

Telluride I, Colorado

by Ann Clinton

Valentine's Day 1998; 'twas a sweet day to head to Telluride for the TSC Winter Shootout. "The Love Daddy," **Tom Danowski**, started things off to a passionate start by presenting each lady on the trip, as well as other deserving females, with a rose. **Tom** claims to have gotten a lot of rewards for his thoughtfulness. Tell us more, **Tom**! **Bill Bomberger**, not to be outdone, provided flowers for the TC and ATC.

Arrival in Telluride started with **Sue Salvage** and **Helen Schilling** setting up direct hotlines with Housekeeping. Telluride's never had so many new appliances and repairs to condos during a trip! **Sue's** most diligent efforts focused on getting the hot tub at her condo repaired. Her efforts paid off, and it was finally fixed – alas, this didn't come to pass until the last evening.

Michael Ruck (sans luggage) was the fashion plate on Sunday, in his rented ski outfit and big spender with the \$25 the airlines allowed him for expenses! Luggage



finally arrived, but **Michael** left with **Judy Katany** early in the week for business meetings. **Gary Pfeffer** had luggage, but ended up trapped in his condo every day on conference calls. **Helen Schilling** acted as his skiing valet – she did all his skiing for him! Luckily for **Gary**, he was headed to Beaver Creek the next week.

Mark & Sandy Vela were the first to ski Marmot and tour an open house tucked in among the forest. They shed skis and trekked through the \$1.6 million "cottage" in ski boots. Rumor has it, they're still trying to arrange financing. **Marty Toomer**, **Sue Salvage**, **Susan Blome**, and **Debi Alternern** also stopped by for the tour, so Marmot was soon renamed "The Real Estate Run." Oprah's house was nearby, and we just knew she'd have us over for a bash, if it weren't for that darn trial that held her up in Amarillo! Oh well, maybe next year, Oprah. With Oprah's cancellation, we decided to join the Telluride II group for a Wednesday evening bash for an evening of feasting and cheer. **Gary Butler**, **Charles Butler**, **Alex Bunsch**, and **Ken Spalding** were among the crowd enjoying the spread. The women's Olympic figure skating competition provided and amusing role reversal, as a female crew including, **Lauri Matthews**, **Becky Reitz**, **Mary Pat Rapp**, and others huddled around the TV for a sporting event.

After a long hard day on the slopes, **Leslie Adams** and **DeeDee Dowlin** were noted icicle-watching from the hot tub. And just how would you describe the shape



of that icicle, girls? **Joe "Cannon Ball" Loe** displayed his bruises in the hot tub, and the other guys bonded over a discussion about aging problems of the male body.

Racing was tough, as only one gold medal was awarded for all TSC racers! Our winners included **Chris Goll** with a silver, and **Tom Danowski** with a bronze. Our Individual racers made us proud with a silver from **Chris Goll**, as well as 2nd Place Senior in TSC, and bronze medals for **Bill Bomberger** and **Tom Danowski**. **Sue Salvage**, **Marty Toomer**, and **Becky Reitz** represented SCSC on the female side of the fence. Although **Becky** tumbled and has a knee injury to shoe for it, she deserves recognition for her ability to keep smiling all the way home. Other SCSC racers included **Keith Kirkman**, **John Gay**, **George Flournoy**, **Leslie Adams**, **Susan Blome**, **Phil Cezeaux**, **Hartley Chelin**, **Chuck Gore**, **Milt Kramer**, **Ken Spalding**, **Sandy** and **Mark Vela**, **Mitch Gaspard**, **John Stokes**, and **Gary Butler**.

Judy Katany reports that **Chris Goll** squeaked out a gold during a practice run on the Nastar course after a big lunch of black bean salsa. Who would have guessed that lunch could add that extra needed fuel to speed down so fast!

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Mitch Gaspard entertained many on the slopes with his hat collection. His full pelt coyote hat was seen under a lift on morning. Rumor has it that someone mistook Mitch for a wild creature and took a shot at him! We hear Mitch is always looking for new hats; seems now he wants something orange and white, with a picture of a longhorn on it. Perhaps someone out there can help? Speaking of orange, **David Corbin** received several compliments about the lovely orange boots he wore on the slopes. — Amazing how Aggies get written up in these Sitzmarke articles, eh?!

