

# Utah Trip 2016

Twenty-one 49ers arrived by plane, train, bus, camel, and horseback; biked, hitchhiked and drove. They were greeted by a totally renovated Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham with spacious rooms, complete kitchens and all the necessary items to cook in the room.

Every morning we had breakfast in the dining area and made plans to car pool to the various ski areas.

After dinner, we socialized and partake of various alcoholic beverages (it's illegal in Utah to have open containers in public areas) while we waited for the warm cookies to come out at 7:00 PM (and of course the Forty Niners would never act like vultures when it comes to free hot cookies.)

On **Monday** we skied at Solitude, because of high winds some of the members skied at Park City/The Canyons. It snowed all day and the top was pretty much socked in. However, the snow meant fresh lines could be found most of the day. Just after lunch we took the summit chair to the top and got there just after they dropped the rope to Honeycomb Canyon. Jim and Susan S., Ginny and I took the Traverse and dropped into Voltaire Chute in untracked Powder. The pow was up to Ginny's waist!

Monday evening we had our group dinner at the Porcupine Bar and Grill. The Porcupine does not take reservation, but they accommodated 24 of us with efficiency and great food. The Porcupine became our place to meet after skiing.

Thanks to John W. for recommending the Porcupine

**Tuesday** some of us braved the -4 degrees at the Summit of Alta; again it snowed all day great snow all day and pow lines.

On **Wednesday** 10 of us went to Snow Basin and its opulence base lodge with Italian chandeliers, expensive carpets and granite counters with gold fixtures in the bathrooms. At 75 yrs, my lift ticket was 29 dollars!

Thanks to our new member Christi H. for leading us around to all the powder stashes.

And of course it is mandatory to visit the Shooting Star Saloon read the history. <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/674309/Utahs-oldest-saloon-haunted-by-its-history.html?pg=all>

**Thursday** another snowy day greeted us at Snowbird so we stayed on the lower lifts, with the exception of one trip to the top and a ride through the tunnel to Mineral Basin. There was no visibility, but great powder. We finally found our way to the chair lift to be greeted by pretty mush, a white out and a struggle to get lower. We met for lunch.

Thanks to Wendy: she led us to some great powder and tree runs in the afternoon.

**Friday** arrived with blue bird sun and 19in. of fresh powder at Alta, only I, Marni and Christi went to Alta, the rest went to Park City/the Canyons and less new snow. We who went to Alta skied the powder that Utah is famous for. Christi and I got to Mineral Basin just as they dropped the rope what a fabulous way to end the trip.