

## Winter 2009-2010

## President's Message

This amazing club has enriched all of our lives because of the work of those members who invest their free time to make our lives in this beautiful mountain paradise more enjoyable.

First, a word of thanks to the Board that served the club for the past two years. For the past several years, my good friend Herb Luhman has served the club as Historian, Secretary, President-Elect and President. He has given so much time and talent to our club. Herb initiated the beautiful photo filled format for our newsletter and has agreed to continue as newsletter editor, giving it his colorful, personalized look. The Social Chairman, Rolly Rounds completed his excellent work with the Board and moved to be with his family in Bozeman, Montana. We will miss him. Mary Anne Metternick stepped down after four years as our Secretary. Norm Smith and Joan Chambers retired as Directors for the club.

Our new Board members are: Fred Rupp who moved from Treasurer to President-Elect. Fred handed the financial books over to Dianne Leeb, who will be our Treasurer. Marion Laughlin is our new Secretary. The Social Chairman position is in four good hands with Pat Bain and Karen Kern. Yvonne Rupp is beginning her third year as our Membership Chairman. Three new Directors are joining the Board, Ken Berg, Sue Kuntz and Mike Yaccino. John Merritt will be capturing a photo log of our events as our new Historian. A wish of "get well, heal fast" will come to you from our new Sunshine Lady, Jane Reisinger. Our own digital diva, Jenny Rink, continues her amazing work as our Webmaster. Pat Bain and Karen Kern work with a talented Social Committee: Nancy Berg, Mickey Cook, Barbara Hibben, Roger Kleen, Sue Kuntz Anne Schubert, Lu Syracuse, Irene Yaccino and Mike Yaccino. We have a gifted duo of "brainstormers" creating new ideas for the club, Joan Chambers and Barbara Rosen. Don and Marion Laughlin have graciously agreed, once again, to coordinate our Snowshoe Program. Peter Rosenberg and Patsy Rowe are the captains of our Ski Programs.

As I said at the Annual Meeting in August, this is an amazing club. Without a single paid staff person or a single paid administrator, every year the club offers two full seasons of lively and challenging activities to a membership of close to 900 people. Every year the club has a full summer and winter agenda of sporting activities, social events, dances, parties, potlucks, card games, and wonderful trips. Our Membership Chairman maintains a database with each member's sporting interests. We publish two newsletters each year and send close to 100,000 emails to communicate with our members wherever they are. When people newly arrive in the area, the club provides an avenue to a great social life. I don't know of any other club, organization, or country club that offers such a diverse menu of activities. And, this we do without a single paid staff person. It is all done by our membership that is a remarkable bank of intellectual capital. I am looking forward to working with you for the next two years.

Carol Campbell

## SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

The summer of 2009 started with a Hiking and Biking trip to Moab, Utah in May with 30 people socializing and enjoying the Spring sunshine. We want to thank Sandee and Eric Noreen along with Alice Boone for coordinating this event. Many of our members enjoyed lunch at Zacca Za in June, with Jenny and Joe Rink graciously hosting this event. The Summer Solstice Party experienced a delightful change of venue at Vista thanks to Diane Leeb who organized this event. Participants enjoyed a buffet dinner and relived "The Age of Aquarius". The New Members Party was again hosted by Carol Campbell and Al Aronowitz. The club is fortunate to welcome so many interesting new members. A thank you goes to Helen and Bruce Beckwith for chairing the breakfast at the Wolcott Yacht Club on July 10. Members attended on bikes, motorcycles and in cars to enjoy this picturesque outdoor venue. This year was the largest turnout ever. A new event this summer was the Old Fashioned Picnic in July that was chaired by Herb and Sherry Luhman. This well-attended event was enjoyed on the beautiful flowered deck of the Singletree Community Center with attendees sharing their favorite "dish to pass" with fellow members. The beautiful new Westin Riverfront Resort & Spa was the location of the Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance on August 9,

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Activity Calendar  
Make Prompt Reservations

