

WORK IN PROGRESS – MORE EVENTS AND PICTURES TO BE ADDED

2022 WINTER SKIWI SKI AND SOCIAL CLUB NEWS LETTER



SOLITUDE, UTAH 2022 (January 22-29)

Thanks to all for joining us on yet another Skiwi Adventure, starring an All-Star cast!

This January day, an early morning departure landed us safely in Salt Lake City, where we boarded two private buses, however not without incident, as upon roll call, we discovered the absence of Dean K. (And you question and heckle trip leaders for always counting heads-LOL!) It was realized that he had been paged in the baggage claim area and was not seen since. Yes, we waited and his reappearance produced the horrid facts that a mysterious monster machine had attacked and destroyed his boot and accessory bags and contents contained within. He only held a paper voucher in their place for the time being. Nonetheless, he maintained a positive sense of humor as resolution was eminent. We then continued on to the massive Smiths Marketplace to fill our coffers with food and libations, followed by the lovely and relatively short ascent into picturesque Solitude Mountain Village. A quaint “European” style village located in the Big Cottonwood Canyon. What it lacked size-wise, was complemented in oodles of charm.

Our midafternoon arrival deposited us in the most beautiful, sunglass demanding sunshine with crystal blue skies wrapped in moderate temps. This glorious abundance of vitamin D continued throughout the week. After settling in we met at the après ski hot spot, The Thirsty Squirrel, and took over the place in true Skiwi style, enjoying the Brews and live music.

The small village size allowed for a short walk to most everything. The lift was a short distance as was the walk to the shuttle to the other side of the mountain or to the neighboring Brighton Ski area. Brighton was a pleasant surprise and enjoyed by all. Many chose to return another day or two. The hearty skiers tackled the mid mountain trail that connected the two sister resorts while most of us opted for the simpler shuttle ride. We had no difficulties finding spots with spectacular views and sunny atmospheres for breaks, indoors or out. Celebrations were held for a couple birthday boys, Mike G and Roger D. We were fortunate to be able to gather in the Solitude Club for evening entertainment and amusements. This included game rooms with pool table, foosball, air hockey and pinball. A media room which we turned in to the card room. And of course, outside was the pool and the all so popular Hot Tubs!

While this quaint village offered only limited dining out options, the Skiwis rose to the challenge and unleashed their inner-chef. The result was many delicious homecooked (or should I say “condocooked”) meals, consisting of a plethora of comfort foods – soups, stews, pastas and chili. These wonderful dinners were typically shared within condo “families” and invited guests.

To compliment all of our downhill skiing adventures, Solitude also provided some additional, complimentary activities, which were available and enjoyed throughout the week. These included: guided nighttime snowshoe tours; a mountain history and geology ski tour; and an avalanche rescue dog demonstration, conducted by the Solitude Mountain Ski Patrol Team. This was entertaining and impressive as their well-trained K-9 successfully found and rescued the “Buried” volunteer.

We are so very cognizant that a trip is successful solely upon those attending, a collective collaboration. Thanks to everyone for joining us on this edition of Skiwi Adventures. You made it most memorable.

Until Next Time..... Debby and John....Ski Committee and Trip Leaders!











Skiwi's Steamboat Adventure, February/March 2022

What can I say but sunshine, sunshine, sunshine. Every day gave us perfectly blue skies and warm temps. It was spring skiing at its best. Mashed potatoes were kept to a minimum and the snow was perfect, except for a lack of new snow, but hey, it's pretty hard to have it both ways. The majority of people skied most of the five days that our lift tickets would allow, and a few even got in six days of skiing.

We did have a couple of minor injuries, but none required hospitalization. Thank goodness.

Everyone seemed to find plenty of places to enjoy some Après skiing afterwards at the many slope side bars and grills on the mountain. Temps were in the upper forties by the end of the day with everyone shedding clothes as fast as they could.

The mountain also gave us an abundance of great runs that were well groomed for all levels of skiing. Except for the double blacks that were a little hard packed with some slick spots, the slopes were well taken care of so that everyone could enjoy the beautiful days that were awarded us.

There were also plenty of very nice mid and upper mountain restaurants that gave everyone a place to take a break and grab some food and beverages. The Bloody Mary's were especially good and unique.

