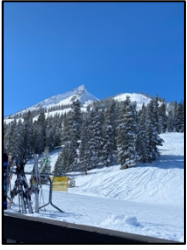


The 2023 Crested Butte Trip



Fabulous snow and great people made this trip a blast!

Travel day was a little challenging – five people (nicknamed “The Refugees”) got stuck in the Cincinnati airport when the United Airlines computers went down and they were unable to check in and make the flight. They were rebooked and joined us the next day in time for the Welcome Reception. All were in remarkably good spirits despite the setback making those of us who made the flight feel a little less guilty.



Did I mention fabulous snow?

The Iron Horse Tavern in the lobby of our hotel was a hit with tabletop shuffleboard, good pizza and a lot of beer! We even saw a Yeti on the hill and in the tavern. “The Boys Condo” (you know who you are!) were an inspiration in fun for all of us, and managed to hit almost every run on the mountain. Joan worked on her carving, Jagdish worked on bending his ankles, and everyone worked on having a good time. It was easy to find others from our group during lunch in the Paradise Lodge at the base of the Paradise lift which also helped everyone to ski with everyone else!



Did I mention fabulous snow?

We had two bluebird days with good snow conditions, and then the snow came in on Tuesday with heavy snow and wind. It was OK – that’s how you get fabulous conditions for the rest of the week! It snowed a little bit every day with some sun poking through (or every night), so we always had a few fresh inches the next day!



Jill, Kate and Cindy took to the snowshoe trails every day racking up the miles in the wonderful white stuff. One of the trails they planned to do was closed because of reports of an “aggressive moose”, but they had a good time - even taking a pottery class on Monday! We decided that “The Aggressive Moose” was a good name for a tavern and/or a drink (yup – that’s how our minds work!).



Jose’s restaurant and bar at the base of the Red Lady lift was a really nice place to sit in the sun and watch people ski while drinking an apres ski beverage. We had fun getting together at the Famous Kittyhawk Happy Hour “Bowl Party” (homemade soup and pizza!) – bring your own bowl and spoon! - Farewell



dinner on Thursday of trout or beef filet, Lunch at Uley’s Cabin on Friday, and the Clean Up party Friday night. It seems we all had a lot of pizza left over as well as cheese and lunch meat. And wine – a lot of wine! We did a good job finishing up most of it.



Gary hugged Yeti, Don and Yeti exhibited their power stance, Lisa was a trooper, Rex stayed up with Tracy and Lisa (no small feat!), and Kevin took video of almost everyone with his Go-Pro!

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All and all a fun and entertaining trip made even more so by the people on it.