*Tuesday, December 1*  
*Apres Ski Party*

*Saturday, December 5*  
*Georgetown Christmas Crafts*

*Sunday, December 13*  
*Holiday Gala*

*Monday, Tuesday, December 14-15*  
*Snowmass Ski Trip*

*Thursday, January 7*  
*Potluck Movie Night*

*Saturday, January 9*  
*New Member's Party*

*Tuesday-Thursday, January 12-14*  
*Ski Trip to Winter Park*

*Tuesday, January 19*  
*Potluck & Karaoke*

*Saturday, February 6*  
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*Sunday, February 7*  
*Super Bowl Party*

*Monday, Tuesday, February 8,9*  
*Shrine Mountain Hut Trip*

*Thursday, February 11*  
*Game Night at Paddy's*

*Tuesday, February 23*  
*Potluck Movie Night*

*Thursday, March 4*  
*Night Skiing at Keystone*

*Tuesday, March 9*  
*Wine Tasting Party*

*Tuesday, March 23*  
*Potluck Movie Night*

*April Date TBA*  
*Silverplume Melodrama*

*Wed-Mon, May 26-31*  
*Grand Canyon Rafting*

*The Happy Vailee*



thanks to Donna Rosenberg who organized this event. Everyone had a wonderful evening socializing and dancing the night away. Speaking of dancing, swing dance lessons were arranged as a special treat to 30 couples of Vail Club 50 at the Vail Square next to the Arrabelle in Lionshead. The Swing Band was the Hot Tomatoes. A thank you goes to Dean Wolz who coordinated this event. On August 21, Herb Luhman organized a Fly-Fishing Adventure. There was a good crowd of novice and experienced fishers and a great time was had at Denny's, Crystal Lake and the Arkansas River. A hiking and biking trip was arranged by Marlene Kearney at the Arlberg Club in Winter Park August 25. Barbara Hibben joined Marlene in coordinating great outdoor events. The popular Golf & Tennis Outing was held at the Sonnenalp Golf Course and Beaver Creek Tennis Center. A great dinner at the Balata Restaurant was enjoyed by 67 members and guests. Many thanks go to Marti and Pat Waneka for successfully hosting this fun event. The popular Summer Potluck Dinners were chaired by Sue Kuntz and held on September 17. What a nice way for people to meet.



**Hiking Program**

We had an extremely successful summer hiking program this year, with 44 destinations for both Hares and Tortoises (only 2 hikes were combined), and 40 distinct hike leaders or co-leaders. Our hikes drew a total of over 600 hikers. Fred Rupp coordinated the summer program as well as the hikes for the Hares and Sherry Luhman coordinated the hikes for the Tortoises. Seven of the hikes on this year's schedule were new or at least had not been done for many years, while a few others were our tried-and-true, almost-annual "regulars". We sincerely thank the intrepid leaders who chose and led a set of hikes to gorgeous and fascinating (and sometimes difficult) destinations: Jackie Anthony, Jill Bachman, Greta Blamire, Margrit Brinker, Don Carrell, Ray Cartade, Joan Chambers, Mickey Cook, Abby Dixon, Will and Michele Darken, Jim & Sue Ferraco, Holly Gill, Barbara Hibben, Betsy Hill, Carol Kelly, Roger Kleen, Tom & Jan Kleinhardt, Sue Kuntz, Don and Marion Laughlin, Sherry Luhman, Judy Marks, Chris Matlon, Tom McCalden, Todd Nathan, Angela Overy, Suzanne Padilla, Fred Rupp, Lois Schwager, Jon Schwartz, Jim Spiker, David Staat, Judy Stephens, Bruce Williams, Louise Willmann, Steve Witten and Dean Wolz. Winners of the non-existent Stalwart Trophy are Will Darken and Don Laughlin, who each led 3 different hikes; 10 others lead 2 hikes apiece.

Look forward to a planning session, probably in February 2010 to set the schedule for next summer. We are looking for another great season on the trails of Colorado. Helena Leslie will be the overall hiking chairperson for the coming year and also coordinator for the Hares hikes; Louise Willmann will be co-chairperson and the coordinator for the Tortoise hikes. If you have participated in a few hikes in this or past years, please consider signing up to be a leader next summer. It is not a difficult task, and the Hiking Chairpersons will help you with guidance, instructions, and even with destinations if you like. See you all on the trail starting in June 2010.

