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Tips & Tails



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“Nomination Time”**

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THE TIMKEN SKI CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (11/1/10 - 10/31/11)

Timken Ski Club Membership Application

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phones: Home _____ Work _____ Cell(s) _____

Email Address _____

Alternate Email Address _____

Timken Employee? Yes _____ No _____ Member of Timken Ski Club since _____

If "New" member, how did you hear about our club _____

Membership (*Please Circle Type of Membership*)

Note: Membership year is from Nov 1 to Oct 31.

If payment is sent after Oct 31, please remit "New" member amount.

	<u>Renewal</u>	<u>New</u>
Dues: Single Member	\$20	\$30
Couple Membership (2 people who share the same address)	\$25	\$40
Family	\$30	\$45
Would you like the newsletter mailed to you?	<u>\$10</u>	<u>\$10</u>

Make checks payable to: Timken Ski Club.

Total Enclosed with Application \$ _____

NOTICE: By signing and/or accepting any membership benefit, and/or participating in any club activity, applicant releases Timken Ski Club, its officers, board members, chairpersons, trip leaders and members from any and all liability or any claims including theft, property loss, accident, injury, death of or to themselves, family members, or guests, arising from participation in any club activity, whether resulting from negligence or otherwise.
Also released from any form of liability is The Timken Company.

Signature(s) _____

Date _____

**Please return this application form with the appropriate membership dues to:
Alice Nowell 1653 Chatham Avenue NE North Canton, OH 44720**

Optional for New & Existing Members: What most interests you about the Club or what would you like to see us try in the future?

View From The Top

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Wow, the season has gone flying by. Our only ski trips left are our one-days to Holimont on March 2nd, Holiday Valley on March 12th, and our final week trip is Whitefish, Montana by train and plane at the end of March! We've had a great season. We've survived all of the travails...frozen luggage bays, icy roads, cold buses, crowded airports, warm beer, and snoring on the buses. We want to thank all of our trip leaders for doing a fantastic job of producing great trips. You have controlled the weather well, produced good skiing conditions, and taken good care of our club member and guests on all of the trips. No surprise to us, HV/HM and Bristol/HV were successes with brand new trip leaders. Over 20 of our members joined CMSC on the week trip to Beaver Creek, Colorado. Our own week trip to Telluride was an overwhelming success! Too bad Gail had to "gimp" home. We hope she heals quickly, she's going to Whitefish! We will leave others to tell more about Ski with a Heart On, but Gail and the volunteers and participants did a tremendous job. Pictures are available! We couldn't do all that we do without good volunteers to do the work and good club members to participate. Speaking of participating, Diane has done a great job of chasing new venues for our Social events and it shows with the number of people showing up for the events. She has several more planned prior to the end of the season. Stay tuned to the website and newsletter for details on all of them.

We have a new Merchandise Chairman! Anita Hilbish has volunteered to be in charge of our Club Merchandise Program. She will be offering current items at the next meeting. She will also be looking at new items for the new season. Anita has been with Bitoa, and Goodyear Ski Clubs and handled Merchandise programs before.

Coming on the agenda for the spring:

NOMINATIONS will be taken at the March meeting for the election of new officers for the 2011-2012 season. If you are interested in running for an office, tell your friends to nominate you at the March meeting, tell a current officer of your interest, or show up at the meeting to make your interest known. ELECTIONS from the slate of candidates produced at the March meeting will occur at the April 19th meeting. Got that?

Also, we are currently in discussion and planning for our Spring Party. We are looking at a May date for a Road Rally and Picnic. This will be a FUN rally and FUN picnic. No need for stop watches, helmets or rollbars. All types of motor vehicles welcome. Date, time, and venue are to be determined. More details will follow at the March meeting and via newsletter and website.

In April, we also should be announcing the progress and success of our Trip Committee in laying out the ski calendar for the new season. They are gathering information now based on the results of our trip surveys.

The officers of your club wish to thank you for your participation, volunteerism, suggestions, friendship, and ski companionship throughout this season. You make our club strong!

