



*Beaver Creek*



## Texas Ski Council Traditional Ski Week

Beaver Creek, Colorado, JAN 10-17, 2015

The Beaver Creek trip is back safe and sound but unfortunately with some injuries. We continue to wish Diane Mohr our best with her recovery from a back injury and congratulate her and Gary on their move to beautiful Sunset, South Carolina. She is recouping with some gorgeous views of Lake Keowee. Lisa Darnell is also recovering well from her elbow injury as is Tom Raines from a shoulder injury. [Additionally, trip leader Doodie Taylor is doing well after a head injury even while wearing a helmet. Lifeline Ed.]

Our Beaver Creek participants met at Boondoggles' upstairs facility for the pre-trip party. If you have not been in that room you might be interested in renting it sometime for a small group of up to 30. Cozy and great service.

Our week on the mountain started with some excellent snow conditions and 95% mountain availability. The first day, however, was a hoot. The 95% availability was reduced due to 1% due to very dense fog. We could barely see the tips of our skis. Where is the nearest bar!

The following day was wonderful, and the mountain was waiting. Some of us were able to ski past and ride the lift over the downhill competition venues for the 2015 World Championships. Let's see how fast one can ski almost straight down the black/double black Kestrel and Golden Eagle runs. It would take most of us a very long time taking as many turns as possible just to not fall off the steepness. This gave us a much better understanding of how courageous these racers really are.

The rest of the week had little snowfall and the conditions proceeded from fresh snow to "hard packed." The Beaver Creek ski week was headed by a fantastic tour operator who was genuinely concerned for everyone's wellbeing as well as our level of enjoyment. Winter Ski and Sports' efforts along with our TSC representative from Dallas, Mary Wine, provided us with an outstanding Welcome Party with three bars, a never-ending food supply, and live music.

Additionally, the farewell dinner was just as well presented. And they even made sure there were take-out dinners available for those who were not able to attend.

The CLASC mid-week dinner was also a success in a room provided just for us. The service was wonderful as was the food!

Our Kiva Condos were huge and almost ski-in ski-out, but the heated large locker room located conveniently to the slopes made for easy access.

We would like to thank every one of you for your promptness, kindness, generosity and caring throughout the week. As trip leaders we appreciate it so much. You all are amazing people!

Dallas and Doodie wish you all well and hope to join you again on future CLASC/TSC ski trips.