

# The Happy Vailee

Winter 2010-2011

## President's Message

This club is so unique, successful, and enriching to the lifestyle of the members that we celebrated the club history in August at the Presidents' Dinner Dance. Many of the past-presidents attended and were honored that evening. The prior evening our past-presidents recounted some of their favorite club memories. Fred Rupp, our president-elect captured information at that lively conversation and has written the "History of Vail Club 50" for inclusion in this newsletter.

Two of our key Board members, Fred Rupp and Yvonne Rupp, retired at summer's end. We thank them for all of the talent contributed and thoughtful work they did for the club. The demanding position of Social Chairman has been replaced by two chairpersons, one for summer and one for winter season. Assisting the Board in a new function is the club Archivist. We have boxes of information in various members' basements. Our Archivist will collect and compile an organized history of the club.

A change has been made to the membership process. In the past, each member mailed in their paper membership form; which required someone to type their information into our database. Each member's information was then dissected into name and address files by "interests" for use by sports coordinators and social chairpersons. The work of compiling and creating multiple files became so great that it begged for an automated solution. An on-line membership form was developed and tested over the summer and used for the first time in the fall 2010 membership sign-up. There have been "bumps in the road," but for the majority of the members it worked very well. One of the "big bumps" was the discovery of members who had changed their email addresses, not informed us, and did not receive the renewal information. Please notify the Membership Chairman when you change your address so that you will receive club announcements; including our social activities and sports activities; an on-line link to the newsletter; and the yearly membership renewal form. We have a year now to get rid of the bumps; and hopefully, the new process will serve us all well next fall. A big thanks to Jenny Rink for designing the system, Marion Laughlin for running our test, and Karen Pope for stepping in as Membership Chairman and using the new system for the first time.

In this newsletter you will find that our Social Chairman and Social Committee have planned a very exciting winter season for us to enjoy. I wish you safe and happy skiing, shoeing, dancing, socializing and partying. See you out there!!

*Carol Campbell, President*

## Summer Highlights 2010

The Golf Outing in May to Grand Junction was attended by 24 members. **Pat and Jim Bain** organized this great two day event in a beautiful setting. On June 3, a group of Vail Club 50 members celebrated the beginning of summer at Asian Spice Bistro in Edwards, hosted by **Jenny and Joe Rink**. All enjoyed the comradeship of fellow club members. The Great Sand Dunes and Taos Tour were delightful. Thanks to **Michael and Irene Yaccino** for chairing the event. Summer Solstice Party was held at The Vista Restaurant in Arrowhead on June 21 and was hosted by **Fred and Yvonne Rupp**. Almost 100 members attended, many wearing their crazy hats. New Members Party held on July 8<sup>th</sup> was hosted by **Carol Campbell and Al Aronowitz**. This semi-annual gathering acquaints new members with board members and all the activities the club offers. July 12-14 took us to the Crested Butte Wildflower Festival. Hosted by **Greta Blamire**, hiking, golf and sightseeing were enjoyed by all. Our annual breakfast at the Wolcott Yacht Club on July 23 was once again a big hit. Thanks to **Bruce and Helen Beckwith** for putting this together. Brand new this summer was a Square Dance evening on July 26 at the Eagle-Vail Pavilion. There was great enthusiasm for this event, planned and hosted by **Elaine Gelvin**. More square dances are planned this winter. Potluck Dinners returned this summer. Organizers **Lois Schwager and Dyann Linger** reported great participation and lots of fun was had by all. Thanks to the organizers and all the hosts. The annual Presidents' Dinner Dance, held on August 15, was attended by many former



