

Vail: Woman vs. Nature (One Woman's Report) by Maryanne Mecca

The Craigmour trip to Vail was just one more in a series of successful adventures for those who like to brave the best in winter sports. One solid week of snow accumulation, low temperatures, and high winds added a new dimension to the word "skiing" to us easterners. Whatever powder looks like in glossy magazines and on high definition screens is not what it feels like at Vail or Beaver Creek. It's more akin to packed styrofoam than the fluffy cotton-like stuff I imagined. It took some strength to push through (hence the rubber leg syndrome after a couple of days) and made falling down a pleasure.

Our communication with each other (via radio) and home base (via cell) went uninterrupted. For this Roy gets the medal of honor for delivering our weekly health and welfare report to our Craigmour President, Glenn, on Wednesday night during our regularly scheduled meeting back home at the Exchange: Debbie tore up her knee on her first run of the week and Bob tore an unmentionable muscle while entering the hot tub. The casualty sufferers made it through the remainder of the week unscathed thanks to the company of good friends. They abided the admonition to stay hydrated in order to fend off altitude sickness: rumors have it that it was this stoic dedication to staying hydrated that mended their battered bodies. We were, after all, at 8,150 feet above sea level.

To augment our adventures in skiing, many took it upon themselves to seek alternate activities for winter bliss. Nicole organized a snowmobiling excursion, which I hear fortuitously occurred during the one and only sunny morning we had. Rumors have it that that trip was a blast. As for myself, I took a car ride with Adele and Debbie to Glenwood Springs and visited a spa with caves fed by natural hot springs. Our drive there through the canyon along Interstate 70 would have been beautiful had there not been a blizzard ensuing. Sean and Jerry found a gym nearby which they attended regularly (because they weren't getting enough exercise plowing through styrofoam and trees). They later organized a gift to Roy from the group to go to that same gym for a massage. They're still wondering whether Roy secretly had his radio tucked under his terry cloth towel.

The food and grog slopeside were outstanding. Some of us went to a spectacular restaurant at the top of Beaver Creek called Beano's Cabin organized by Jim. Don't let the name "Beano" mislead you. Beans were hardly on the menu...it was more like wild boar and elk for entrees. Most afternoons found Craigmourites invading Pepi's or The Red Lion, the latter of which treated us to a surprise performance by Gordon Lightfoot. Many times, however, we just cooked in and tried to impress each other with how much we could cook with as few ingredients possible. As for my condo, we made the best out of our speedshopping food excursion on the way in from the Denver airport: Ragu and beer.



Well, that's it for my testament to a great vacation. I'm back to the daily grind at a job I fortunately love (Ryan you better be reading this). The only thing that could have made this trip more pleasurable was if everyone in the club who is reading this now and wasn't there was there.

Lodge Lost and Found

The following items were found at the lodge and should be claimed as soon as possible. - Contact Russ Hollister if they are yours:

- (1) Green XL Steve & Borrys Sweat Shirt.
- (1) Pair Snow Board Boots Grey Size 10

Additional items found by Phil in early December (may be left over from last year):

- 1 pr. Bass Black Shoes 9 1/2D
- 1 black hooded sweat shirt
- 1 pr. Gordina Black Gloves
- 1 Blue insulated M-10-12
- 1 Blue 'No Boundaries Bys' M 3-10 long sleeve T-shirt
- 1 black underpants, Hanes 6-8
- 1 Blue underpants, Hanes Classics, MM 10-12
- 1 faded Glory, boys 8-10, grey & black long sleeve fleece jacket
- 1 Faded Glory, Boys 3-10, grey & red long sleeve fleece jacket
- 1 Polar Max M, black L. sleeve t-shirt
- 1 Sonoma, S, 6-8, blue/orange boxer shorts
- 1 Pickle Brand X, black/rusk Ski Bag; Tel #973-398-???, Rich; Room 6
- 1 turquoise belt, Gun 7-11

August 18th Annual Craigmear Ski Club Clambake

Join us for our Annual Craigmear Ski Club Clambake at Lake Shawnee on Saturday August 18th. The clambake will be an enjoyable day of Clams, Steaks, Burgers, Hotdogs and Salads as well as fun and games. The event will begin at 12:00 noon and go until ??????

Reserve the date and watch your mail box for a special mailing. As always, you will be able to find the latest info. on our website at www.CraigmearSkiClub.com .

2nd Annual Craigmear Canoe / Raft Trip and Barbecue on the Delaware

August 4th will be our 2nd annual Canoe / Raft Trip and Barbecue on the Delaware River. The event will take place at Landers River Trips of Barryville NY. (www.landersonrivertrips.com). The trip will embark from their Minisink base, where we will park our vehicles and then be shuttled to their drop in point at Ten Mile River. We will then canoe / raft down the river ending at the Minisink base where the trip will be topped off by a wonderful barbecue put on by our members: Olivier Monod (President of Campus Foods Service) and Diane Bogert (President of Diamon Catering).

Costs of the trip are as follows: \$27.00 pp (Adult) for canoe/raft rental. Children age 12 and under (min. age is 5 years old) are \$20.00 per child. Barbecue cost is an additional \$10.00 per person

Campers: There is camping available right at the Minisink base. If you are interested in staying overnight. Please contact Landers River Trips at 1-800-252-3925

More information will be avail. at upcoming meetings as well as our famous Craigmear Ski Club website at www.craigmearskiclub.com . If you have a specific question after seeing all the information on our website, please e mail your questions to info@craigmearskiclub.com . All members and families are welcome and bring your friends to this great summer event.

Come and join us, Roy Spierer and MaryAnne Mecca, your Cruise Directors.