Our non-skiers also were able to take the Gondola up to the top to meet up with family and friends and enjoy the great views from up there.

Evening activities were also plentiful with something to do almost every day. Those reports will come in a separate article from my co-host Julie.

I have to say that except for some hiccups with the airline, I would be hard pressed to say that each of our group of sixty plus had nothing but a fabulous time. The accommodations were located in a great spot with minimal shuttle ride time to the mountain (less than five minutes).

Your 2021-2022 President,

Tony Fralowicz



Steamboat IS a great place to ski HOWEVER skiing isn't everything you can do in Steamboat! There are great places to shop, eat, dance, Hot Springs, waterfalls, hiking and even sleigh rides!!! Fabulous things to do in addition to hanging out with friends, playing cards, Skip-bo and Mexican Train! Trappeurs Crossing contained beautiful condos with fabulous amenities. The reception area with hot beverages 24/7, fitness center, indoor-outdoor pools, and hottubs all provided a fabulous vacation experience. Day by day we made memories, laughed and found wonderful sights and experiences.

Saturday night arrival was a Western Welcome with pizza galore, beer, wine, lemonade, water, and pop. Great time to discuss the slopes and plan activities for the rest of the week.

Sunday – in addition to skiing many of us met up at Slope Side Grill after shopping and checking out the area.

Monday- non skiers met many skiers at Thunderhead Lodge at the top of the Gondola. We enjoyed the views, took some awesome pictures as well as sampled the fabulous Bloody Marys and food as we sat on the patio in the beautiful sunshine! Monday night was ladies potluck- enjoying cocktails and great food with all the ladies hosted by Denise, Connie, Tatyana and Andrea. To continue the fun we grouped together on a shuttle to go to downtown Steamboat for Western Line Dancing. We learned 3 dances and then stayed to test out our new dance steps and have a dance party with the Skiwi men who joined us!

Tuesday was skiing for the skiers, shopping for the non- skiers and the Strawberry Park Hot Springs that night, for all who signed up. We had a perfect night for the Hot Springs- great views of the mountains as the shuttle took us up to the rustic spring pools of hot mineral filled water. Great hot springs for the ski-tired muscles as well as way to socialize in a once in a lifetime experience. Then as the sun set the sky was filled with stars – so clear and bright, you felt you could reach out to touch them. Oh what a night!

Wednesday found many taking time to rest from skiing – getting massages, going to the Hot Springs, hot tubs, and some taking time to go outside of Steamboat to find beautiful waterfalls hidden on mountain hiking trails. In the evening half the group met at the Tread of Pioneer Museum to experience a private Skiwi tour of a Victorian pioneer home and a museum filled with skiing history – including the Olympians from Steamboat. After the tour we enjoyed beer, wine and other beverages as we discussed where to have dinner. There was such a selection of restaurants in Steamboat we had to split up to try them all. Great food found in many places!

Thursday was more hiking, more retail therapy in downtown Steamboat Springs and many going up the Gondola to find more of those fabulous Bloody Marys. A few Skiwis tried the roller coaster- new “slopes” to try going UP and down the mountain. Thursday evening found some of the group enjoying new culinary delights in the Steamboat restaurants, and others went on a sleigh ride on a family farm to experience a Western dinner. Thursday was a day and night of great memories!

Friday was another fun filled day as the skiers tried to savor the last day on the slopes. Non-skiers met to play games, try the Old Town Hot Springs or relax in the condo hot tub. The evening found Skiwisback to Steamboat Springs for last minute shopping, enjoying the once a month open Art Show and Museums, along with free appetizers and beverages. We ended the night at THE Must-Go party hosted by Susan, Linda, Hanne and Julie. Great fun, friends and more pictures to capture the memories.

Even though the flights to and from Steamboat held their own stories and memories, we will leave those details for conversation, as no one can adequately put that experiences into words.

It was a memorable and different trip for me, being a non-skier on this trip due to a broken shoulder. Loved the new experiences and developing new friendships!

Julie







TO BE ADDED AND EDITED

- CROSS COUNTRY SKIING - JD
- STAFFORD'S CROOKED RIVER - JM
- GAME NIGHT (S) - JD
- SKATE / HIKE - JD
- GOLF SIMULATION – DANCING - JD
- TRIBUTE BAND EVENINGS - JD - KH – BK
- OTHER EVENTS