## ACTIVITY CALENDAR

*Please make prompt reservations*

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presidents of the club. More than 180 other Vail Club 50 members were at the party, held at the McCoy Ballroom at the Park Hyatt. **Pat** and **Larry Stewart** hosted this great event. On August 26, **Mary Anne Metternick** and **Leila White** coordinated an Old Fashioned Picnic at the Singletree Community Center. Many members brought their favorite picnic dishes for an afternoon of fun and conversation. The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf and Tennis Outing was once again a very popular event. This year the event was held at the Cordillera Valley Club and a great time was had by all. In the tennis competition that day, **Richard Leslie** was once again the winner in the men's division. There was a four way tie among the women, but the three prizes were awarded to **Loretta Mathison, Felicia Nassi** and **Eileen Sordi**. Thanks to **Peter** and **Donna Rosenberg** for chairing this great activity, with co-chairs **Patti Rasmussen** and **Mary Lamb Lucas**. Sightseeing "Around Colorado Springs," co-chaired by **Pat Bain** and **Sue Rewold**, was September 21-23. There was so much to see, so much to do and the weather cooperated even on Pike's Peak! Dinner at the historic Craftwood Inn was a perfect complement to the activities. The Cedaredge Apple Festival on October 1-3 was the perfect event to end a wonderful summer. We golfed, we hiked, and we enjoyed a delicious festival. We thank **Roger Kleen** and **Jack Lee** for their superb organization. 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.



**Jane Reisinger and Pat Bain**  
*Summer Social Chairmen*

### Tennis Program 2010

We kicked off the 2010 Tennis program on June 4, a beautiful, sunny Thursday morning, complete with continental breakfast. With numerous sunny days, we had another successful and fun year. From June through August, we typically had 24 to 28 players at 8 a.m. and 16 to 20 players at 10 a.m. We continued to play during September at 10 a.m. thanks to **Ron Moos**, coordinator extraordinaire. The season would not have been successful without the tireless efforts of **Mary Lamb Lucas** and **Patti Rasmussen**. Looking forward to next year, **Chuck Bailey** will be the 8 a.m. coordinator and **Patti Rasmussen** will continue with her efforts for



the 10 a.m. group. The summer/fall season concluded September 29th the same as it started – tennis, sunshine, refreshments and camaraderie.

**Patti Rasmussen and Mary Lamb Lucas**  
*Tennis Chairmen*

### Biking Program 2010

We had a very full and interesting schedule of bike rides this summer and wonderful participation from riders and volunteer leaders. Our rides were mostly moderate road bike routes, ranging from flat 'n easy to somewhat difficult. **John Carr** led one "pure" mountain bike ride; we will try for more next year. Most rides ended up with a happy crowd sitting around a picnic table or at a nice friendly cafe for lunch—great group of people and great fun.

Many things stand out this summer: **Suzette Newman's** one way Aspen ride, **Pat** and **Larry Stewart's** super duper picnic/Vail Pass ride, **Babbie Van Dyk's** rides over in Summit and Lake Counties and, of course,

• **Patsy Rowe's** Brush Creek ride with lunch at  
 • Adam's Rib (45 bikers vastly outnumbering  
 • the four actual golfers we saw at lunch).  
 • In addition, I want to thank all the other lead-  
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 • ping up and  
 • helping out  
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 • mer: **Karen  
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 • dePaolo,  
 • Bernie  
 • Schwartz,  
 • Chuck Bailey, Alice Boone, Ed & Hope  
 • Tudanger, John Merritt, Lois Bruce, Peter  
 • Rosenberg, Sue Kuntz, and Greta Blamire.**  
 • I look forward to another summer of working  
 • with such a wonderful group of people. It's  
 • fun to plan and lead a ride, so please volun-  
 • teer to lead a ride in the 2011 season.



**Rich Freyberg**  
*Biking Chairman*

### Hiking Program 2010

This summer's hiking program had something for everyone. The Hares tested their mettle on peaks such as Notch Mountain and Mt. Thomas. The Tortoises were challenged by Mohawk Lakes and Whitney



Lakes, but also enjoyed more mellow hikes such as an historical walk

around Camp Hale, so popular that it was offered twice! In all, we offered 37 hikes! Organizers **Louise Willimann** for the Tortoises and **Helena Leslie** for the Hares would like to thank all of our leaders, who provided participants with a well-organized, safe and thoroughly enjoyable experience in our beautiful mountains.