Shannon, Jim, Donna, and Jennifer

Ski Schedule

Wed. Mar. 2nd 2011 Holimont

**Sat. Mar. 12th 2011
Holiday Valley
Winter Carnival**

**Tuesday Mar. 15th 2011
Social @ 6:00PM
Meeting @ 7:00PM
Rafters @ Meadow Lake**

**Mail Trip application
& Check to Trip Leader**

Fri.—Sat. Mar. 18th—26th 2011 Whitefish by Train

Fri.—Sat. Mar. 19th—25th 2011 Whitefish by Plane

**Tuesday Apr. 19th 2011
Social @ 6:00PM
Meeting @ 7:00PM
Rafters @ Meadow Lake**



All trips depart from
Timken Faircrest
(Unless otherwise noted)

- Please load bus 15 minutes prior to departure. (Allow more time for overnight trips)

- All departure times are EXACT, but return times are approximates

PLEASE keep in mind that buses are machines that have no feelings for those late comers that they leave behind

**Bag all
Skis & Boards**

2011 Timken Ski Club One Day Trip List

For all trips, fill out a "Trip Application & Agreement" to send with your payment. Checks to be written to: Timken Ski Club
The form is available in the newsletter and on the website, www.timkenskiclub.com under "Club Documents".

Non-CMSC members, please add \$10 for all one day trips (except Feb 14).

SIGN UP MORE THAN 7 DAYS BEFORE THE TRIP & BE ELIGIBLE FOR A DRAWING TO WIN THE TRIP COST RETURNED TO YOU IF THE TRIP MAKES MONEY. DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON THE BUS.

Trip #3 Wednesday Mar 2

Holimont, NY

Cost: \$65

Trip leader: Ida Lesh & Jani Middleton

Email: idagary@sbcglobal.net or tmiddlet@neo.rr.com **Phone:** 330-821-4560

Send Form & Payment to: 2616 Ridgewood Avenue Alliance, OH 44601 (to Jani)

Load bus at 4:40AM Depart Faircrest lot at 5:00 AM

Depart ski area 4:15 PM with a **Dinner Stop** in Ellicottville

Depart Ellicottville 6:30PM Home around 10:30PM

Mail Application

& Payment

Trip #5 Saturday Mar 12

Holiday Valley, NY

Winter Carnival - Mardi Gras

Cost: \$75

Trip Leader: Jennifer Martin

Email: jenn28brian@yahoo.com

Phone: 330-807-9912

Send Form & Payment to: 5842 Middlebranch Avenue NE Canton, OH 44721-3661

Load bus at 4:40AM Depart from Faircrest lot at 5:00 AM.

Depart ski area 4:15PM with a **Dinner Stop** in Ellicottville

Depart Ellicottville 6:30PM Home around 10:30PM

To Trip Leader

Bristol Mountain/Holiday Valley Trip

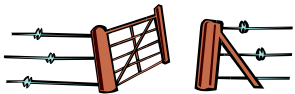
On the last weekend of January, 46 skiers enjoyed the New York slopes and beautiful Bristol Harbour Inn. A great time was had by all. Activities included, skiing, massages, shopping, hot tub fun, dancing, birthday cake & celebrations, door prizes, bingo and a surprise scavenger hunt!

The Scavenger Hunt took on a life of it's own items. Items were stolen (I mean borrowed) skiers even hiked down off the trails and into to know that the people of Bristol Mountain stopped to ask if they needed any help! I suppose cones were plentiful on the mountain, took the time to compete in the hunt; there was a 4 way tie for first place with all 4 teams finding 9 of the 10 items! The DJ broke the tie; Congratulations to winners Dana & Mike Pinney, new members in the club.



as some members got serious in their quest for from the Inn, some were hand crafted and some the woods to dig for buried pine cones! It's nice do care about their fellow skiers. Many people pose that was a loaded question! We were told but apparently that is before it snows! 9 teams but apparently that is before it snows! 9 teams found 9 of the 10 items! The DJ broke the tie; Congratulations to winners Dana & Mike Pinney, new members in the club.

We also had 6 people celebrating birthdays during that week so we had a Birthday cake for them at our Saturday night dinner! After dinner, dancing to the tunes of the DJ took place in the lounge. Many of us learned the Cuban Shuffle that night!



