

ASPEN

by DeeDee Dowlin

In retrospect, the SCSC Retro Aspen 1996 trip was an outrageous success! All retro skiers had the opportunity (five and a half hours) to bond on the Aspen comedy road tour. Charles Allen (i.e., creative entrepreneur) discovered that people will pay more to get out of the restroom than to get in. Rena and Wayne Vitale, Elba Villarreal, and Bill Bomberger were the team captains for the three hour trivial pursuit extravaganza. Cary and Marcia Faden, Becky and Mike Wolfe, Ward Jones, Judy Stringer, and David Hale all proved to have endless knowledge of trivial information! We started off Saturday night with a bang, as we watched an incredible Winterskol fireworks display and torch parade.

On the slopes, ATC Ivan Butterfield proved to be a good leader and a lot of fun, but after the purchase of new skis a little hard to keep up with. Bill Bomberger amazed us with his extreme skiing lessons, and TC DeeDee Dowlin is now officially a shredder, just don't ask Steve Brown about the graceful ski lift exits. Mike Mahoney mastered and highly recommends the new slalom ski, especially for the weak kneed. Race director Phil Dowlin with the help of Karl and Lotty Gautschi and Art Kelly fired us up for the NASTAR races, and we did quite well with 3 silvers, 8 bronzes, and a total of 552 points. John Gay just missed a gold medal . . . by one week (the BIG 50th birthday!), but he'll be ready next year! In the hot tub, Jeff Roy (i.e., Wild Man, Flying Wedge), Charles Allen (i.e., Captain Kirk), John Allen (i.e., Limey), and George Sargent (i.e., King George, Lying %@#&!) had many crazy antics of daring skimanship and brazen disrespect for the laws of gravity. Of course, the tales got bigger as the margaritas got stronger. but the hot tub divas (Susan Mahoney, Becky Rietz, Debbie Vincent, Rena Vitale, Pam Whitfield, Paula McWherter, and DeeDee Dowlin) were impressed anyway!

Rosa Caffarena, Rosa Goreman, Elba Villarreal, and Pam Whitfield (i.e., the Hispanic Coalition, Chilean Ski Team) proved to be leaders of the night life with Latin dance lessons, the buzz of great Aspen cuisine, and their interview endorsing Aspen skiing with "Good Morning America." Jeff Roy and DeeDee Dowlin were also famous for a few minutes at the Snowmass Karaoke Bar, as they attempted to sing "Louie, Louie." Who knew that song actually had words? Cheryl Dewitt organized a spontaneous trip to Cowboys restaurant and county dance hall. Bob Deleon, Joe Daleo, Irma Rosendahl, Jeff Roy, Debbie Vincent, Pam Whitfield, Paula McWherter, George Sargent, Bob Fulwiler, and the Chilean Ski Team were the dancing fools involved in the all night party. Another dancing hot spot was the Tippler, where at any hour of the night you could find the likes of Ivan Butterfield, Joe Daleo, the Chilean Ski Team, Jeff Roy, DeeDee Dowlin, Alan Bitzer, Greg Baxter, Barry Palmer, and John Brodie dancing the night away. Apres Ski was another popular off slope event, and a great chance to catch up with everybody's day and plan the events of each evening. Judith Brown was always a smiling face at these gatherings!

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