

Red Eye Keystone 2012

(January 22nd-28th)

“Do You Know the Way to San Jose?”

Well..... 3 of our boot bags found their way to San Jose! Luckily, Southwest Airlines was on the ball, retrieved them, and had them in our condo by 4:30AM - in time to hit the slopes the next morning.

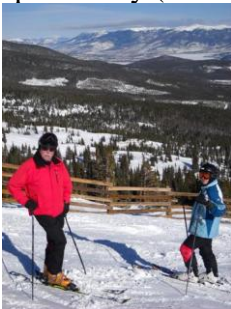
And hit them we did. Mother Nature has been playing games with Colorado this year and there was worry that we'd be skiing on dirt. Never fear, The Red Eyes must live a charmed life as at least 2 feet of the white stuff fell the week before we arrived and for our last day of skiing, 6"+ of fresh powder awaited us.

Except for the errant ski boots, travel to and from Keystone went like clockwork. Our journey from Keystone to DIA on Saturday was especially memorable with a stop for photos at the top of Loveland Pass.



Fred H and Fred L

Several of us skied 3 areas during the week. Keystone, of course, was great. Also we spent a day (or several) at Breckenridge.



Larry S and Don N

Plus a few of us took the short journey via the free Swan Mountain Flier to Arapahoe Basin with a view of both Keystone and Breckinridge to be had from the summit.



Arapahoe Basin

Great condos and several Red Eye Perks, like a welcome dinner, pizza party, and an après ski party at 9280' tap house in River Run Village, gave us plenty of time to interact.



The Gang enjoying hot apps and cold beer

On Friday evening the Freds hosted a left overs night at our condo. There we announced the winners in our “Beat the Freds” contest. Vail resorts have a new program called Epic Mix. Using radio frequency chips in our lift passes, they track how many vertical feet you ski. We decided the gang needed a challenge-to beat the average daily vertical of their intrepid leaders. Prizes were awarded in many categories including - Those who actually beat the Freds’ average of 31,243 vertical feet per day, the top female, and the lowest average. Larry S took top honors with 36,446 ft. average and Don N was 2nd with 35,846 ft. average. Dorothy N was top gal with 22,652 ft. average, and low average was 6,004 ft., but this person took lessons for several days. Top total vertical was also Larry S with 182,231 ft. in 5 days!!!

Epic mix also had photographers all over the mountain and here are a couple of shots.



We had a great time and want to thank the entire group for their enthusiasm and wonderful camaraderie.

The Freds of Team Fred