Fred Rupp,  
Hiking Chairman

**Biking Program**

A warm thank you to all the folks who led bike rides and signed up for leading a ride. We could not have had a biking program without you. A highlight of the season was a luncheon hosted by Pat and Larry Stewart at their home in East Vail after a ride up Vail Pass and back. More than 45 riders attended that ride. We also enjoyed a ride from Aspen Highlands up to Maroon Bells, with pizza afterward. Our biking season was very successful and enjoyed by those who rode with us. Rich Freyberg will be our coordinator next year. Happy riding.  
Linda Hryckowian-Finn  
Biking Chairman



**Ladies Par-3 Golf**

The Ladies Par-3 Golf enjoyed a great summer season with an average turnout of 12 on Monday mornings. We were fortunate to have 2 visits from the "pros": Dennis Stephens provided critiques and pointers to each golfer as we played and Wayne Abbott gave a detailed putting seminar prior to play. Both were extremely helpful and very much appreciated!

Weekly prizes were awarded to the winner of the "game of the day". Our End of the Season Potluck produced an amazing array of delectable dishes and Grand Prizes were awarded for everything from Most Pars in 1 game to Lowest Average Score for the Season. Whether beginner or seasoned veteran, it was a happy group that gathered in Eagle-Vail on Monday mornings!

Kim Cox and Sherry Luhman  
Ladies Par-3 Golfing Co-Chairmen



A fall Rafting Trip in Utah was enjoyed by 7 members. Kudos go to Charlie Sherwood for organizing and Linda and Buzz Finn for leading this exciting trip. A Palisade Wine/Etc Trip hosted by Doris Dewton and Barbara Hibben is scheduled after this newsletter is published. It is certain to be a super time. Thank you Doris and Barbara for chairing this "off season" fall trip. It is the enthusiasm of the membership that makes Vail Club 50 so special. Thanks go to all named and unnamed volunteers who make our events successful and enjoyable.

Karen Kern,  
Social Chairman

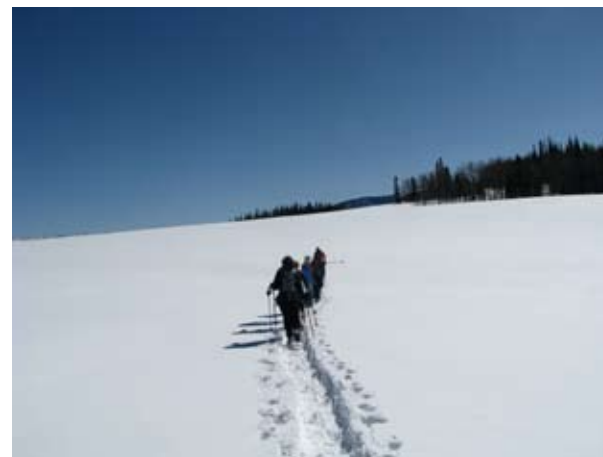


**Snowshoe News**

Welcome to the 2010 program. Some events will include lunch, others will be tailgate or sack lunches. Some will be limited in participants, so we encourage you to mail your check as soon as you receive your email notice of the individual events. We will email each person on the snowshoe list at least 2 weeks in advance of each event. The weekly leaders will set the time and place to meet for each event, the cost of the meal and the address to which to mail your check. In case you cancel, you will only receive a refund if there is someone to take your place. Please check with the group leader about the level of difficulty for each snowshoe. If you have questions, contact Don Laughlin at 328-1098 or email at laughlmf@earthlink.net.