They are: **Roger Kleen, Pat Bain, Fred Rupp, Jim and Sue Ferraco, Jennifer Cakir, Louise Willimann, Sherry Luhman, Jon Schwartz, Dean and Linda Wolz, Bruce and Mary Clare Williams, Lynn Anderson, Lois Schwager, Nancy**



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**Alexander and David Staat, Leila White, Lois Bruce and John Merritt, Will and Michele Darken, Sue Kuntz and Don Carrell, Chris Matlon, Todd Nathan, Magrit Brinker, Abby Dixon, Holly Gill, Marlin Smickley, Suzanne Padilla, and Don and Marion Laughlin, Susan Clark, Eileen Sordi, and Joyce Chizmadia.**

Helena and Louise will be getting in touch with hikers in March to plan the 2011 season. We very much hope that some of our enthusiastic "followers" will take the lead next summer. In 2010 some people led two or even three hikes. Please help us broaden the base.

*Louise Willmann and Helena Leslie  
Hiking Chairmen*

## WINTER ACTIVITIES

*Some events fill up before the deadlines, please mail your check early to ensure your reservation*

### Après Ski Party

**Tuesday, December 7, 2010  
Colorado Ski Museum, Vail  
3:00 - 5:30 p.m.**

Kick off the 2010-2011 winter season at the wonderful Colorado Ski Museum, located in the Vail Village parking structure. Thanks to our chair, Linda Hryckowian-Finn, we again explore vintage skis, period ski garments and the history of our sport while partaking of hors d'oeuvres and sipping wine, beer or soft drinks. There is a \$5.00 charge for members and \$8.00 for non-members, payable at the door. **For information, contact Linda Hryckowian-Finn at 970-926-3642, email lhwhiskers@aol.com.**

### Snowmass Ski Trip

**Monday-Wednesday,  
December 13-15, 2010  
Snowmass Mountain Chalet**

Enjoy two nights lodging at this cozy chalet. The rate is \$125/night per room including hot breakfast and soup for lunch. The Chalet will host a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception on Monday at 4:30 p.m. On Tuesday, December 14, we will host our

own après ski party in the lunch room at 4:30 p.m. Please bring munchies to share and your own beverage.

To make your reservations contact Snowmass Mountain Chalet, P.O. Box 5066 Snowmass Village, Colorado 81615, 970-923-3900, Fax 970-923-3650. A 50% deposit is due when making your reservation



and the remainder is due 45 days before arrival. The most convenient parking is in the hotel, but space is limited. Check when you make your reservation. After making your reservation, please email **Bruce Williams** so he can add your name to his contact list: **bmwilliams100@yahoo.com, 970-949-0561.**

You may purchase a Classic Ski Pass which includes 6 days of skiing for \$259;



or seniors 70+ may purchase an Escape Pass for \$189 which entitles you to purchase a daily pass for \$19. These picture passes must be bought in person the first time. For dates and locations call 970-923-1227 or online at: [www.aspensnowmass.com/classicpass](http://www.aspensnowmass.com/classicpass). To use the extra ski days on your pass, see additional planned trips below.

### Add'l Snowmass Ski Trips

**Tuesday-Thursday, January 11-13, 2011  
Tuesday-Thursday, February, 15-17, 2011  
Tuesday-Thursday, March 15-17, 2011**

If you didn't get to go in December or want to do it again, Roger Kleen is leading additional trips to Snowmass. Accommodations will again be at the Snowmass Mountain Chalet. The cost is \$135 per night with a reception the first night. Please make your reservation with the hotel as listed under the description for the December trip; then contact **Roger Kleen** so he can add your name to his list:

**vailrog@yahoo.com or 970-748-8964.**

### Holiday Gala

**Sunday, December 19, 2010  
Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort  
6:00-10:30 p.m.**

Join us for Vail Club 50's most elegant and popular event of the year! This black tie (optional) gala begins with check-in and a cash bar at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Dinner includes a salad and a choice of beef short ribs, seared halibut, or handmade tagliatelle pasta and dessert.



*Tina and the Millionaires*

will provide music for your dancing pleasure. Valet parking costs \$14.00; or park free at Village Hall. You will get your Village Hall parking ticket validation when you check your coat. Table seating selection and



sign-in will be done only after check-in. The cost of this wonderful evening is \$45.00 per member

and \$65.00 per non-member. Do send your checks early, as this event will sell out. Indicate your meal choice when you send your check.

