounds of "free" drinks.

**Lisa VanZant** and **Michael Testa** enjoyed nightly gourmet meals prepared in the condo. **Lisa** shared her wonderful eggplant parmesan with condo-mates.

Although **Joe Kulpinsky's** condo-mates referred to him as *the stranger*, he was seen enjoying fine French cuisine at La Tour with **Beverly Roberts** and **Mary Anderson.**

**Ladye Freitag** & **Barb Penkala** enjoyed dinner at Alpenrose Tea Room. This was better than skiing. **Barb** worked off the calories by treating herself to a massage & **Ladye** worked them off by skiing downhill on her butt. "*It doesn't seem so steep when sitting on the ground!*"

## Chapter 7: Friday - "SCSC Final Pizza Party"

Our last night in Vail began with a *polish off the booze* pizza party. **David** and **Guri Pryce** used their car to deliver 30 pizzas, four cheesecakes and a gigantic salad. Thanks for the help, enjoy the tip!

The pizza bash started at 6:30pm and went on until well after midnight. **Lori**, with her LOUD and PIERCING whistle, silenced the room to make important announcements for those sober enough to listen. A special tribute was paid to *Bud Lite Real Men of Genius & SCSC "Male Fur Coat Wearers"* **Mitch Gaspard, John Gay** and **Eric Wright.** "*It takes a REAL man to wear a ladies coat!*"

The festivities continued with dancing and body tattooing. Before the night was over, **Lori** shared a piece of cheesecake with **Ric Ploeger**, never using a fork. **Meynard Nussbaum** used his podiatry skills giving "free" foot massages. "Everybody Loved Meynard!"

**Marsha Lutz, Steve Samuel, Pam Smith, Stan Broniak, Cindy Moore, Bruce Lowther** and **Ladye Freitag** wrapped up their evening enjoying a horse drawn carriage ride through Vail Village.

**Kelly Reynolds** never made it to the pizza party.

She created her own party at some undisclosed location with 30 doctors. No additional details were given. (You go girl!)

## Chapter 8: All Week - "Memorable Events"

**Mitch Gaspard** entertained us all week long with his variety of ski hats. For **Mitch**, packing was easy. Six ski days equals

six changes of hats and one change of underwear. We thought something *smelled!*

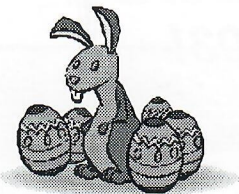
**Fran Kaminsky** took ski lessons almost every day. Wonder what her ski instructor looked like??? Must have been a cutie like **Ryan** from the Bachelorette!



*Fun Times @ the Red Lion*



*The Adrenaline Junkies*





**Gary Freeman & David Edwards** were corralled nightly in the hot tub by the persuasive charms of **Leyla Ozkardesh**. She brought the beer.

New SCSC Member, **Samantha Davidson**, learned there is a choice in ski apparel ... fashion versus warmth and comfort.

**Curt Frisby** skied one afternoon with the ladies, **Ann Rogers, Marsha Lutz and Pam Smith**. **Ann** was thrilled after she successfully skied down a black run led by **Curt**. Way to go, **Ann**!

**Janet McKenzie** and **Richard Payne** misread a trail sign, ending up on a steep black diamond. Was this because of **Richard's** broken glasses or do they need a refresher course in trailmap reading? **Janet** bailed out, **Richard** followed. Both poled along a ridge with a 6-foot drop off, until they reached safety. They celebrated their survival that night in Vail Village.

In addition to his embarrassing hot tub "flashing" experience, "**Woody**" **Bomberger** skied the bumps in Game Creek Bowl with buds, **Buzz Allen** and **Bob DeBell** when a twenty-foot pine tree jumped out at him. **Buzz** and **Bob** claimed they didn't witness this event. Fortunately, several other "big mouth" club members observed the "tree attack" from the chairlift, and felt it was their civic duty to report the incident. GOTCHA, **Bill**!

**David Pryce**, proud of his newest ski gadget, an altimeter watch, kept everyone advised of the altitude at the top of every run.

**Lori Gilliland** got locked inside the Vail Spa Condos stairwell. While enjoying the view from her condo window, **Maria Pavlik** saw **Lori** dashing through the snow barefoot in her pajamas. **Maria** ran for her camera but **Lori** was much too fast to be captured on film. **Lori**, what were you doing in that stairwell?

Poor **Bob DeBirthday DeBell**! It's hell having a birthday during a ski week! No one really knew **Bob's** "actual" birthday. His birthday was first celebrated at the Red Lion when **Jessica Halter** sang the Marilyn Monroe version of *Happy Birthday to You*! The wishes continued EVERY day after that. It finally ended when our plane landed in Houston as Continental Airlines wished a Happy 39<sup>th</sup> Birthday to **Bob DeBell** from Space City Ski Club.

#### Chapter 9: Saturday - "The Final Chapter"

Everyone had an incredible time on the Vail trip. Vail Spa Condos *Rocked*. The hot tubs were awesome (with added bonuses for some). The alcohol was flowing! **Becky Reitz** had such a good time that she offered to help **John** with the luggage ... she carried her fur coat. The only person in our group to get "special security screening" was **Robert Clements**, our own HPD officer!! And so our 2003 Vail adventures come to an end. Before we go, one last thing ..... **HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOB!**



*The Boys singing "Piano Man" at the Red Lion*

