

Although the hour was early and the group considerably smaller than most SCSC ski trips (24 participants), we were all eager to arrive in Vail and begin our "spring" skiing vacation. While **Richard Priem** and **Charles Allen** arrived so late their tickets had been left with the group check-in agent. **Ann Clinton** and **Lois VanVooren** gave up their seats on the overbooked flight to earn some precious frequent flyer miles by changing to a later flight on a competing airline. Consequently, they arrived fashionably late in the afternoon while the rest of us wandered Vail waiting for check-in.

Beautiful, sunny skies and spring temperatures prevailed most of the week. We were fortunate to have lodging in Lionshead within 4 minutes walking distance from the Gondola.

Our beginner skiers, **Lois VanVooren**, **Marsha Shainwald**, and **Judy Barnett** had plenty of support from fellow skiers and really were quite adventuresome souls in that they ventured into more challenging terrain each day. **Nicky McGlone**, an intermediate skier joined the advanced skiers every day and never faltered (*that we know of*).

Nicky McGlone, **Ann Clinton**, **Don Shreves**, **Walter Hester**, and **Lynn Hester** tried "tubing" at Eagles Nest on the mountain and raved about how great and exciting it was. Most of us watched.

Phil Dowlin, our race director, tried his best to recruit racers for Nastar but had to settle for seven (7) of us. **Charles Allen**, **James Wayne** (*silver*), **Sharon Inman**, **Nicky McGlone** (*bronze*), **Phil Dowlin** (*bronze*), **Kevin Foster** (*bronze*), and **Don Shreves** (*bronze*). All earned points for SCSC

Our official "love-birds", beautiful **Kimberly Dean** and handsome **James Crisp** (*see photo*) had everyone guessing as to whether a gorgeous 4 karat diamond ring they found in a shop in Vail would end up on **Kimberly's** finger. Additionally, it should be noted here that **James** carried **Ms. Dean's** skis for her all week. Chivalry is not dead!

The emergency room welcomed (*on separate occasions*) **Nicky McGlone** to stitch a deep cut on her thumb with 7 stitches, and **Richard Priem** to "sling" his injured arm. Fortunately,



nothing serious, just inconveniences.

"The Club" turned out to be a popular after-hours spot for **Ann Clinton**, **Lois VanVooren**, **Kimberly Dean**, **James Crisp**, **Debbie Barber**, **Sharmae Kray**, **Mary Pat Rapp**, and **Kevin Foster** who could not answer the simple question "where did you go last night?" with any other response than "I don't know". He also didn't make it to the slopes until noon the next day. It seems a certain entertainer there was really entertaining! A close second was Nick's for dancing fools **Don Shreves**, **Marsha Shainwald**, **DeeDee Dowlin**, **Rich Preim**, and **Nicky McGlone**. It seems **Don** not only managed to ski all day, but also to dance all night. **Rich** and **Kevin** gained a new appreciation for the term "fast women" reference here is to the amount of time it took them to get ready to hit the streets! **Marsha**, why did you turn down that date with your ski instructor?

On the more mellow side was Mickey's in the Lodge with wonderful piano music much of which was requested by **Leslie Adams** and enjoyed by **Sharon Inman**, **Judi Hendrix**, **James Wayne**, **Charles Allen**, **Susan Gaucher**, and **Nicky McGlone**.

Leslie, how many \$20 bills did you part with that night to hear your favorites? **DeeDee Dowlin** preferred **Garton's** because she knew the band playing there and gave us a sampling of their music via CD at the Post Trip party. **Charles Allen** pined for a good C&W club the entire trip.

Trail's End was the most popular Apres Ski choice. On one occasion, **DeeDee Dowlin** and **Marsha Shainwald**



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"volunteered" to sing along with the performer of the band. When they could not be heard over the din in the room, they were given some very explicit instructions as to how to approach the microphone to succeed in being heard.

About half-way down Highline (double diamond) run, **Charles Allen** had a few choice words for **Don Shreves** who persuaded him to take the plunge with him. Then there was **Rich Preim** performing a face plant while skiing through the trees in



sooner... some lasting friendships may have been formed. Special thanks to **Leslie Adams** for allowing us to hold our post-trip party in her lovely home.



China Bowl with his arm in a sling and no poles. It took **Rita Blasier** and **Don Shreves** (waist deep in snow and out of their skis) thirty minutes to extract Rich.

A favorite topic of discussion was DeeDee's nose ring which along with her mode of dress caused her to be mistaken for one of the locals by other tourists. She seemed to enjoy the press coverage and took it well in stride.

Our group ski day at Beaver Creek was great fun, although we missed our scheduled lunch meeting because the TC designated an eating establishment that was closed. It looked like a great spot on the trail map!

Saturday, our departure day, was the 7th ski day of our trip. Only **Ann Clinton** who had a date for a day of skiing with a friend, who just happened to be a ski instructor, was up for more skiing. Go, Ann!!

Many thanks to: **Judi Hendrix** for her assistance during the trip, **James Crisp** for his assistance in coordination the group dinner, and all who helped with ice chests, etc. It was a great trip and, due to our small number, we were able to get to know each other