**Make check payable to Vail Club 50 and send to Judy Pecsok, 4521 Silver Gate Dr. Castle Rock CO 80108. Please get your checks to Judy by the deadline, Friday, December 7, 2010.** For questions, call Tom and Judy Pecsok at 970-926-4862 or 303-660-0992. Email [jzpecsok@msn.com](mailto:jzpecsok@msn.com).

### New Year's Day Brunch

**Saturday, January 1, 2011  
Nine Iron Grill, Cordillera Valley Club  
11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Don't stay up too late celebrating so that you can join us to welcome in the New Year

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with a scrumptious brunch. A wide array of items will be served including Eggs Benedict; mimosas and other drinks can be purchased. Big screen TVs are prevalent so don't worry



about missing the game. The cost is \$20.00 for members and \$35.00 for non-members.

The registration deadline is **December 15, 2010. Make checks payable to Abby Dixon, P.O. Box 2865, Edwards CO, 81632.** Contact Abby at 970-926-1581, abbydixon@centurytel.net. Due to space available, we are limited to 60 people, so please reserve early.

For our more energetic members, a 9:30 a.m. snowshoe at the Cordillera Valley Golf Course will precede brunch. Please tell Abby if you plan to snowshoe and whether you are a Tortoise or Hare.

### New Members' Party

**Monday, January 10, 2011  
6:30 – 9:30 p.m.**

This event is for new Vail Club 50 members who joined for the first time in 2010/2011 and have not yet attended a New Members' Party. This cocktail party is hosted by Carol Campbell and Al Aronowitz. Meet the club Board of Directors, winter sports coordinators, share interests, and enjoy some quality social time. We will get together at 6:30 for wine and hors d'oeuvres. **There is no cost for this event. Please notify Nancy Alexander by January 5 if you will be attending. Call 970-926-3087 or email nalexander2005@comcast.net.** You will be given a location and driving directions at that time.

### Winter Park

#### Ski/Snowshoe Trip

**Arlberg Club, Winter Park**

**Tuesday – Thursday,  
January 11 – 13, 2011**

Join us for 3 days of skiing and snowshoeing and enjoy the comfort of this

private, ski-in, ski-out club. You arrive Tuesday morning, lunch will be served that day and appetizers and dinner that night.

Also included are three meals on Wednesday and breakfast on Thursday. Bring your own alcoholic beverages.



The club has 22 private rooms with baths. There is a large gathering room, dining room and staffed kitchen; a hot tub and sauna are



available. The price per person is \$277.50, and includes lodging and 6

meals. Your check is your reservation. **Deadline for reservations is December 30, 2010. Make checks payable to Vail Club 50 and send to Marlene Kearney, 1460 Ridge Lane # B, Vail, CO, 81657.** For questions, call Marlene at 970-476-6928 or mckearney@q.com.

### Square Dancing

**January 19 and March 23, 2011  
6:00-9:30 p.m.**

Back by popular demand, we will be square dancing again this winter! The January 19 event will be at Eagle-Vail Pavilion and the March 23 location will be announced when we know how large the attendance will be. The Caller will lead the dancers through the basics for the first half hour (no experience necessary) so it is recommended that everyone be there by 6 p.m. The charge for an evening of fun is \$10. Please bring an appetizer or dessert, and your choice of beverage. **Please have your reservations submitted 2 weeks before each event. Make checks payable to Vail Club 50 and mail to Chuck Bailey, P.O. Box 306, Edwards, CO 81632.** Tell Chuck if you plan to attend both square dance evenings. Contact Chuck at 415-383-9797 or chuckski970@aol.com.

### Night Skiing at Keystone Resort

**Tuesday, January 25, 2011**

The moon will be bright so why not try a little night skiing and dinner at Keystone? When we know the number of participants we will email details on meeting time, location, and transportation plans. **Contact Patsy Rowe at 857-498-0706 or rowepatricia@hotmail.com** if you plan to attend.

### Super Bowl XLV

**Sunday, February 6, 2011**

**Balata in Singletree**

**3:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Are you ready for some football? Your favorite team may be playing for the



Lombardi Trophy this year! An appetizer buffet kicks things off and will

be served until half time, followed by a dinner fit for a Super Bowl champion! Betting pools will be available for those with extra cash.