We are proud to announce that only one minor injury occurred and it was to an orange safety fence at Holiday Valley! The skier was fine, but we couldn't say the same for the fence. The skier had to be cut out of the fence by ski patrol and was then given a ride down the mountain on the sled. I heard later the ride down had something to do with the fact that the Ski Patrol claimed to be a George Clooney look-a-like!

We took lots of pictures of all the participants and activities! Join us at one of the meeting's to see the pictures and reminisce about the fun times had by all!

This was our first trip as leaders and we had a blast! Thanks to all the participants for making it such a fun weekend.

Diane & Pauline

Timken Ski Club Social

The Barrel Room

In North Canton

Monday March 28th

6:30 PM



Join TSC Members on Monday, March 28th at 6:30 pm for a return visit to this local Winery! January's Event was so much fun we decided to do it again!

The winery does not have food but we have the option of bringing food in or ordering from any of the local restaurants down the street!

The Barrel Room
7901 N. Cleveland Ave.
North Canton, OH 44720
330-244-1535

*North of Applegrove on the west side of Cleveland Ave.
If you get to Mt. Pleasant you've gone to far!*

We have the Bistro Reserved which can hold up to 75 people so invite your friends!

Reservations not required!

If you have questions contact Diane Marzec for more information: 330-497-4261 DLMarzec@gmail.com



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The Ski Shack

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OR 330-581-9278

Trip Agreement & Application

The undersigned participant applies to participate in the Timken Ski Club (TSC) trip described below, subject to the following conditions:

1. Payments: Trip deposits will vary trip to trip. The required deposit for this trip is \$ _____, and must be paid and submitted along with this signed "Trip Agreement and Application". Balance shall be due & payable in accordance with payment schedules established by TSC & described in the trip description in "Tips & Tails", the club newsletter, or on the club website, www.timkenskiclub.com. Charges may be added for supplemental costs such as fuel surcharges, taxes and airport departure changes to the price of the trip. All payment checks shall be payable to "Timken Ski Club" & sent to trip leader noted.
2. Withdrawal & Change: Timken Ski Club may withdraw any trip from its schedule at any time; may refuse to accept or refrain any person as a participant at any time for any reason; and may change the itinerary at any time.
3. Responsibility: TSC is acting gratuitously for the applicant and shall not be responsible or liable for any loss of or damage to baggage, property, or for any loss, injury, death, accident, delay, inconvenience or any other loss occurring during or occasioned by applicant's participation in any trip, and as a result of any actual or alleged negligence of TSC or any TSC member or officer.
4. Identification: Participants are responsible for any required identification for travel. This may include, but not limited to, an up to date and valid passport, visa, drivers license or proof of identification and citizenship.
5. Minors: Any minor's participant's "Trip Application & Agreement" must be co-signed by his/her parent or legal guardian. The minor must be accompanied on the trip by a parent or legal guardian or their designee who shall be wholly and fully responsible for said minor's conduct and well being.
6. Cancellation & Refunds:
 - A). Cancellation by participant means & includes: failure to abide by terms of this agreement, notice of intent to cancel; failure to make timely payments; failure for any reason to meet the departure or return of the trip.
 - B). When TSC cancels or withdraws a trip, the participant shall be entitled to a full refund unless such cancellation or withdrawal is necessitated or caused, in whole or part, by participant's cancellation or failure to make timely payments.
 - C). Where participant cancels more than 30 days before departure of a 1-day or multi-day trip or more than 60 days before the departure of a longer trip, then participant shall be responsible for a cancellation service charge of not less than \$10.00 & any fees charged by an airline if seats have already been ticketed.
 - D). Where participant cancels less than 30 days before the departure of a 1-day or multi-day trip or less than 60 days before the departure of a longer trip and where the trip departs full or where participant provides an immediate replacement who completes this agreement, then participant shall receive a full refund less the cancellation service charge & any fees accessed because of the name change. If the trip departs unfilled and the participant has not provided a replacement, then the participant may be entitled to a partial refund less any amounts pre-paid by TSC for participant's unused transportation, lodging, meals, lifts or amenities and less the cancellation service charge. If the applicant cancels and the trip departs unfilled, the applicant will be refunded the amount of any un-purchased lift tickets. Transportation, lodging and other special costs may NOT be refunded. Specific trip circumstances will determine if any refund of these costs are possible. In any case, the participant is responsible to TSC for any amounts paid out by TSC over and above payments made by participant. Any pre-paid expenses that are not refunded to the club by the airlines, resorts, etc. are not subject to be refunded to participant. For 1-week or longer trips, it is advised to purchase trip insurance for refunds. TSC may modify or change balance due dates & cancellation deadlines to accommodate its payments to airlines, lodges, bus companies and travel agents.
7. Eligibility: Participation in this trip is first available to TSC & CSMS members. Any non-members must pay an additional charge of not less than \$10.00 & is designated within the trip description.

