

# SNOWMASS February 2016

Thanks to Wanda for planning and organizing this trip. She found a nice place to stay, communicated with [Ski.com](http://Ski.com), arranged rooms at the Crestwood, planned the Wednesday evening dinner, arranged for lift tickets, kept 49ers informed of deadlines for payment, and sent out timely communiques. She got good prices on lift tickets and lodging because of booking early and the fact that over thirty-five people wanted to go.

A few folks who signed up for the trip could not make it for a variety of reasons. We hope that Pat H., Sue W., Dennis and Darlene N., Rita S., and Pia W. can make it next year.

Thirty-four people stayed at the Crestwood Condos and several others stayed at Stonebridge. 49ers loved the Crestwood Condos; ski in ski out, boot warmers, ski storage, very hot hot-tubs, wonderful hospitality, a nice wine, cheese, and food party Sunday afternoon, shuttle service all around Snowmass Village.

Just a few days before the 49ers were to arrive at the Crestwood, a huge rock slide blocked I-70 near Glenwood Springs, which meant a 200 mile detour to get to Snowmass Village. Cheers to all of the Niners who changed plane reservations and travel plans, drove the detour and still arrived right on time, Saturday, February 20th.

The weather at Snowmass was perfect. Sunny skies on Saturday and Sunday, snow on Monday and Tuesday. By Wednesday, five inches of snow accumulated at the higher elevations. What a treat! Snowmass grooms a huge number of runs, so throughout the week, we had great fun skiing Bear Bottom, Sandy Park, The Edge, Green Cabin, The Slot, Whispering Jesse, Sneaky's, and many more.

A few adventurous 49ers skied K-T Gully, Baby Ruth Gully, Powderhorn and Hanging Valley Wall, all double black diamonds. No injuries. Thanks you! Others ventured out to the mogul runs; Long Shot, A-Line, Wild Cat, Gray Wolf, Freefall, and Garrett's Gulch. Snowmass has it all. It is indeed one of the premier ski resorts in the world.

Some 49ers ventured over to The Highlands and Aspen Mountain, two of the other big mountains in the area and some took a day off to explore the shops and restaurants in Aspen.

On Tuesday, Dick P., Robert F., and Toby D. opened their condo for tiddlies. Other condos brought food and drinks and everyone enjoyed meet and greet and talking ski stories. Thanks to Gene and Pat H., a huge birthday cake was flown in from somewhere and everyone helped Dick P. celebrate his 81st birthday. Way to go Dick!

Monday, Thursday, and Friday, we met for Apres-ski at Base Camp for drinks, food, and good conversation.

On Wednesday, Wanda arranged for all of us to have dinner at the Mountain Bayou. Thirty-

seven folks filled the restaurant between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Good food and good times, and thanks to Mike and Roxann and the 49ers for the Snowmass T-shirts and beautiful water bottles.

Snowmass has beautiful panoramic views and the 49er snapped some wonderful photos – see: <http://www.49erskiclub.com/NewSitePages/Photos/Snowmass2016.html> . The ski resort offered tours of the mountain; nature tours, historical tours, and get to know the mountain tours. Several 49ers took advantage of these "free" excursions.

Thanks to all of you for making this a very memorable ski trip!

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