

## Big Sky, Montana Ski Trip 2018

We had a group of 24 join us at Big Sky, Montana for a fabulous week of skiing February 24 – March 3. We stayed at the Lodge at Big Sky, which some found a way to make this a ski in lodge. The lodge had shuttle service to and from the mountain, which was only a 5-minute ride. We had a little of all kinds of weather, starting with cold and snow, and had a sunny day or two. Big Sky is like all of Montana – you don't see many people on the slopes or anywhere. They have wide open runs and nicely-spaced tree runs too.

Besides lack of people on the runs, we enjoyed the footrests on all of the chair rides. The best chair may have been the Powder-Seeker High-Speed Six Pack with heated seats and a bubble-type cover to keep the wind out. And, there was some nice powder off that chair.



The Lodge at Big Sky had a breakfast buffet each day but the best part was the meeting room they gave us for the entire week for happy hour. One night, thanks to Annmarie's organization and perseverance with getting the reservation, our group dined at Andiamo's. Another night we did a pizza night with pizza delivered to the lodge and used our own meeting room. The remaining nights we enjoyed happy hour in our meeting room with the usual fine spread of our 49ers.



One of group did experience a serious injury. Chris Heintz, our member from Green Valley, Arizona, blew out her ACL and cracked a fibula. Many 49ers graciously pitched in to assist her until her husband arrived at the Bozeman airport. We wish Chris well and look forward to skiing with her next season. I understand Chris already bought her Ikon pass for the 2018-19 ski season.

Most of us skied 5 out of 6 days, with a few skiing more days and a few skiing less days. Some took a mid-week break to enjoy some shopping and museums in Bozeman.

With the Big Sky being part of the Ikon pass next year, I would not be surprised if a few 49ers make their way back to Big Sky.

Thanks to Mo for getting pass information to us prior to the trip and to Gary for keeping us updated on the weather and temperature outlook. And, thanks to all of the 49ers who participated in the trip. We had good skiing, a good time, and enjoyed each other's company.



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