

DEER VALLEY 2020 TRIP REPORT

by Stuart Traver, Trip Coordinator

What a great ski week! On the evening of our arrival, a welcome reception for all trip participants was held in a private room at our condo where we were served drinks, pizza, buffalo wings and salad from the Brass Tag, the restaurant in our condominium complex. A representative from Deer Valley joined us to acquaint us with the resort and the various activities available. On our first day of skiing, we received nine inches of snow. Then Deer Valley's famed groomers took over and the sun came out giving us mild temperatures and great skiing over Deer Valley's five peaks for the next few days. Later in the week, the temperatures warmed up, creating spring skiing conditions for our last skiing day.

Leslie Hajdo, the big ski dog on this trip, regaled us with tales of steep mogul runs, skiing through trees, and jumping off cliff edges following Deer Valley's mogul expert, Jill Johnson, on a mountain tour. As a certified ski instructor, Leslie passed on a few tips to **Susan Stanley**, **Craig Campbell**, and **Stuart Traver** so we could better tackle the advanced intermediate (double blue) terrain. **Susan** tried to apply this advice by following **Leslie** through a glade. Unfortunately, she forgot that successful glade skiing requires putting both skis by the same side of the tree! **Craig** gets the trip's Iron Man award for skiing each day from lift opening to

lift closing followed by a workout in the gym in our condo.

Speaking of Après Ski, **Jo Barrie** used her past VP Activity skills to ensure that the group was refreshed at a proper place each evening after skiing. **Debbie Hance** and **Lynn Greenberg** were among the skiers that enjoyed sunset cocktails at the St. Regis overlooking Deer Valley and live music at Snow Park Lodge.

Arlen Isham organized a group to go drive snowmobiles over meadows and through trails around Deer Valley. Joining him were **Jim and Beth Slaughter**, **Gary Haley**, **Cecile (Gigi) Hodges** and **her daughters: Angela Boomer, Kris Rowell, and Lisa Seacrest**. **Jim** applied his Formula 1 training to reach speeds of 55 mph in the meadow while **Arlen** used his moto-cross skills to attain "big air" off the moguls. **Beth** used her bumper car training on a snowmobile driven by an unsuspecting **Kris**!

If that adrenalin rush wasn't enough, the next day, **Arlen** took the same group on a tour of Utah's Olympic Park and a bobsled ride on the Olympic course. The bobsleds reached a maximum speed of 65 mph with the riders experiencing forces 5

times that of gravity as they sped around the various turns. **Arlen** assured me that professional drivers were assigned to navigate each bobsled through the course.

During the week, **Stuart, Jo, Jim, Beth, Arlen, Craig, and Leslie** experienced a dinner at Utah's top-rated restaurant, the Mariposa. Exotic fare (think bison tartare) was exquisitely prepared and impeccably served. As a follow on, **Jim** organized a dinner for the same group of "epicureans" at the famed Stein Erickson Lodge. We ate in the lounge where we partook of somewhat lighter fare (alpine style) while listening to a trio play and sing songs from our more youthful days.

On our last evening, the whole group got together at the High West Distillery in Park City to partake of the locally prepared spirits and western fare and swap stories of the

week's adventures. Everyone expressed satisfaction in their accommodations, a full breakfast in the morning included with our lodging package, cookies and cocoa in the afternoon, bar/restaurant, hot tub/heated swimming pool, gym (for **Craig**) and the convenience of dedicated shuttles to take us to/from the mountain and SUVs to/from Park City. Thankfully, no one was injured, and everyone arrived home safely. Our best wishes go to **Debra Moser** who was unable to be with us.

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