TRIP APPLICATION

Name of Trip

Date of Trip

\$ _____ (Payable to Timken Ski Club)
Deposit Amount

Date of Application

Yes _____ No _____
Member of TSC?

Yes _____ No _____
Interested in Trip Insurance?
Week Trips Only

Roommate Preference (if not on this application)

Participant Name(s) – As On Travel Documents

Home Phone

Cell Phone

For Week Trips – Please send copy of Drivers License with Application

Address

City

State

Zip

Email Address

Alternate Email Address

Participant Signature(s) (also Co-Signer if minor)

Emergency Contact Name

Relationship

Phone numbers(s)

Cleveland Metro Ski Council (CMSC) Representative Report

by Al Brancifort

Donna attended the February meeting with me to once again plug the “Ski With A Heart On” trip to Kissing Bridge. Snowballers only had 4 seats left to fill a bus. They were staying overnight in the Buffalo area on Friday night. Thanks to Snowballers for their support! Flyers were past out about Three Trackers, the club within CMSC that we are trying to support.

The Technology Workshop Part 2 was held January 31st. Dwight Kline & Donna Brancifort attended as reps for TSC. The focus of the workshop is better communication between clubs and also to make it easier for people to find out about CMSC & its member clubs. A new CMSC website is being considered. Each club would have the opportunity to add a simple link to the site or connect to their own website from the site. A subset of the team is preparing information to get quotes. After that, recommendations will be considered of how to divide up the cost among CMSC clubs.

The ladies that planned the Queen’s pageant have resigned. They are looking for anyone who would want to take over that event. If no one steps forward, the future of the Queens Pageant is in jeopardy!

You can contact me at albranci@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.

For more information about CMSC, see www.skicleveland.com.

Quickie Blurbs & Reminders!

Sign up NOW for the remaining 1-day trips!!!

The Feb 2nd trip to Holimont was cancelled, due to weather. It has been rescheduled for Wednesday March 2. Ida Lesh is the trip leader.

Also there is a one day trip on March 12 to Holiday Valley.

Anita Hisbish has volunteered to be the new “Merchandise” Chairperson. Thanks Anita!!!

Get your voucher to ski at Snow Trails in Mansfield at a discounted rate. TSC members can get vouchers for an adult (over 12 years old) weekend/holiday lift ticket for **only \$36** (Regular Price - \$45). Contact John Masalko (330-949-6016) or Donna Brancifort (330-705-8143) to get the vouchers. If you are skiing there midweek, mention you are a member of Timken Ski Club & get a discount off of the rack rate.



To protect all skiers, skis, boards, clothing, and buses the Timken Ski Club requires all participants to bag their gear

Timken Ski Club Meeting

February 15, 2011

Rafter's at Meadow Lake

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jim Kovach at 7:10 p.m. Thirty-eight (38) individuals were in attendance. There were no new members or visitors.

Reports

- **Vice President's Report:** Jim noted that elections for new officers will be held at the April 19th meeting. Nominations will be accepted that evening and before. Blood drive gift certificates will be purchased from the Ski Shack and Buckeye Sports.
 - **Treasurer's Report:** Donna was absent so no report was given.
 - **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from January's meeting are on the website. Motion to dispense with the reading was made by Gail Vogt, seconded by Mike Bishop.
- Trip Committee Report:** Zee Kovach passed out the results from the recent trip survey. Trip Leader Guidelines have been finalized. Zee and Jim attended the Goodyear Ski Club trip committee meeting and they are receptive to combining some one day trips next year. The trip committee is going to aggressively seek the best price for trips. This means if a trip is already scheduled (i.e., Bristol/HV), but the best price for a week trip is also during that time, we will do both.

