

# VENTURE

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## Greetings from Telluride Colorado!

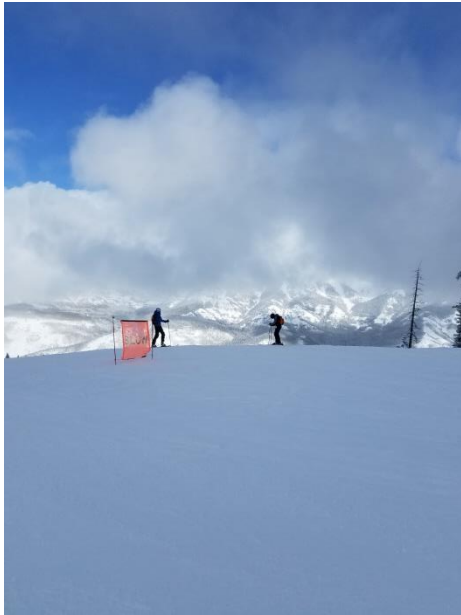
By Bob Maclauchlan, Trip Leader



When on a ski trip, you arrive on time to your airport destination, enjoy your “on time” flight... and then the 90 minute drive to the condos takes almost 4 hours something is up or in this case down and it was 18” of fresh powder for our first day at Telluride, Colorado.

40 of us flew through Dallas to Montrose where we boarded our 47 passenger bus from Telluride Express on our way to Beaver Creek Lodge. Yes, 40 people, ski gear, 47 passenger bus, broken washroom, we knew we were in for a treat. Several bags and skis had to be loaded on the bus taking up 8 of the seats and yes the trip leader stood for the drive (the cargo van we ordered never materialized). Of course we stopped for “essential supplies (beer)” in Montrose, to get us through the week; the “essential supplies” took up a lot more of the limited bus space. All was going well: we were on time to be at the condos by 3:30PM. I mentioned 18” of powder at the mountain, well it started snowing as we left Montrose and continued all of the way and at least 90 minutes of the drive was taken up by a head on collision that happened right in front of us on the highway.

There was one major injury from the car accident and kudos to Bernie Stark and Mike McGimpsey who left the



comfort of the bus to assist in removing the injured and getting him onto the ambulance. Soon we needed a “bio break” as the snowfall continued until we finally got to the gondola parking lot in

the upper village at Telluride, where we stayed. Even with skins and chains the bus could not make it that last quarter mile to our condos so we all jumped in 5-10 person shuttles with our gear and supplies to the condos. We were finally settled around 7PM and enjoyed our wine, beer and cheese party but our mountain hosts had abandoned us well before our 5:30 appointment.

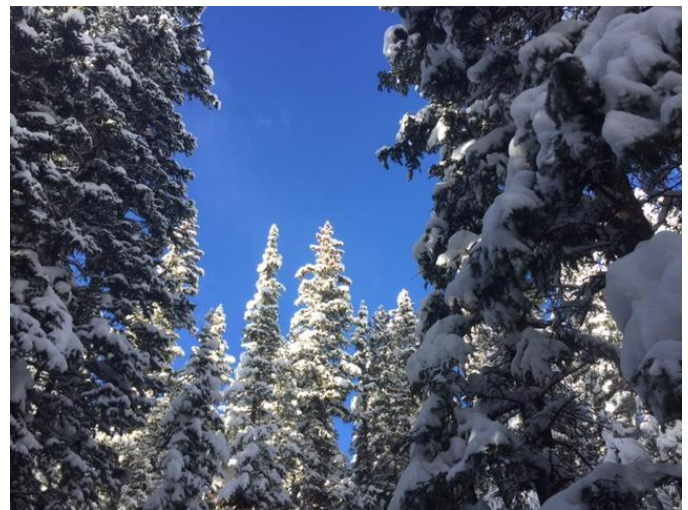
Beaver Creek Lodge is a fantastic property to stay at if you ever go to Telluride; we had condos for 8 people that were 2,600 square feet with two floors, 2 baths, four bedrooms with split king beds, great views and a full kitchen. With such roomy condos we never felt crowded at all. For skiing, the gondola was a 2 minute ride down the hill by hotel shuttle or we could take the funicular (fun!) from the hotel parking lot down to the slopes. At the end of the day we could ski directly to where the shuttle picked us up, it was not ski in/ski out but it was very close and convenient.

