

Steamboat Springs

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Well after much selling and preparation, the last minute trip to Steamboat Springs was off. We all met at a reasonable time, 10:00am at the airport. While waiting to board the plane, several people got a jump start on what to do by talking to a local Steamboat resident. Several people munched on homemade cookies while we waited.

The first night was the meet and greet, which seemed like a high school dance to everyone. The chairs were along the walls and everyone was staring at each other. A group of 15 people headed out to find a restaurant willing and able to seat all of them. After 3 restaurants, they split into 2 groups but ended up at the same restaurant. Much to **Heather Lecky** and **Richard Watts** dismay they learned what "Fondue" was. When ordering, they thought the wait staff would cook the meat at the table. They were quite shocked when they found that they were to do the cooking. **Sharon Broughton** and **Nancy Gentzel** enjoyed watching their struggle.

The first day of skiing saw everyone rushing to the slopes. **Chuck Gore** was the first to fall to injury by re-injuring his shoulder. A few brave souls stayed on the mountain even when part of the mountain was closed due to high winds. Several reported being blown backwards while trying to ski downhill.

The second day was spring skiing at its best, blue skies and warm weather. **Christine Milla** led a few members down a treacherous mogul run called "Twister" and proved she was the best icy mogul skier of the group. **Eric Prentis** talked **Christine Milla** and **Gunnar Heyne** into joining him into catching "Big Air" off the snowboard jumps. After 4 successful jumps, trouble struck, during landing the skis flew and bodies splayed everywhere and when the snow settled, **Eric** was out of commission for the rest of the trip. Ask him to show you his bruise. Meanwhile on another part of the mountain, **Becky Hauri** had trouble of her own. After another skier collided with her, **Becky** found herself with a very injured knee and had a new addition to her wardrobe, knee brace and crutches. During the day, the TC **Janet Arentzen** skied so hard that she aggravated her tendonitis and was put out of commission.

That night **Jaime Grana**, **John Smith**, **Rita Demko** and **Jim** and **Julie Moncur** went to the Mineral hot springs to soak away the aches and pains of the day. Those in the Holiday Inn restaurant were treated to the sight of **Becky**, **Eric** and **Janet** hobbling to dinner.

The last day of skiing was great according to those who were able to ski. After getting 6-8 inches of new snow the ski bunnies were out enforce.

That night **Don Macken**, **Sharon Broughton**, **Nancy Gentzel**,

Rita Demko, **Kelly Reynolds**, **Chuck Gore**, **Janet Arentzen** and late stragglers **Jim** and **Julie Moncur** went to the local sports bar to watch the Rockets beat the Nuggets and eat buffalo wings.

Frank and **Susan Stanley** found themselves in search of the best hot fudge sundae in Steamboat. So where do you go?

Kelly Reynolds was well organized, she had reservations for dinner every night before she stepped on the slopes.

Phil Maersch retired his \$9 resale shop skis in favor of new Olin parabolics. He also feels he deserves a "Purple Heart" for a bruised left great toe after slipping on ice by the outdoor hot tub. Sorry **Phil**, there were already to many given out on this trip.

Sunday saw us departing, the buses were loaded, people aboard and the count was in and four were missing. After two frantic calls from the stranded participants (who shall remain nameless), the shuttles were dispatched to pick them up on the way to the airport. Who thought it would be so hard to get a taxi in Steamboat?

Well all were aboard the plane after a final party in the airport bar. As we left the terminal, the Continental staff were outside waving good-bye. It seems our flight was their last flight out of Hayden for the Season.