New Business

- **Spring Party.** Looking for volunteers to help put together the spring party. We need a date/venue/food/etc.
- **Merchandise Representative** – TSC is looking for a merchandise representative. Possibly by the April meeting there will be TSC merchandise (t-shirts, hats, misc. clothing, luggage straps, bags, etc.) for purchase. We would like to have a dedicated person in charge of this inventory. This person would receive a free membership.
- **Amendment Proposal:** Any/All proposed amendments to the Constitution will be published on the website in the Club Newsletter 30 days prior to voting. The amendment passed and the new constitution will be written up in its entirety.
- **Socials:** A social will be announced for Monday, February 28. A last minute social came together at the Zoar Fire Dept. Spaghetti Supper and was attended by approx. 20. Upcoming socials; Perennial Winery (Ren is playing March 11) Gervasi Patio opens Memorial Day, a date for that will follow. If you have any suggestions for future socials, contact Diane Marzec.
- **Hikes:** Dwight Kline reported that hiking will pick back up towards the end of March/beginning of April.
- **Hope on the Slopes. February 26.** Please consider signing up to participate or donating on the website. A worthy cause and a fun day.
- **Facebook:** There is ongoing discussion about TSC on Facebook. There are possibly Timken Company issues as well as people who simply may not want their pictures on Facebook. But FB is also potentially a good networking tool for the club.
- **Paypal:** Dwight Kline has looked into setting TSC up to accept Paypal for trip payments. He reported that it would be easy to set up and use and that there should be no problem with refunding money if a trip is canceled. TSC is still exploring this payment option.
- **CMSC Report:** CMSC Rep Al Brancifort was absent so there was no report.

Trip Reports

- **Seven Springs January 21:** Zee reported that although it was a cold, windy day – it was still a good time!
- **Bristol/HV, Jan 28-30.** Diane reported that they had good weather and good food. See trip leader recap.
- **Holimont, rescheduled for March 2.** Due to bad weather, the February Holimont trip was rescheduled for March 2. Ida reported there are 21 signed up and room for more.
- **Telluride Feb. 5-11.** Read Gail's trip recap to hear about the casual bed and breakfast half a block from the gondola. Unfortunately there was one injury during an otherwise great trip.
- **Ski with a Heart On, February 19.** Anita reported there are 56 paid at this time with more coming in. There are 5 different pick up points. The Snowballers also have a bus making the trip. There will be raffles, a poker run and a Queen and King crowned for best costume.
- **Holiday Valley March 12 – it's Mardi Gras!** Join trip leaders Jenn & Brian Martin for Mardi Gras at HV. There will be many festivities including a Queen Contest – come cheer for our TSC Queen.
- **Whitefish March 18-26.** As reported for the last few meetings, this trip is SOLD OUT!

Meeting Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mike Bishop; seconded by Geri Johnson

Door Prizes:

Door prizes were given out. There was no 50/50 raffle.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennie Stephan - Secretary



Timken Ski Club

The Winery at Perennial Vineyards

Friday, March 11th
6:30 PM – 10:00 PM

Music by: REN from 7-9pm

Join fellow members for a TSC Social on Friday evening, March 11th!

A small menu of appetizers & gourmet flat breads is available to accompany your wine.

Reservations are Required for this event:

Please Email DLMarzec@gmail.com or call Diane Marzec at 330-497-4261 by Monday Friday, March 4th!

FYI: Friday Night is Ladies Night \$1 Glass Sangria, \$2 Glass Vino Rose!

Remember non-members are always welcome to join our socials. It's a great way introduce them to TSC and all the fun people!

The Winery at Perennial Vineyards

11877 Poorman St. SW

Navarre, OH 44662

(330)832-3677

www.perennialvineyards.com



An amendment proposal was submitted by Mike Abrams on October 13, 2010. Discussion was held at the November TSC meeting. A motion to consider the amendment was made and seconded at the January club meeting since there was no meeting in December. The proposed amendment will be on the website and in the next newsletter. Voting on the proposed amendment will be done at the February meeting.

Proposed amendment to the Timken Ski Club Constitution, as proposed to Article VIII-Amendments, Section A: Amending: (proposed amendment addition is in bold, underlined italics).