The event costs \$25.00 for members and \$39.00 for guests. Alcoholic beverages are not included but a cash bar is available. Balata is located at the Sonnenalp Golf Course in Singletree. **Reservation deadline is January 25. Please make your checks payable to Vail Club 50 and mail to co-chairs Judd & Gretchen Babcock, P.O. Box 2277, Edwards, CO 81632.** Email Gretchen at g2gayton@aol.com. Kim and Bill Cox are also co-chairing the event and may be contacted at 970-926-3316, kimandbillcox@comcast.net. Please reserve early for food planning purposes.

### Shrine Mountain Hut Trip

**Monday – Wednesday,  
February 7-9, 2011**

Vail Club 50 has booked two Shrine Mountain huts above Vail Pass for this year's snowshoe / XC ski trip. If you haven't done

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this before, you've missed out on a lot of fun, great wintertime activities and spectacular views at 11,209 feet. This is your chance to join in the activities and find out what everybody's been talking about! The "huts" are actually well-appointed cabins with beds,



kitchens, hot and cold running water, showers, lights, a sauna and a masseuse

are available! You will bring your own sleeping bag to use on top of the bed.

We'll meet Monday morning, February 7 at Vail Pass and then snowshoe or cross-country ski 2.7 miles on a marked trail to the hut. A snow cat carries our gear. On Wednesday, we return to Vail Pass.

The cost is \$125 per person for two nights lodging. We bring our own food and everyone will be asked to bring certain dishes. Each cabin will chip in for adult beverages and breakfasts. Space is limited to the first 24 who sign up. Early reservations are recommended, this trip always fills.

**Deadline for Reservations is January 17. Make your check payable to Vail Club 50 and send to Charlie Sherwood, P.O. Box 7535, Avon, CO 81620.** For questions call Charlie at 970-476-7545 or 703-447-3390 or charlie-ski@peoplepc.com.

### Puttin' on the Ritz

**Monday, February 14, 2011  
The Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch  
6:00-10:30 p.m.**

Put on something red and fancy to enjoy a luxurious Valentine's evening of dinner and dancing to The Harry Baxter Band. The



chef, who has worked with Wolfgang Puck for over 19 years, will prepare a chicken

or vegetarian dinner complete with a warm apple tart with vanilla bean ice cream. Check in and cash bar at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

The cost is \$50.00 for members and \$85.00 for non-members. Valet parking is \$15.00, or park free at the Wolf lot with a hotel shuttle to the front door. Singles tables are planned so note that request on your check. Also, please note if you prefer a vegetarian meal.

**The deadline for receipt of checks is February 1. However, this event may fill before that date, so send your check early. Make checks payable to Vail Club 50 and mail to Pam Starr, P.O. Box 1709, Edwards, CO, 81632.** Contact Pam or Jim Starr, 970-926-6051 or sirus210@comcast.net for information. We strongly encourage car pooling to avoid a wait for valet parking service.

### Ski Treasure Hunt

**Tuesday, March 1, 2011  
Vail Mountain  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

This event is always lots of fun! All the runs we ski are blue or green, but you need to be at a blue skier level to participate. Meet at 9 a.m. for your team assignment and a brief instructional meeting. You will be out the door at 9:30 ready to follow the clues.

Après ski starts at 2:30 with a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and prize awards. Cost for members is \$12 and \$20 for non-members.

Information on the meeting place and restaurant for after hunt activities will be announced by email. Make your reservations early. **The check deadline is February 15. Make checks payable to Vail Club 50 and mail to Cowden Ward, Box 6804, Avon, CO 81620.** Contact Cowden at 970-949-1272, cw@cwsky.net for more information.



### Pot Luck Dinners

**Tuesday, March 8, 2011  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

What a fun way to counteract any winter doldrums, touch base with old friends and make new ones while enjoying a delicious dinner! The



host provides the house, plans the menu and prepares a course. Guests are designated to a home and contacted by the host. They bring the course requested by the host (appetizer, entrée, salad or dessert for eight), a bottle of wine to share or beverage of their choice. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

**If you would like to host a dinner, please contact Lois Schwager or Dyann Linger ASAP. Lois, 970-949-0988 or lingersfam@cs.com, and Dyann, 970-845-7071 or loiss66@hotmail.com. Call by February 14<sup>th</sup> to attend a dinner.**

We have had hosts cancel at the last minute – unfair to all. Please make this a firm commitment if you agree to host a dinner at your home.