DATE	LOCATION		LEADER	PHONE	E-MAIL
January 6, 2010	TBD	H			
		T			
January 13, 2010	TBD	H			
		T			
January 20, 2010	Beaver Creek Allie's	\$ H	Magrit Brinker	748-9121	mab26@earthlink.net
		T			
January 27, 2010	Bachelor Gulch Zack's Cabin	\$ H	Jackie Anthony	926-1087	snowshoefozzy@aol.com
		T	TBD		
February 3, 2010	Lionshead	* H	Will Darken	926-2330	Willdarken@aol.com
		T	Michele Darken	926-2330	mmdarken@aol.com
Monday February 8, 2010	Shrine Huts	* H			
		T			
February 17, 2010	Sylvan Lake	L H			
		T	Joyce Chizmadia	328-0846	joychiz@comcast.net
February 24, 2010	Beaver Creek Beano's	\$ H	Magrit Brinker	748-9121	mab26@earthlink.net
		T			
March 3, 2010	Homestead Gas House	\$ H	Jackie Anthony	926-1087	snowshoefozzy@aol.com
		T	Marion Laughlin	328-1098	laughlmf@earthlink.net
March 10, 2010	Merlloy Park Gourmet Cowboy	\$ H			
		T	Dean Wolz	949-9332	wolz@mountainmax.net
March 17, 2010	Two Elk	* H	Will Darken	926-2330	Willdarken@aol.com
		T	Michele Darken	926-2330	mmdarken@aol.com
March 24, 2010	Cordillera Big Park	\$ H	David Staat	926-3087	dstaat_dfs@yahoo.com
		T	Nancy Alexander	926-3087	nalexander2005@comcast.net
March 31, 2010	Gore Creek BBQ	# H	Marlin Smickley	926-4248	marlin_smickley@comcast.net
		T			

\$ = Restaurant Lunch, # = Tailgate Lunch, \* = Sack Lunch, L = Lunch at Home H = Hair, T = Tortoise





## Ski Program 2009-2010

### Downhill Skiing

**2010** The opening VC50 ski date will be Tuesday, December 1 and the opening ski party will be that afternoon at the Colorado Ski Museum. At the short meeting before leaving for skiing each morning, our designated leader(s) will describe where they plan to take their group(s), and where they plan to meet for lunch. We will try to keep the groups to 10 or fewer skiers – *see below for change in leader format*. Our groups are usually divided into three levels. We will have leaders for all three groups on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Your decision as to which group to ski with should be based on your ability as well as the snow conditions. You will find that selecting the right group for your ability will greatly improve your enjoyment of skiing with our groups. Our group definitions are as follows: **Double Diamond**--This is our hard-core, back bowl, powder hounds, anything goes group. **Blue/ Black**—Ski similar terrain to the above group but at a more moderate pace. **Blue**—Groomed trails, but they let their skis r-u-n. We do not have a **Green** group since we have found that most of our skiers are above this level. If there is interest in a lower level group, let us know and we will try to coordinate a group for you. **Meeting Time:** Meet at 9:15, out the door at 9:30 **Place:** Tuesdays: Look Ma Restaurant at Mid-Vail Thursdays: Look Ma Restaurant at Mid-Vail Saturdays: We will be meeting BROKEN ARROW in Arrowhead. **Note:** During the Christmas Holidays and the three-day Martin Luther King and President's Day weekends there will be no scheduled VC50 ski days.

**Speaking of Leaders:** Our program depends on volunteer leaders. Peter Rosenberg and Patsy Rowe will coordinate the program but they need your help. Last winter close to 20 members per group showed up each morning in Vail. Since the optimum number of skiers per group is 8-10 people we would like to try and have 2 leaders' sign up for each scheduled ski day. In addition many of our skiers have requested that each group be broken down into Aggressive and Non-Aggressive, so the sign-up sheets will reflect that breakdown. *We would like to have you come to our sign-up party, which will be held at Peter's home in Singletree at 661W. Singletree Rd. on Monday November 30th at 6:00 PM.* Notify Peter at peter.rosenberg@lpl.com if you plan to attend or to volunteer even if you can't attend. You will need to bring your beverages, your calendar and an appetizer or dessert. If you are new to the program or have a new email address or just want to be sure we have your address send a message to Peter or Patsy (at rowepatricia@hotmail.com) and ask to be added to the list.

**Ongoing Après Ski Parties:** Beginning in December and throughout the ski season our Après ski meetings will be on each Tuesday, in Vail, at the Christiania Hotel at 2:30 pm. Many of our "party hounds and dancers" also meet on Thursday's at the Centre V in Lionshead. On Saturday's we will meet for après ski at the BROKEN ARROW in Arrowhead at 2:30 pm.