Proposed amendments must be presented in writing to the Board or to the General Membership at a General Business Meeting. Proposed amendments must be presented by a voting member at least one (1) month prior to the vote for consideration by the Board and General Membership.

Proposed amendments, in complete form, must be placed in the club newsletter at least one (1) month prior to adoption.

Amendments to this Constitution can be adopted at any scheduled meeting of the Club Membership by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of membership.

Timken Ski Club Social



Fox and Hound

Monday, February 28th
6:30 PM - ???

Join fellow members for a TSC Social on Monday evening!

Great food and lots to do!

I have reserved the Burgundy Room for our group. I've also rented the pool table, ping pong table and corn hole for the first hour and anyone wanting to play these longer can rent them for \$7/hr each. If we have enough people maybe someone knowledgeable in these activities can organize some tournaments.

Feel free to invite friends that don't mind having fun!

Fox and Hound
4834 Everhard Rd
Canton, OH 44718
(330)497-2593

www.foxandhound.com

Located next to TJ Max

No reservations needed just show up and be ready to have some fun!

Any questions: Call Diane Marzec at 330-497-4261 or email DLMarzec@gmail.com

Telluride, CO – Feb 5 – 10th.

Our trip departed from Cleveland with a short layover in Huston, and then on to Montrose – 21 excited skiers and one non skier – whom we dubbed as our official go find person during the trip. My prayers were answered when we arrived in Montrose with everyone's luggage accounted for – major plus to starting the trip out on a good note. The scenic bus ride to Telluride, of course included a stop for munchies and some liquid refreshments. Our driver pointed out several spots of interest on the way, along with dealing with a snow storm that became more intense as we made our way up closer to Telluride.

Bruce and Heather, the inn keepers at the Aspen Street Inn, welcomed us with a quick check in, a tour of the Inn, offers of any services we might need, and helped with luggage to get everyone settled after a long travel day. First night was a quick dinner and to bed – everyone adjusting to the time difference. We had breakfast each morning in the large social room – we didn't have to go outside – just walk down the hall. Our group was treated to made to order eggs, and buffet style breakfast each morning. Also there was coffee, hot chocolate and tea available anytime of the day. We were treated to a wonderful surprise one afternoon by Heather – she made cookies for us. We were also invited to a Super Bowl Party they had planned with several of their friends. We got the chance to meet several of the locals, cheer on Green Bay, and pick on some of their friends who claimed to be Steelers fans, plus enjoy a ton of food bought in to share.

The Inn offered an equipment storage area in the basement with ski locks and boot dryers. The short walk from the garage – we are talking about three minutes to the gondola - was a major plus with the whole group. Our ski days were great – first two days we had clouds and some flurries, third day a snow dump of 10 inches plus, and the final two days were groomed trails and slopes, and blue bird sky's. We few of us found it a little hard to find our way out of the Prospect Bowl area, if you missed that one turn – you were back a the same lift several times. Ernie happened to stop and talk to one of the resort photographers, and found out he was from the Dover – New Philly area. Of course he talked us into a group picture, so 7 of use posed with the mountain background of the Coors's Lite logo (so he told us). But we added our own special touch – the 4 of us in the back gave the O-H-I-O sign – great shot. Despite the single digit temps we started out in each morning, oh heck when you're skiing on a mountain like Telluride – cold just don't matter. Your skiing in some of the most beautiful parts of our country – it takes your breath away!

Of course we had the nightly gatherings at the Hot tub to plan out the dinner ventures. Our appointed go find person (Christine Stouffer) would report back on the need to check out shops, restaurants, local sights, and of course entertain us with her excursions and people stories of the day. The social room at the Inn was used by everyone. Small groups would gather to play a board game, and sit and chat over something hot to drink.

OK – it was your typical out West group trip, we skied, ate at some great restaurants, took a lot of pictures, shopped, had the hot tub time, and met some very nice people. But Heather and Bruce made our stay at the Inn a wonderful add to a memorable trip, and I would recommend the Aspen Street Inn as a place to stay for future visits.

My outlook on a great trip - it's not the place that makes a trip great – it's the people who take part in it. As the nervous trip leader – who just wanted everything to be perfect for everyone – you all were the ones that made it perfect for me. THANK YOU for taking part and sharing your vacation with me.

gail