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WOW! What a GREAT week of skiing, snowboarding and FUN at Vail!

When we arrived at the Denver Airport, it was snowing and continued snowing all the way to Vail. We did manage a stop at AppleJacks so that we could make much needed purchases. Landmark Towers was awaiting our arrival and everyone was soon snuggled into their respective condos. Then the fun began with the ski/boot renters off to get fitted and the hard core shoppers off looking for a bargain. After obtaining the lift tickets, everyone decided it was time for dinner. There was a wonderful restaurant right out our back door and most of the group went there. Dana Wardell, Kayleen Kill, Shirley Lang, Linda Guice, and Linda Licarione managed to find our surprise guest, Effie Rubenstein (our Sportours Director) and were all seen having dinner.

The next morning it was still snowing and soooo cold! Since we were staying at Lionshead, the Gondola was convenient. Everyone was thrilled to be able to ride to the top in an enclosure. We all met for lunch with first time skiers, Tony Loverdi and Jim Masonhall were joined by Mary Jo Loverdi and Elba Villarreal for the big update. Tony and Jim had signed up for an all day semi-private lesson with a Kevin Bacon look-a-like. He was able to give some helpful skiing insights to the rest of us at the table.

Shirley Lang and Linda Guice were our expert shoppers. They even managed to out buy Ron Hayes, which was a difficult thing to do. And, Ron still had time to take his many photographs. Alas,

Judy Schiro didn't get to buy anything. Because of Ron's shopping they didn't have any more room in the luggage.

Jeannine Jiral, Brenda Soileau and Mary Wollmann were seen tearing down the slopes. Keith Kirkman kept trying to offer Pat Piech free skiing lessons.

Monday evening, Effie Rubenstein from Sportours, honored us with a wine/beer/cheese welcoming party. Everyone seemed to be present, after all, it was free and this group was lots of fun! Steve Slade (with his arm in a sling from a previous injury), Jim Edwards, James Parise, Rita Wright, Nancy Towery, David Delaney, Nancy DuFrane, Ash Moza, Bob Rexford and our two shadows, Jim Walker and Brian Korshak joined in for the fun and getting to know the other skiers.

Tuesday was another day of snowy weather and very cold. Braving the elements, Janet McKenzie, Carmen Mikhail, Rick Jaeger and Chuck Ratliff were seen trying to ski some of the bowls that opened. Too much poling was the consensus. That night was our club dinner at Blu's in Vail Village and it was wonderful. The chef really outdid himself. Dale and Alice Allbritton even joined us for dinner. As we understood it, they cooked frozen dinners every night and were in bed by 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, more snow. The short trip had to leave and the bus driver was very concerned over the road conditions. But Ron Hayes raced down the mountain in time to make sure he got a good photo of the group (you know how he is). Chaille and Tom

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Hutcheson, along with Kayleen Kill skied until the last possible moment while Patti Richards and Tom Hogle left earlier to brave the icy roads back to Denver in their rent car.

Thursday dawned and there was more fantastic skiing. Bob Olsen managed to find his new high-tech skis after much searching.

Friday, Bob Gottlieb was still looking for that perfect woman. He thought he had found her, but she was only a figment of his imagination. Roger Holzman and Ron Hayes did, however, find a nice English woman to ask to join their ski group. Jeri and Dane Fugua, Laurie Haisher, Betty Storms, and Tor Lileng joined

everyone at the last Apres ski.

Saturday was a time for fond farewells. We had a marvelous time with no lift lines and record snowfall. Let's do this again!!!



Vail 2005
Picture postcard in Vail



Vail 2005
Vail group having fun in the snow



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Partygoers in Vail