### Cross Country Skiing

After a successful "pilot" season, the cross country ski group is looking forward to a second, more formal season. We will do our cross country skiing on Fridays. Our first ski will be on January 8 and we will ski from Camp Hale to Minturn on the railroad track. For those wishing a shorter ski, it is possible to stop at Red Cliff. On the 15th of January we will go to Mayflower gulch off of Highway 91 just beyond Copper Mountain. Both of these outings are suitable for beginners and need no special equipment other than ordinary cross country skis that can be rented at the Vail or Beaver Creek Nordic Center or the Bag and Pack shop in Avon. The remaining schedule will be posted on the Vail Club 50 website later this fall and announced by email. An email will be sent to all who are on the cross country email list from last year confirming that you are on the list. If you do not get an email and want to be on the list, contact Patsy Rowe at rowepatricia@hotmail.com or 857-498-0706.

We look forward to a wonderful ski season and hope you will join us.

Peter Rosenberg, Patsy Rowe, Charlie Sherwood and Greta Blamire  
Ski Program Co-Chairmen

## Announcements

### Evening Bridge

Once again we will meet each month for dinner, camaraderie and an evening of bridge. We'll meet in a popular local restaurant. Great friendships have been formed over the years but there is still a very open feeling when new people join us even if just for an evening. All are welcome; all you need is a partner. Meeting place, dates and time will be available when you call Bev Trout at 926-9588.

### Mah Jongg Anyone?

Gini Oldenburg is starting a group for players and wanabe players. You will meet at her home in Eagle-Vail twice each month to enjoy the game of Mah Jongg. If you would like to be a part of this new group call Gini at 352-6881 or 303-868-3667 or email samolden@aol.com.

### Website

You can always get the newsletter, check out event information or the snowshoe schedule on our website at www.vailclub50.com. Our Webmaster, Jenny Rink, does a masterful job. You can view photos from past events, download the newsletter, and membership form, access the liability waiver, which must be signed by guests before participating in a sports event.

### Membership

The 2008-2009 membership year ended with 881 members, including many first-time members. Our membership year runs from September 1 to August 31 of the following year and it is not prorated. Over 70% of the membership dues are used to lower the member cost of attending our varied and exciting social events with the balance applied to business items such as printing, postage and insurance. Everyone is advised to join early in the membership year to assure getting all the postal mailings and emails. If you know of anyone who wishes to join the club, encourage them to download the application and waiver forms from the website. Alternatively, they may contact Yvonne Rupp at fredyvonne@aol.com or call 926-4535. In completing the application form, it is important to neatly print the information so that numbers, letters, and punctuation are not misinterpreted when your data is entered in the club's database. If you change your mailing address, phone number or email address, please let Yvonne know as soon as possible so that the membership roster accurately documents your information. If we do not have your current addresses (email and postal), you will be unable to receive the newsletters or update information on upcoming events.

### Sunshine

Jane Reisinger is our "Sunshine" lady. Please call her at 926-9873 if you know of any member who is ill or injured so that we can send some cheer their way.



### Tennis Program

We kicked off the 2009 Tennis Program on a beautiful, sunny Thursday morning on June 4th, complete with continental breakfast. After a couple of rainouts, we had another successful and fun year. We typically had 24 to 28 players at 8 am, and 16 to 20 players at 10 am from June through August. We continued to play during September at 10 am only with 12 to 16 players each week. Approximately 80 club members participated. In addition to our regular Thursday morning play, we had a Friday afternoon party with tennis followed by pizza and liquid refreshments on August 14th at Ford Park. We have enjoyed serving as co-chairpersons for the last two years but are happy to hand over the program to next year's co-chairwomen: Patti Rasmussen, Mary Lamb Lucas and Betsy Hill. Watch for their write-up in next year's Summer Newsletter.

Margaret Blazek, Ron Moos and GR Rufenacht, Tennis Co-Chairmen



## Winter Activities

*Some Events Fill Up Before the Deadline so Mail Your Check Early to Ensure your Reservation*

### Après Ski Party

**Tuesday, December 1**

Thanks to Marlene Kearney, we are once again fortunate to celebrate our first day of Vail Club 50 skiing at the Colorado Ski Museum (located in the Vail Village parking structure). Join us at 3 pm for hors d'oeuvres and wine amidst these wonderful historical surroundings. There is a \$5 charge for this event (pay at the door), and reservations are not necessary. Questions – contact Carol or Mart Matthews at 748-8631 or carol.matthews@comcast.net.

