
Steamboat Springs 2008

by Dennis Hughes

SCSC is back from Steamboat Springs and the 56 brave souls who followed **Melinda Hughes (TC)** and **Dennis Hughes (ATC)** had a week of fun, sun, and wonderful snow.

Robert Knupp, Joe Kulpinsky, Buddy Soland, Ben Wakefield, Lene Hein, and Bob and Mary Simpson joined everyone in singing Happy Birthday at the **Sharon Simandl** surprise wine, cheese, and cake party on Sunday. **Tom Huzzey's** skis did not make the direct flight until Tuesday.

Keith Kirkman aka "Trail Boss" led his entourage of skiers (**Gary Davis, Frank Adams, Ross and Diane Baker, Charlie and Beverly Roberts, Nancy Schultz, Melinda Hughes, Jim Hodges, Bill Bomberger, Morris Covin, and Sharon Simandl**) through some wonderful trees and glades most of the week. After "losing" this group, **Dennis Newell** had a "near out of bounds" experience. **Bill Bomberger's** face plant and DR on Monday and



fence hugging on Tuesday, is a reminder that everyone should consider a helmet. **Janet McKenzie** got "engaged", had a DR, and, a face plant, all in one trip.



Rick and Jane Adams, Nelson and Marti Turner, Ron and Roberta Rabin, Janet McKenzie, and Maria Mendez joined **Dennis Hughes** for a set of cruisers on Thursday and Friday. **Dale Allbritton** eloquently videoed **Alex Bunsch** and himself while skiing 360's down the mountain. **Susan Blome** decided to chill out and get a massage from a local masseuse. **Judy Schiro** and **Ron Hayes** rented a car and spent a day touring the Steamboat area and taking in many wonderful sites and a photo or two hundred.



Chuck Britton and **Barbara Della Longa** refined their skills in lessons – we'll be eating their snow on the slopes soon. **Mac McNamara** and **Ken Wall** hosted a pot luck dinner for weary skiers. Mac described **Teri Welsh's** lightening speed as she skied through the trees from one black slope to another.

Mark Clarke, Miriam Glover, and Bill Riddlehuber joined 22 others for the adventure to Strawberry Park that, well, let's just say that no flashlights, open air changing hut, and some boisterous locals, left much to be desired.

Mark and Linda Aguilar, Stan and Linda Kuper, Bill and Carla Nerwich cut the cards during lunch and Apres Ski Happy hours for the SCSC Steamboat Poker Run



trying to get the best poker hand for the week. The three best hands and the three worst hands received prizes. 40 of the 56 trip participants turned in at least 5 cards.

We also learned that **Pat Piech** is "not", I repeat, "not" a morning person. **Beth Wilson**

was recruited from Boston to join our club and had a wonderful trip. **Michael Testa** had a great time on vacation. **Lara Mallyn** "popped" her ankle on the mountain, but, found out back in Houston that she suffered a broken fibula. **Stan Smith** had a binding malfunction and got a complimentary toboggan ride down the mountain from the Ski Patrol. **John Roberts** was crowned "Mr. HotTub" as it is reported that he spent more time in the water than on the slopes.

Special thanks to Slopeside Bar & Grill and Bear River Bar & Grill for donating T-shirts for the Poker Run. And lastly, **Charlie Roberts** still has not paid **Beverly Roberts** her jewelry fine.

