

VAIL, Colorado by Judy Schiro, TC

WOW! What another GREAT week of skiing, snowboarding and FUN in Vail.

Seventy-two SCSC members went to Vail, Colorado on Saturday, December 2, 2006 for a wonderful week of skiing where we joined our shadows, **Maureen Irwin, George Lopez and Dennis Newell**. We had wonderful weather, not too cold, beautiful blue skies. **Effie Rubenstein** (from Sportours) joined us at the airport and skied with us for three days. She was so helpful to us. We had six first time ever skiers with us, **Mandie Sanchez, Lora Gaige, Lesley Fagg, Nancy Ibarra, Barbara Brown and Pam Wright**. They took skiing lessons and snow boarding lessons and are now looking forward to their next ski destination. There was one condo with eight women, **Anne Marchetti, Barbara Della Longa, Kim Olinger, Gloria Lopez, Camille La-Roe, Teri Welsh, Pam Wright and Leyla Ozkardesh** (they called themselves *Snow Chicks Space City* and even had T-Shirts made to honor the club). All the single guys wanted to be in that condo. After everyone got settled into their condos and rented their skis/boots the next thing was to look for a place for dinner. Most everyone went to Montauks, which was right outside our back door. Spotted there was **Carmen Mikhail, Elizabeth Barker, Chuck Ratliff, Martin Bradley, Tor Lileng, Yvonne McMahon, Roger Holzman, Ron Hayes, Judy Schiro, Mary Jo and Tony Loverdi,**



Vail long trip participants group photo

Buzz Allen and Effie Rubenstein.

Sunday, no one wanted to waste any time getting on the slopes. The weather was cool and the sky sunny and blue. We all met for lunch on the mountain and began planning on where we would all ski and meet. Stan Smith was our first injury. Someone skied over the back of his skis knocking him down which resulted in a fractured collar bone.

Our Welcome Party, sponsored by Sportours, was a big hit. Everyone had a chance to meet and get to know the other participants.

Monday and Tuesday's skiing was beautiful. Our skiers were **Randy Kratz, Rita Cardenas, Leyla Ozkardesh, Ellen and Frank Donnelly, Tom and Chaille Hutcheson, Brenda Herman, Barry Caspar, Andy Brown, Ash Moza, Nancy DuFrane, Bob Wray, Larry Edmondson, Dennis Pechal, Cheryl Crockett, Bob Olsen, Frank Adams, Jim and Julie Moncur, Andy and Leslie Cashio, Keith Kirkman, Bob DeBell, Tom Huzzey, James Parise, Jim Edwards, Melinda Hughes, Pat Piech, Jim Walker, Gary Rollins, Buddy Soland, Joe Nerwich** (from the Lone Star Ski Club), **Laurent Muller, Seng Teo, Trish Ramirez, Sheldon Tuffyas, Ted Widmer, Cindy Moore, Gaynell Blase** (from New York City!), **Tom Kaptain and Vernon McGaw.**



Vail Short trip participants photo

Non-Skiers, **Gloria Lopez** (recuperating from knee surgery) and **Clara Tuffyas** showed their expertise in the shopping area. I understand that they earned a "double black" pin for their efforts.



Snow Chicks Space City

Tuesday evening was our club dinner held at Blu's in Vail Village. We took time afterwards for photos.

Wednesday, the short trip people left. Some of them skied the half day and then caught the bus for the trip back. There were a lot of contented smiles on the bus ride back to Denver. Good memories.

On Wednesday evening our second injury occurred. The story is that **Dale Allbritton** was in the shower and **Martin Bradley** was chasing **Alice Allbritton** around the condo when she jammed her little toe into the fireplace hearth resulting in a fractured toe. That's their story and they're sticking to it!

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Thursday and Friday were both beautiful days on the slopes. Friday evening everyone met in **Judy Schiro/Ron Hayes/Roger Holzman/Tom Huzzey's** condo and enjoyed leftovers and friendship. **Buddy Soland's** grandson joined us for the evening.

On Saturday morning a very tired but happy group climbed aboard the bus for our ride to Denver and our flight home.