### The 49th Annual Georgetown Christmas Market

**Saturday, December 5**

Get into the holiday spirit by planning a Christmas shopping trip with your friends to the historic Georgetown Christmas Market on December 5 from 10 am to 5 pm. Contact Jan Abbott at 748-9266 or awabbott@msn.com on time and place to meet.



### Holiday Gala

**Sunday, December 13**

Join us for the most popular event of the year! We will go to the Vail Cascade Centennial Ballroom for this black tie (optional) gala. Check-in, table sign-up (tables of 10) and a cash bar will begin at 6 pm. The dinner will feature Rosemary rubbed Sonoma Breast of Chicken. A bottle of red and white wine will be on each table. During meal service and after dinner we will dance to music from all eras.

The cost of the evening is \$45 per member and \$60 for non-member. Since this event has traditionally sold out, reservations for members and members' escorts will be filled before we can accept guest reservations. Be sure to send your checks early. Make check payable to Vail Club 50 and send to Jim and Joyce Nielsen, PO Box 1533, Avon, CO 81620. **The deadline for reservations is December 5.** For questions, call Jim or Joyce at 569-3683.

### Snowmass Trip

**Monday-Tuesday, Dec 14 & 15**

Once again you can join several of the Vail Club 50 skiers and snowshoers in Snowmass with an

### Snowmass Trip-Cont.

enjoyable stay at the ski-in, ski-out Snowmass Mountain Chalet. The rate is \$125/night, single or double occupancy, + 12.3% tax. This includes a Monday reception hosted by Snowmass Mountain Chalet with wine and cheese, and hot and cold appetizers. It also includes a hot breakfast and a soup lunch each day. On Tuesday we will hold our own apres ski party. Please bring your own beverage and an appetizer to share. Please make your reservations by calling the Snowmass Mountain Chalet at 970-923-3900 and mention you are in Vail Club 50. A 50% deposit will be required at time of booking with the remainder due 45 days prior to arrival. Trip insurance is available through Snowmass Mountain Chalet. VC50 has a block of 20 rooms. Reservations will be first come, first served. Please notify Bruce and Mary Clare Williams at bmwilliams100@yahoo.com or phone 949-0561 when you have made a reservation.

### Additional Snowmass Trips:

Trips to Snowmass in January, February, and March will be announced throughout the winter by email to members. The dates when we go will be based on when we get the best rates. For more information contact Roger Kleen at vailrog1@yahoo.com or 748-8964.

### Save the dates for our new Vail Club 50 Event:

### Potluck Movie Nights

**January 7, February 23, March 23**

Meet old and new friends, munch goodies, and view and then discuss great movies at the newest Club 50 event--Pot Luck Movie Night. Sign up for one of our 3 movie nights. On these evenings, we'll be meeting at host houses to watch and discuss films preselected by our film committee. We'll need several host homes for each evening, ones with TV rooms big enough to sit 10 people. Each host home will also need a discussion leader to facilitate the post-viewing movie discussion. We'll provide training and assistance to these discussion leaders. And, of course, we'll want participants, those bringing food and ideas to host homes. Sign up as hosts, discussion leaders or guests by emailing Barb Rosen at barbjrosen@gmail.com or phoning her at 926-6692. Please specify the date and your role (discussion leader, host or guest). **Sign up deadline for each event is 3 weeks prior to the movie date.**

## The Happy Vailee

### New Members Party

**Saturday, January 9**

This invitation is to all new members of Vail Club 50 who joined in 2009 and were not able to attend the summer New Members party. You are invited to an evening cocktail party at the Singletree home of Al Aronowitz and Carol Campbell. This will be an opportunity to welcome you as new members, to share our interests, and enjoy some quality social time. You will meet the leaders of the wonderful winter activities and be briefed on the remaining winter events. We will get together at 6:30 pm for hors d'oeuvres and wine. Please notify Carol by **December 30th** if you will be attending, 926-6320 (after December 1st) or email at carolcampbell@cs.com. Hope to see you!