### Moonlight Snowshoe

**Monday, March 14, 2011  
Timber Hearth Grille in Cordillera  
6:00-9:00 p.m.**

Enjoy snowshoeing in the moonlight followed by a hearty bowl of stew (vegetarian or beef), rolls and dessert. There will be a Hare and a Tortoise group so join the one that fits your speed. The Hare group will snowshoe a greater distance so both groups will finish at approximately the same time. Be sure to carry water and bring a head lamp to help you see at night. It will be an exhilarating time followed by an opportunity to sit by the fire and talk with friends.

The cost is \$20.00. **Reservation deadline is February 10. Make your check payable to Vail Club 50 and send to Jim Nielsen, P.O. Box 1533, Avon, CO 81620.** Contact Jim and Joyce Nielsen jjnielsen@centurytel.net or 970-569-3683 for more information.



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## Bowling Party

**Thursday, March 31, 2011  
bolvail at Solaris Hotel, Vail  
6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Bowling has never been more upscale than at bolvail in the beautiful Solaris Hotel. You don't have to be a good bowler to come and have fun with us! The price is \$25.00 and includes games, shoes and delicious food. Plan to arrive by 6 p.m. so you can pick-up your team assignments, bowling shoes and ball, and take a few practice shots before we begin bowling promptly at 6:30. **Checks must be received by March 15. Cancellations cannot be made after March 22 without having a replacement. Make check payable to Vail Club 50 and mail to Lois Bruce at 350 Kensington Dr. Cordillera, CO 81632.** For more information contact Lois at [ldbruce2445@gmail.com](mailto:ldbruce2445@gmail.com).

## The 33rd Annual George Downing Original Musical Melodrama with Dinner

**Early April 2011 (when theater announces the dates)**

Come join this trip to Silver Plume to hiss and boo at the villain and cheer for the hero and heroine at a melodrama performed by the incomparable Plume Players. If you have never been to a melodrama this is your chance! The entire community of Silver Plume participates in the production of an original play or pitches in to help you make your own sandwich and ice cream sundae. The event will start at 6 p.m. and the cost is \$35. On the date of the event, we will meet at 4:30 p.m. and carpool if you like. BYOB and appetizers to enjoy before the meal is served. **Make checks payable to Vail Club 50 and mail to Patti Rasmussen, 2883 Timber Creek Dr. B7, Vail, CO 81657.** Contact Patti Rasmussen at [parasmussen@aol.com](mailto:parasmussen@aol.com), 303-918-0740 (email preferred).



## Evening at Vilar

**Dates to Be Announced**

Tom and Marcia McCalden have graciously arranged to coordinate evenings for Vail Club 50 at performances at the Vilar Performing Arts Center. On these evenings, we will be offered a great performance and tickets at a price of 2 for 1. When the performances are selected, an email will be sent.



## Plan Ahead for 2012

### Rafting the Grand Canyon

**May 8- 13, 2012**

Is the Grand Canyon on your Bucket List? A Vail Club 50 Grand Canyon trip is on the calendar for 2012. The club members who took this excursion in 2010 said it was



the trip of a lifetime! The 5 night, 6 day Grand Canyon float combines world

class whitewater with breathtaking scenery to make one unforgettable high adventure experience. The package includes: Transfer to the Colo. 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.

The cost is approximately \$2,700 per person plus tips for the guides. We're currently developing a list of those interested. **Let Betsy Hill know if you want to be included. Her email is [hillranch@comcast.net](mailto:hillranch@comcast.net).** The river outfitter's site is [www.westernriver.com](http://www.westernriver.com). Check it out!

## SKI PROGRAM 2010-2011

### Liability & Guests

The sports programs are for Vail Club 50 members. A member is welcome to bring a guest; but the guest must sign a Liability Waiver at the beginning of the event. Event leaders will have the Liability Waivers with them. We limit non-member participations to two sporting events for the season.