Skiing: yes we had a super time on a great mountain, as I mentioned we had 18” Sunday morning and it was over my boots on Monday. The mountain is quite large and after the first day we all had a good idea of how to get around. The closest lift to us was Sunshine Express that took 10 ½” minutes up 1,735’ to steady blues and greens and through a neighborhood of mansions that

we could only dream of staying at, let alone owning. Apparently, a lot of celebrities own places including Tom Cruise and Oprah. From the top of Sunshine you could ski down blues or greens or take the 475’ Ute Express into Prospect bowl where Rob and Ben hiked to double blacks, the rest of us did black and blues.



There are three lifts that come up from the town, the Gondola rises 1,780’ in 7 ½ minutes, Coonskin is 1,845’ in a slow 10 minutes and Oak Street is 1,055’ in 5 ½ minutes leading to the steep slopes back to town or the Plunge lift, 2,125’ in 12 minutes and some great runs. Lifts 5, 6 and 14 will take up towards the top of the mountain including Revelation Bowl on the backside. The mountain exceeded most of our expectations and numerous members asked to go back there, soon.



Enchanted Forest was a favorite run of many, a blue and green that went through the trees and just happened to be the spot where numerous vista beers were enjoyed during the day and especially after the last chairlift took us there. There was still some fresh powder there our last afternoon.

We had our annual pizza and pasta party on Wednesday night that was followed by bourbon and cigars at the



fire pit. A good time was had by all as we consumed beverages told stories about this and other trips in the past. The music was playing and when Billy Joel's "Piano Man" came over the boom box we all started singing along (In perfect harmony!) and continued until we were politely asked to be quiet and disperse for about the 5<sup>th</sup> time.

Of the 40 members we only had one snow boarder, my future daughter in law, and a few that had never been out west before so they were very happy on our last skiing day, Friday, when

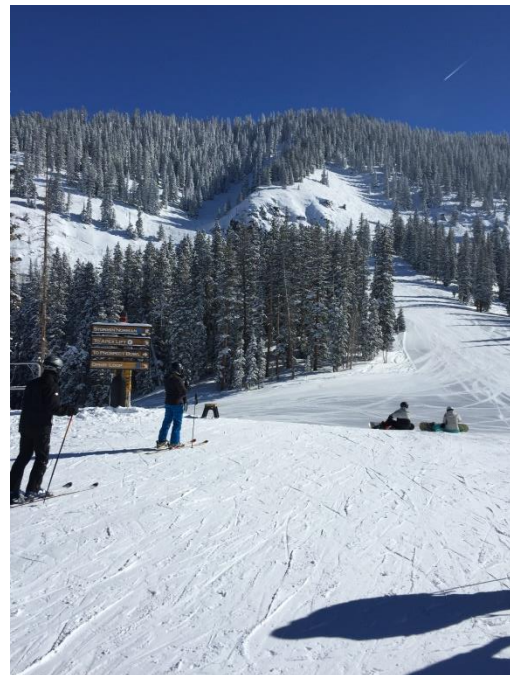


we had a perfect Colorado blue bird day. The sunny weather continued on our drive back to Montrose where we enjoyed the scenery that was missed in the snowstorm the previous week. There were great pictures taken from our comfortable 57 passenger bus with working washroom and a separate van to carry our extra gear (the way it was originally planned).

It doesn't happen often but our flights out of Cleveland we were fortunate enough to have 737's for all legs of our flights and there was only one bag lost and that was when we arrived home. There were no injuries and all seemed to enjoy themselves.



Thank you to everyone that came on the trip and made it such a success and hope to see you next year.



## Hi Rise Race Team Season End Results

Congratulations to the Hi Rise Race Team:

Class	Name	Club	Place	Points
BBSB	SB-Crookshanks, Justin	Hi Rise	1	61
CSB	SB-Body, Chrissy	Hi Rise	2	72
SV	Nerren, Guy	Hi Rise	2	73
AM	Crookshanks, Justin	Hi Rise	3	72
BBW	Body, Chrissy	Hi Rise	3	102
BVM	Bell, Curtis	Hi Rise	3	47
CCM	Haney, Guy	Hi Rise	3	96
SV	Akamine, Bob	Hi Rise	3	54
AAW	Crookshanks, Lindsey	Hi Rise	4	44
CCW	Weis, Geri	Hi Rise	4	68
SV	Shon, Michael	Hi Rise	4	39
AVM	Gzesh, Rick	Hi Rise	5	67
CCVM	Schmid, Greg	Hi Rise	5	39
AVM	Whitmore, Paul	Hi Rise	6	65
BBSB	SB-Crookshanks, Jason	Hi Rise	7	37
AAW	Williams, Jen	Hi Rise	9	13
AM	Crookshanks, Jason	Hi Rise	10	25
AAVM	Crookshanks, Larry	Hi Rise	11	26
BBM	Visosky, Tom	Hi Rise	13	12
AAVM	Seabeck, Chris	Hi Rise	14	14

### 4/22: CMSC Racers' Banquet

Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

at **Reinecker's Bakery**, 8575 S. Freeway Drive, Macedonia, OH 44056. Phone: 330-467-2221.