### Ski Trip to Winter Park

**Tuesday-Thursday, January 12-14**

Yes! We had such fun the last 6 years that we are repeating this event. Thanks again to Marlene Kearney we will have the opportunity for the seventh time to enjoy the comfort of the private ski-in ski-out at the Arlberg Club in Winter Park. Come join us for 3 days of skiing and snowshoeing. You arrive Tuesday morning, park at the club and start your day. Lunch is on you that day. Appetizers and dinner will be served at the club that night. Three meals on Wednesday, and breakfast and lunch on Thursday are provided. Bring your own alcoholic beverages. The club has 22 private, double occupancy rooms, each with a private bath. There is also a large gathering room, a hot tub, sauna, dining room and kitchen (staffed!). Marlene can get discount lift tickets...let her know. For those who have not been to the club before, she will send directions and the gate combination. Marlene will be at the club Tuesday morning with room assignments and tickets. The cost is \$138.80 per person per night for the lodging plus meals. This is a great price but we need to receive your check by **January 1st**. Your check is your reservation. Send your check (made out to Marlene Kearney) to 1460 Ridge Lane #B, Vail, CO 81657. For questions, call Marlene at 476-6928 or email mckearney@Q.com.

### Potluck Dinner & Karaoke

**Tuesday, January 19**

Let's get together for a Potluck Dinner and Karaoke! This will be a fun evening with Vail Club 50! We have reserved the Eagle-Vail Pavilion for Tuesday, January 19 at 6:30 pm. The Karaoke Crush will be our entertainment. The club will provide a main dish and you will bring an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert to share and bring the beverage of your choice. There will be no cost for this event!

To assist in coordinating the "menu", call **Anne Schubert at 748-8475 by January 10** and let her know what food you will be bringing. This will also let us know how many will be attending.



### I MUSICI DE MONTREAL

**Saturday, February 6**

The Vilar Arts Center is offering Vail Club 50 members 2 for 1 tickets for the I MUSICI DE MONTREAL's performance of Mussorgsky's "Pictures of an Exhibition" featuring choreographed paintings on large screen projection. The performance begins at 6:30 pm and tickets are \$55. Send checks by **January 25th** to Marcia McCalden, PO Box 29, Wolcott, CO 81655.

### Super Bowl Party

**Sunday, February 7**

Will there be an even more exciting Super Bowl game than last year? Come cheer, eat, drink, and enjoy the football frenzy of Super Bowl XLIV with your Vail Club 50 friends. Balata with its great setting and terrific food will once again be the site of the festivities. The party begins at 3 pm. An appetizer buffet will kick things off and will be served until halftime. Dinner fit for a Super Bowl Champion will then be served. Betting pools will be available, so if you're lucky you can go home with some extra cash.

### Super Bowl Party--Cont.

Cost for members is \$34 and guests are \$42. Alcoholic beverages, including beer and wine, are separate. Balata is located at the Sonnenalp Golf Club in Singletree. Please make checks out to Vail Club 50 and send them to Ken and Nancy Berg, PO Box 912, Edwards, CO 81632. **The deadline is January 15**. Space is limited and there was a sell-out crowd last year, so please send your checks in early. Please contact Ken or Nancy Berg at 926-9853 or Bill or Jody Burnette at 926-9745 with your questions.



### Shrine Mountain Hut Trip

**Monday & Tuesday, February 8 & 9**

Vail Club 50 has booked two Shrine Mountain huts above Vail Pass for this year's snowshoe trip. If you haven't done this before, you've missed out on a lot of fun, great wintertime activities and spectacular views at 11,209 feet. The "huts" are actually well-appointed cabins with beds, kitchens, hot and cold running water, showers, lights and sauna. You will bring your own sleeping bag to use on top of the bed. While some activities are planned, small groups can and do get together for special-interest activities such as cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, playing games or relaxing in the sauna. The cost is \$125 per person for 2 nights lodging. We bring in our own food, and everyone will be asked to bring certain dishes. Each cabin will chip in for adult beverages and breakfasts. Massages are extra. Because we have only two cabins, space is limited to the first 24 who sign up. **Early reservations are recommended**, and we will start a waiting list, if needed. Make your check payable to Vail Club 50 and send to Sharon Greene, PO Box 3849, Avon, CO 81620. In case you cancel, you will receive a refund only if someone from the waiting list takes your place. For questions, call Don or Sharon Greene at 949-4016, Ray or Jan Cartade at 926-8435 or Charlie Sherwood at 476-7545.