### DOWNHILL SKIING

#### Opening December 7, 2010

Join Vail Club 50 for skiing this season beginning Tuesday, December 7 with the opening ski party starting at 3 p.m. at the Colorado Ski Museum. We'll ski this season on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Vail and Saturdays at Beaver Creek.

Skiers group themselves by ability level and there will be leaders for each group.

However, in order to keep the groups small and manageable, we may ask



for on-the-spot volunteers to lead. Our group definitions are as follows:

**Double Diamond**—This is our hard-core, back bowl, powder hounds, anything goes group.

**Blue/ Black**—Skis similar terrain to the above group but at a more moderate pace.

**Blue**—Groomed trails, but they let their skis r-u-n. (If there is interest in a lower level group, let us know and we will try to coordinate a group for you). At the short meeting before skiing each morning, our designated leaders will describe where they plan to take their groups, and where they plan to meet for lunch. Your decision as to which group to join should be based on your ability as well as the snow conditions. Selecting the right group for your ability will greatly improve your enjoyment of skiing with Vail Club 50.

**Meeting Time:** Meet at 9:15, out the door at 9:30. Please remember that we are very punctual!

**Place: Tuesdays & Thursdays:** Look



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Ma Restaurant at Mid-Vail. **Saturdays:** Spruce Saddle at Beaver Creek ONLY through December. Beginning in January, we will be meeting at the Broken Arrow in Arrowhead. **Note:** There will be no scheduled VC 50 ski days during the



Christmas Holidays or the three-day Martin Luther King and President's Day weekends.

We will send updates via email. If you feel you are not receiving emails, send a message to Patsy Rowe, Ski Program Co-Chair, at rowepatricia@hotmail.com and ask to be included on her list. Also, be sure to check our website [www.vailclub50.com](http://www.vailclub50.com) for updates and changes.

**Ski Leaders Needed!** Our program depends on volunteer leaders. Patsy Rowe and Jon Myers will coordinate the program but they need your help. If you enjoyed skiing with the club in the past, **we encourage you to volunteer to lead a group.** If all of our current leaders continue to contribute and we get some new people to come forward, we should be able to cover the season!

**Leader Sign-Up Party:** Tuesday, November 30, 6 p.m. at Patsy's home, 950 Red Sandstone Rd, Unit 16, Vail. Call Patsy 857-498-0706, or email rowepatricia@hotmail.com to attend or to volunteer even if you can't attend. We will provide lasagna and salad; you bring your beverages, your calendar and an appetizer or dessert. This meeting is usually very social as well as very productive. **We need YOU!**

**Ski Leader Training:** What do I do once I volunteer to be a leader? We offer an on mountain, "how to" training session for new volunteers and veterans alike. This session will be held **Thursday, December 2, 9:15, Look Ma Restaurant, Vail Mountain.**

**Ongoing Après Ski Parties** will be in Vail at the Christiania, 2:30 p.m., on Tuesdays. Beginning in January, we will meet for après ski on Saturdays at the Broken Arrow in Arrowhead at 2:30 p.m.

**Ski Race:** Our annual NASTAR race is scheduled for the last Thursday in February, followed by the race party (which is the whole reason we have the race anyway!). Details will be forthcoming.

## CROSS COUNTRY SKIING Opening January 7, 2011

As we approach our 3rd season, our cross country group continues to grow in numbers and enthusiasm. We'll ski on Fridays this year, our



outings averaging 5 miles and usually taking about 3-4 hours. Our first ski on January 7 will be the Mineral Belt Trail in Leadville. On January 14, we'll go to Mayflower Gulch just beyond Copper Mountain. Both of these outings are suitable for beginners. If snow conditions permit, we may ski earlier in the season.

No special equipment is needed for our events other than cross country skis which can be rented at the Vail or Beaver Creek Nordic Center, or the Bag and Pack shop in Avon. Please remember, our terrain is more suited to wider cross country skis than those used for "track" skiing at Nordic Centers. Telemark skis can also be used.

