

Vail Trip, December 12/8/12 -12/12/12 and 12/15/12

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On December 8, 2012, 47 participants headed toward Vail. There was very little of the mountain open, but that didn't stop us. After we arrived, those of us that needed to rent skis and take lessons arranged for that. We had one never-ever skier on the trip, **Chuck Baxter**, and he proved to be a trooper. He took 3 days of ski lessons and then set off on his own. He says his next goal is to learn cross-country and telemarking. We all met in our condo for a welcome party of pizza, dips, desserts, wine/beer/soft drinks and to receive the lift tickets. It was well received. **Nancy DuFrane** helped me out considerably in getting everything ready. Thank you Nancy! Our shadows, **Maureen Irwin**, **Jan Ferrell** and **Dana and Gail Dale**, joined us. **David Gunn** and his bride, **Kathy** were apparently occupied elsewhere. **Craig Campbell**, their condo mate graciously took David's lift tickets to him (Kathy does not ski). Over the first night, we received a 9" snow fall so the Gondola had a long line when we went out to ski. Seems all the locals wanted to take advantage of that huge snow fall. The rest of the week we skied without any crowd. There was snow off and throughout the week and by the time we left there was about 30% of the mountain open. **Jim Edwards** missed the first couple of days having a bad cold and hardly any voice. We stayed at Montaneros this year due to Lions Square Lodge being renovated. Don't worry folks, next year we will be back at our favorite location. **Melinda Hughes** took a off a day for a spa day and "tweeking" on her ski boots, **Marilyn Swanson** took off a day for that four-letter word - WORK. **Bruce Lowther** had a yard sale on the mountain, including his watch!.



Bob Wray skied with his lovely wife, **Andrea**. She had such a good time on this trip that she is planning on going skiing more often. **Ron Hayes** took lots of photos - surprise, surprise. Our condo mate, **Don Ledford**, both worked and skied, but not at the same time, throughout the week. **Keith Kirkman** led his bunch of doggers, **Nelson Turner**, **Barry Casper**, **Bill Bomberger** all over what on the mountain that was open. **Steve Nickels** joined the group. **Ron/Roberta Rambin**, **Bob Olsen**, **Sharon Simandl** were seen skiing together. **Ann Dorn**, **Deb Cini**, **Andy Smith**, **Roger Holzman**, **Ash Moza**, **Bernie Clinton**, **Kate MacDougal**, **Evan Howell** and **Steve Ying** joined us at the Apres ski location of El Sabor, the new restaurant/bar in Lions

Square Lodge. They served a wonderful drink - jalapeno margarita - yum! **Janet McKenzie**, **Donna Hathaway**, **Steve Samuel**, **Lisa Milam**, **Anne Thomas** (donning her reindeer tiara) and **Tom Thomas**, **Gyn/Michael Knebel** and **Jim Walker** joined us for our club dinner held at Up the Creek in Vail Village (Barry's favorite). We had to move our dinner time up to allow our Texan fans to eat and return for the football game that night. (Sorry fans) **Tom** and brother, **Kent Huzzey** joined us for Montaneros' welcome party. The short trip left on Wednesday afternoon, 12/12/12 (a number we will not see again) for the bus ride to Denver for their return to Houston. The long trip left early Saturday morning for their bus ride to Denver for their return to Houston. No one got hurt, no one got sick, no one got lost. That makes for a wonderful and easy trip for me. Thank you all for joining the trip. Hope you all return next year.

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