## The Happy Vailee

### Game Night At Paddy's

**Thursday, February 11**

Come to Paddy's for a fun evening of "National TV Network (NTN) Trivia". If you have never played this game, you are in for a treat. It's competitive either within our group or nationally, or just compete with yourself to determine what you know and what you don't know. We will plan to start at 6 pm with cocktails and "training" with a buffet dinner to start at about 6:30. Play can continue throughout dinner. We will have Lasagna (meat or vegetarian), pasta with three different sauces, Caesar salad, garlic toast, ice cream sundaes, and soft drinks--all for \$16. Cash bar. How can you beat that? Send your check, payable to Vail Club 50 to Barbara Hibben, PO Box 2385, Edwards, CO 81632. For questions, contact Barbara at bhikken2@comcast.net or call at 926-0308. Space is limited so...first come, first served! Paddy's is located on the north side of Highway 6 in Eagle-Vail.

### Night Skiing At Keystone

**Thursday, March 4**

Since the ski train to Mary Jane is no longer running, let's get on a bus for a fun filled evening of night skiing and dinner at Keystone on March 4th. You can stand on your skis and watch the sun set and then ski until dinner time. After dinner you will hop back onto the bus and you can snooze all the way back to Vail. Depending on how many sign-up, we will have one or more buses. Based on full bus(es) the cost is \$22 per person for the bus transportation. Call John Merritt if you plan to attend 512-924-9366 or jmmerrittarc@yahoo.com. **Deadline for sign-up is February 24<sup>th</sup>**.



### Wine Tasting

**Tuesday, March 9**

This is the third annual wine tasting event and has become a favorite with all who have attended in the past 2 years. Plan to join your friends in this fun filled social event. The program is patterned similar to that of the Potluck Dinners. If you are interested, please sign up with Jane and Mike Reisinger at 926-9873 or reisingerm@aol.com. Let them know if you would like to be a host or a guest. Guests will be designated among the hosts' homes so that each tasting group is 8 to 10 people. Each guest individual or couple provides a bottle of wine according to the theme selected by the host. The theme could be a country/region--France, Italy, South Africa, Washington State, for example--or a grape varietal such as Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, etc. Wines are to cost in the \$20-30 range, at the discretion of the participant. Also, host and guests are to provide an appetizer complementing the wine. **The deadline for signing up is February 22nd.**

### Silverplume Melodrama

**Date in April to be Announced**

If you have never been to a Melodrama this is your chance! This is one of the most unbelievable productions you will ever see. It has been going on for over 25 years. The entire population of Silverplume, Colorado participates in the production of an original play or pitches in and helps you make your own sandwich and ice cream sundae. The event will start at 6 pm and the cost is \$35. As soon as the theater announces the dates, we will notify you by email. The event coordinator is Patti Rasmussen at paramussen@aol.com 303-918-0740 (email preferred). We will meet at 4:30 pm and carpool, if you like.

### Rafting Down the Grand Canyon

**May 26-31**

This is back by popular request. The club members who took this trip in 2003 said it was the trip of a lifetime! We are going down the Colorado River again, one of the premier rafting trips in the west. The 5 night, 6 day Grand Canyon trip combines world-class whitewater with breathtaking scenery to make one unforgettable high adventure experience. The package includes transfer to the Colorado River at Lee's Ferry Crossing from Marble Canyon, AZ; 6 days on the river in a 14 person, 5 pontoon boat; 2 or 3 expert guides per boat; complete camping equipment including cot, sleeping bag, camp chair, etc.; 3 gourmet meals a day plus snacks; helicopter ride out of the canyon; return flight by charter plane to Marble Canyon; and a full moon guaranteed on May 27th. Mike Yaccino, who has made 2 previous Grand Canyon trips with the club, is the coordinator. You can email questions to him at ciaomichael@centurytel.net. The cost is \$2,502 per person plus tips for the guides. The river outfitter's site is [www.westernriver.com](http://www.westernriver.com). Check it out!

### Hiking and Biking Leader Meetings

An email announcement will be sent to all of you hikers and bikers for planning meetings that will be held in February. At the meetings you will plan your hikes and rides, and designate leaders for the days.