Patrice and Lee Mixon avoided all lift lines, as they spent the week cross-country skiing. **Phil and Ute Cezeaux** and **John Stokes** cooked up yummy meals each evening, but evidently didn't have any leftovers for us. We all want to be in their condo next trip!

Congratulations, y'all!

Leslie Adams, in another plunge, was catapulted off Lift #8, as she and **Ann Clinton** were busy chatting instead of thinking of "tips up" — talk about a face plant — it almost ruined that great facial and massage she enjoyed the day before at The Peaks. **Patrice Mixon** also enjoyed some special pampering at The Peaks.

The Spice Boys — **Gunnar Heyne**, **Tom Danowski**, **Chris Goll**, **Bill Bomberger**, and **Mark Vela** met up with the Go Fast Girls — **Marty Toomer** and

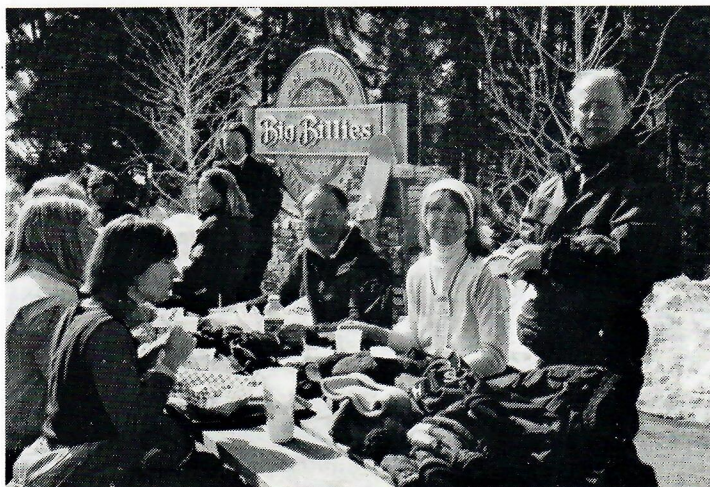


girl-friends, at the top of Lift 9 near Guiseppe's for a secret mission on the last day of the trip, last run on the trip. Although some believe it was to retrieve the glove **David Corbin** dropped in the crapper up there, others believe there were secret initiations being held along with other shenanigans. We hear

hours with, but rumors have it he was at Eagle's Nest with **Lauri Matthews**, **Mary Pat Rapp**, **Keith Kirkman**, **DeeDee Dowlin**, and of course **Susan Blome**, who could be seen carrying her dancing boots most evenings, so as not to miss a dance.

Tom Danowski asked to offer a special thanks to **Keith Kirkman**, **Chris Goll**, **Gunnar Heyne**, **Sue Salvage**, **Marty Toomer**, **Mark and Sandi Vela** and **Bill Bomberger** for their half eaten granola bars, power bars, and candy after he arrived late at Big Billie's for lunch. Tom says he still has leftovers and his phone number is in the directory, if anyone would like some!

A big thank you from **ATC Sharon Broughton** and **TC Ann Clinton** go to all participants for the sweet cooperation from everyone, and a special thanks to our VP of Ice Chests, **Mr. David Corbin**! You guys really did make it the sweetest SCSC trip of the year!



Lessons paid off for many on the trip, including **Cathy Phillips**, **Christine Skirius**, **Leslie Adams**, **Chuck Gore**, **Ken Spalding**, and especially **Sharon Broughton** and **Debi Altenbern**. Their Swedish instructor **Bjorn's** last words of wisdom had something to do with positioning hips. Ask them for the graphic details!!!

Telluride's black run, "The Plunge" was a popular run for **Leslie Adams**, **Sharon Broughton**, **Ann Clinton**, **David Corbin**, **Chuck Gore**, and others. Not to be outdone, upon hearing about "The Plunge," **Milt Kramer** really took the plunge as he planted himself on bended knee to propose to sweetie, **Christine Skirius**. See, we told you this was a sweetheart of a trip.

there are pictures! Speaking of shenanigans, a number of the females including **Marty Toomer**, **Leslie Adams**, and **Ann Clinton** were labeled "Polar Queens", but ended up as "Palmrea Bimbos"—so, is that a good thing, girls?

No one seems to know all of the women **Bill Bomberger** was keeping late night