Gold rush theme, honoring CMSC's Golden Anniversary year! Open bar, dancing, dinner, and surprises!



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**Hi Rise Board of Director**

**Nominations will be accepted at the next 2 general membership meetings.**

**We will also be accepting Ski Queen Nominations at the next 2 general membership meetings.**

**\*\*ATTENTION\*\***

**CMSC now offers digital editions of the “Sitzmark” publication via their website. Please refer to this link for the current and past Sitzmark publications:**

**<http://www.skicleveland.com/publications.html>**

## **Upcoming Events!**

DOM April 5: Fish Bar, Painesville

DOM May 3: Pranza, Downtown Willoughby

DOM June 7: Trader Jack's, Eastlake on the Chagrin River

April 8: One Club Golf Outing Green Ridge, Wickliffe

May 12th: Hi Rise Banquet with the Belairs

May 21: Breakfast Hike (location to be announced)

June 2: Captains Baseball (we have a private loge!)

July 21: Indians Rock n Blast (Kerry Troy leads the group!)

**Watch for event flyers in the next newsletter at at our regular membership meetings.**

**We will be announcing our summer meeting venue soon!**

March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting we will be serving breakfast for dinner! This is always a fun and well attending meeting!

We will celebrate the start of another Indians Baseball season with our traditional hot dog snack for the April Meeting! Stay tuned for more details!



*You are cordially invited to the*

# *Hti Rise 2017 Banquet*

*Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2017*

*6:30pm to 11:00pm*

*Guido's Generations Reception Center*

*12809 Chillicothe Rd, Chesterland Oh 44026 (Rt 306 & Mayfield Rd)*

*Western Reserve Room*

*Price: to be announced*

*Includes: Open Bar, Deluxe Dinner Buffet, Dancing...*

*Live Music by: The Belairs*

*Dress: Nice / Business Casual*

*Please RSVP by May 1st, 2017*

*to: [HtiRiseSkiClub@roadrunner.com](mailto:HtiRiseSkiClub@roadrunner.com)*

*Watch your mailbox for your invitation!*

*Dance the night away with the 6 piece - Live Band !!!*

*Take a trip back in time to the fabulous 50's & 60's. Journey to the days of the Twist, the Mashed Potato and the Stroll; to an age of malt shops, high school hops, and when cruising the strip to the greatest music ever created was a right of passage!*





# **CAPTAINS BASEBALL GAME**

## **Private Party Suite**

## **“The Officers Club”**

**Friday - June 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7pm**

Included in ticket price:

- All You Can Eat Buffet in our suite

(BBQ Chicken Quarters, Pulled Pork Sandwich, Potato Salad, Macaroni & Cheese, Potato Chips, Cookies & 2 Cans Soda)

- Fireworks Night - Watch from our Private Suite after the game
- Our Suite is behind Home Plate next to the Captains Club Bar
- Entry into HiRise special group raffle - Free tickets to future game
- Raffle for one HiRise Guest to throw out a ceremonial 1<sup>st</sup> Pitch

**Tickets - \$35 each**

**Only 25 Tickets Available.**

Get yours reserved and paid for before they are all gone !! Sold out early last year.

**Call - Diane Castrataro 440-256-6339 or  
Sign up and Pay at Meetings by May 17th Deadline !**

**Make Check Payable to Hi Rise Ski Club and send to:  
Diane Castrataro 10866 Sperry Rd, Kirtland Ohio 44094**



**Hi Rise Ski & Sport Club  
The "What's Happening"  
Calendar**

**Social Chair:**

**Mary Hanrahan 440-488-6881**

**Fall Meeting Location:**

VFW Hall, located behind the Save-A-Lot Grocery store on Vine Street: Address is below. Map is enclosed w/Newsletter. Visit our website at [www.HiRiseSkiClub.com](http://www.HiRiseSkiClub.com) for more info!

**NEW LOCATION for indoor meetings**

**New VFW Hall:**

**33641 Vine Street, Willowick, OH 44095**

(behind the Save-a-Lot) grocery store



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