

## Breckenridge Thanksgiving Trip—

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We were all apprehensive regarding skiing conditions, but I think everyone found enough snow and plenty of runs to keep them busy. We had a total of 39 participants who enjoyed the beautiful warm weather. In fact, I thought I was Spring skiing. Our condos were conveniently located next to the Quicksilver lift and the Village TSC activities. We were one block from Main street with all of the shops.



Space City's race team 12 of 15 pictured, placed 3rd.

We arrived very late on Tuesday night, but everyone was anxious the next morning to hit the slopes and Youth Camp. We had 7 participants in Youth Camp. The repeats from last year were **Xena Murugappan, Jenny and Luke Huebner, Daniel and Alexander Duenas. Kristina Ritter and Hailey Ravkind**

were new skiers this year in Youth Camp. The TSC made a conscious effort for the children to have a good time and to be included in all of the activities. In fact, the 18 and under group had a pizza party with putt putt golf and cookie decorating on Friday night at Beaver Run, allowing the adults an opportunity to have dinner alone. I understand last year there were only 32 children in Youth Camp but this year there were 61 youth participating.

**Bill Bomberger** played Mr. Mom on this trip. He was courageous enough to bring his 2 nieces as a gift to them. Because of his love of skiing, he wanted to share the experience with them. He was up each morning making sure they had breakfast and were ready to ski. The only problem was Kathy had a preexisting injury that was aggravated by the ski boot. So, for the remainder of the trip, Kathy Lindley was on crutches. Lauren lost her wallet. Bill thought that it would not be found and, of course, her money was gone. Well, when Bill got home the girls called to say a 5 year boy from Granbury, Texas who had been in ski school found the wallet (money) and gave it to his parents. His parents returned the wallet (money) to Lauren. I am proud that we have parents/child who were honest and kind enough to make sure Lauren's wallet was returned. **Sharon Simandi and Craig Campbell** were also courageous enough to room with Bill and the girls.

Most of the trip consisted of repeats from last year. We had **Sam Cornelius, Sandra Cornelius, Lee Joe and Luz Marquez** in

one condo who skied together last year and wanted to do it again. **Ann Ivory** joined them in their condo. She was our newcomer for the ski club and for our Thanksgiving trip. She also had to be initiated in the ski club by skiing with



A lunch break at Breckenridge.... "It's cold out there!"

**Tor Leling.** I believe everyone should have that adventure at least once. She can hold her own with Tor. She also skied with **Bob Wray, and Chuck Pena.** On the last day **Bill Bomberger** took her to the Imperial Bowl.

**Marti and Nelson Turner** drove to Breckenridge to join us and enjoyed skiing the entire week. They also skied Vail,



Bill's and Ellen's girls: Katie, Mackenzie, Jessica, Jennifer, Anne and Lauren

Keystone and Loveland during the week. **Anabel Duenas** was a good sport for her husband Art and boys Daniel and Alexander. She took lessons 2 days and then skied with her family.

**Jose Araujo** went skiing with **Holly Luong.** Jose wanted to stop for pictures, but Holly is one of those skiers who doesn't stop, so Jose took his own pictures and tried to keep up

with Holly. Holly was also a newcomer to the Thanksgiving trip.

**Laurie Ravkind** brought her two daughters for their first experience at skiing. Hailey being the younger and more dare devil wanted to ski black runs by the second day. Suzanne was also a good skier but more cautious. They both were skiing blues by the end of the trip.

We had a very nice Thanksgiving Dinner at the Village at Breckenridge which was in the adjoining building. On Friday night, for those who did not go out to dinner, we had a chili supper in our condo.

**Sean O'Brien, Bob Wray, Tor Lileng and Chuck Pena** participated along with my condo mates. Most everyone elected to go out because the kids had their party at Beaver Run. **Sean O'Brien**, TSC officer, was busy learning his job so that he can run the Crested Butte TSC trip smoothly.



Sean O'Brien, Tor Lileng, and Bob Wray at the Thanksgiving dinner

**John Zavala and Laura Ritter** were also repeat Thanksgiving skiers. They roomed with **Kathy Huebner** and her two children Luke and Jenny. **Jenny Huebner and Xena Murugappan** became ski friends. I would see them quite frequently conversing about what they had been doing for the day. I don't know if **Basker Murugappan** was able to keep up with Xena. I'm doubtful.

**Ellen Eastham** and her family were our shadows. She drove with 4 children and arrived on Wednesday. I understand Jennifer, Jessica and **Mackenzie Bush and Anne Muething** managed to get in at least 2 days of skiing, Friday and Saturday.

A special thanks to **Craig Campbell** again this year for being our Race Director. He took control and everything was handled efficiently. The Club took third place in the club standing.