The remaining schedule will be posted on the Vail Club 50 website later this fall. In addition, email will be sent to those that have expressed an interest in XC. If you do not receive an email and/or would like to be added



to the cross country list, please email **Patsy Rowe at rowepatricia@hotmail.com or call her at 857-498-0706.** We look forward to a wonderful season and hope to see you out there!

## SNOWSHOEING Opening January 5, 2011

Our opening day is a Wednesday and with few exceptions, we'll snowshoe every Wednesday through March. For example, the Hut Trip is planned for Monday, February 7 this year, there's a moonlight snowshoe on Monday, March 14 with possibilities for additional moonlight snowshoes. Some events will include lunch; others will be tailgate or sack lunches. If a check for the event is required, please mail early to insure your reservation.

Our leaders will email you of the time and place of our outings at least 2 weeks in advance. Please do not contact the leader until you receive the email about the outing. If you are not receiving emails or would like to be added to the snowshoe list, contact **Will or Michele Darken at willhdarken@aol.com, or 970-926-2330.** See you this winter!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Quilting

Have you often admired the craft and artistry of a quilt and thought you might like to learn that skill? If you're looking for a unique way to strengthen friendships and get those creative juices flowing, consider joining the Vail Club 50 Beginning Quilt Group! You will meet once a month and be taught the basics of quilting: selecting patterns and fabrics, block construction, quilt assembly, and quilting the final product—all of the intricacies of quilting. You do need a sewing machine, general sewing supplies, a cutting mat, quilting ruler, and a rotary cutter. The group's first meeting will be Monday, November 15. **If you are interested in attending, please contact Sharon Friedman at 970-926-1133 or Nancy Alexander at 970-926-3087.**

### Mah Jong Year Round

**Mondays 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Anyone interested in participating in this exciting game can join us on Mondays at 1:00. Players of all ability levels are welcome. The game rotates houses. To sign up and join the group contact **Gini Oldenburg**

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970-352-6881 or 303-868-3667 (cell) or email [samolden@aol.com](mailto:samolden@aol.com) or Pat Bain, 970-926-3260, [patjim01@centurytel.net](mailto:patjim01@centurytel.net).

## Website: [www.vailclub50.com](http://www.vailclub50.com)

The club website is a wonderful information and picture experience. Many of our best club moments are captured in pictures and shown on the club website. Check it out; you may see your photo there! Not only can you view photos from past events but also download the newsletter, access the membership form for joining or rejoining the club, access the liability waiver (which must be signed by guests before participating in a sports event), and link to change your mailing or email address. Our Webmaster, Jenny Rink, does a masterful job of managing our site.

## Sunshine

Jane Reisinger is our "Sunshine" lady. Please call her at 970-926-9873 if you know of any member who is seriously ill or injured so that we can send some cheer their way.

## Club History

We would like to preserve essential records of the club to serve as a collective memory of this special organization and to serve as an important resource for the future. Our Archivist, Shary Balius, whose professional career included working with several large historical archives at the University of Michigan, has agreed to assist in creating our historical files and in indexing the materials for ease of access. She is seeking items from you to populate this single comprehensive collection. If you have history of past club years in the form of papers/records, photographs with dates, films with date and place, video tapes, or electronic records, please contact Shary, [sbalius@umich.edu](mailto:sbalius@umich.edu), to see if they should be archived.

## Photographs

If you take photos of a club event we hope you will make them available to our photo history files and website. Please contact our talented photographer, Historian, John Merritt. We would love to have you share

the great moments you captured with your cameras.

## Membership

Our membership year runs from September 1 to August 31 of the following year. The membership fee is not prorated. If you know of anyone who wishes to join the club, encourage them to go to [www.vailclub50.com](http://www.vailclub50.com), and fill out the membership form. Payment can be made online using PayPal or credit card, or by mailing a check. No computer? Call our Membership Chairman, Karen Pope, 954-260-0277, and ask to be mailed a membership form. If you change your mailing address, phone number or email address, please let Karen Pope know as soon as possible so that the membership roster accurately documents your information. Go to our website and then click on: Contact Us, Officers/Board, click on Karen's name and send her your updated information. If we do not have your current addresses (email and postal), you will be unable to receive the newsletters and information on upcoming events.

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