



ISFR Newsletter

Electronic SNOWLINE
September 2008

Welcome to our September Electronic SNOWLINE! Yes, there have been flakes of snow reported in Colorado already this year and our 2009 ISFR Ski Weeks (Colorado and Italy) are not that far away.

******NEW MEMBERS AT RI CONVENTION******

We want to give a big Rotary Ski welcome to the 25 new members who joined or renewed their memberships at the ISFR Ski Booth at the Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles this past June. We are very pleased to have you join our fellowship and hope you are making plans to join us in Crested Butte, Colorado USA this coming February or in Italy this coming March.

******THANKS FOR ISFR ACTIVITIES AT RI CONVENTION IN LA******

Thank you to John Lowe and Bill and Colette Paul (all are from California, USA) for organizing and setting up the ski booth in Los Angeles. Your work was most appreciated. Another thank you to the Pauls who helped find a place for our annual ISFR Social during the International Convention. Hats off also to Marc and Allison Bokoff of Bokoff-Kaplan Travel Services for the financial contribution for our social. Their donation again this year paid for the hors d'oeuvres. Having an ISFR Social sometime during the International Convention is a great way to increase our fellowship time when we can't be on skis.

******TRAVEL CONTRACTOR CHANGED******

For Your Information – Marc and Allison Bokoff have sold their travel business and their company is now part of a company named TLG Travel Management. TLG contact number for ISFR Ski Week is 1-800-223-3863, ext. 1111 and Randy Trost will assist you. Randy and Bonni Simon, President, of TLG Travel Management have worked with Marc and Allison in regards to our ski week in Crested Butte and TLG have things well in hand. We wish Marc and Allison the best in their new careers and thank them for two wonderful years – in Steamboat Springs and Whistler. Please note that you can still use the same phone and fax numbers listed for Bokoff-Kaplan in the brochure if you wish.

****35TH BIRTHDAY SKI WEEK WILL BE IN 2009****

ISFR has had a great and proud history. According to many who were early members of our fellowship, and they have agreed that, this will be our 35th ISFR Ski Week. Be sure you are part of the birthday celebration. Special things are being planned for the week.

****FEB. 7-14, 2009 CRESTED BUTTE, CO. USA****

Have you registered for our 2009 Ski Week? If you want the early discount, be sure you sign up before October 2, 2008. (After October 3, 2008 there is an additional charge according to the registration brochure.) If you need a registration form, it is available at our ISFR web site www.isfrski.org

****MARILYN BRANCH NEW TOUR DIRECTOR****

Marilyn Branch has been involved with ISFR in other capacities for many years. She did a lot of work on the local scene to make our ski week in Telluride years ago very enjoyable. Marilyn also has worked with the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation auction activities. We welcome Marilyn of the Rotary Club of Telluride, Colorado USA as our new ISFR Tour Director who will work with the travel agency to help make your ski week the best.

****THANKS TO FORMER TOUR DIRECTOR, JEFF BRICKER****

ISFR members want to give a big thank you to Jeff Bricker for all he has done in the past as our Tour Director. We appreciate the effort and time Jeff spent to help make our ski weeks enjoyable.

****NEW INFO FOR CRESTED BUTTE ACTIVITIES****

Marilyn Branch, my wife Doris, and I spent two days in early September in Crested Butte. We met with the resort people and also attended the Wednesday morning meeting of the Rotary Club of Crested Butte. Marilyn has lots of ideas from our visit to coordinate with our new travel agency, TLG. For your info, there are two hotels we will be using that week at Mt. Crested Butte. Our headquarters hotel - The Elevation Hotel - is a ski in-ski out hotel. We toured both hotels – The Elevation is in the last stages of being renovated and they were laying carpet the day we were there. The other hotel, The Lodge, is extremely nice and comfy with large rooms. It is quite close to the headquarters hotel.

****QUOTES ABOUT THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE****

The town of Crested Butte is three miles south of Mt. Crested Butte. It is a charming town. The stores and many houses are small, close together, and painted bright colors with contrasting trim. The following is quoted from the Gunnison-Crested Butte Vacation Planner, "The town of Crested Butte is 128 years old and shows its age (in a good way). As Colorado's eighth largest National Historic District, the evidence of its roots are inescapable. Visit the Museum Heritage (and Mountain Bike Hall of Fame) to get the details. The dining options are incredible for a town of this size, with great choices from casual to gourmet. Shopping is a unique experience, with something to please every taste. In 2008, the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) named Crested Butte one of a Dozen Distinctive Destinations. 'Crested Butte is a delightful hidden gem that offers a rare mix of beauty, history, and adventure,' says Richard Moe, President of the NTHP. Filled with endless

recreational opportunities no matter the time of year, this authentic mountain town is arguably one of the most charming vacation destination in the Rockies.”

******MORE ACTIVITIES FOR NON-SKIERS & NO SKI DAYS******

We want to emphasize that there will be more activities planned for non-skiers and for those who want a day of no skiing. Watch for more details to follow.



....WE LISTENED TO YOUR SURVEY ANSWERS....

Your surveys helped us! You asked that we continue the hospitality room but add some amenities to it. So ... we are! The hotel has given us a large hospitality room that will be all ours! We will have coffee and hot water for tea available during the day. Doris is planning to bring snacks again this year along with puzzles, playing cards, etc. And ... you asked for a place to have Après Ski with a cash bar. Well ... we are working really hard on that for our hospitality room from 3 to 5 p.m. on days that we do not have an evening group activity. More details on that as the time gets closer.

Bonni from TLG Travel Management and Marilyn Branch, our ISFR Tour Director, will be visiting Crested Butte again this fall and will be able to finalize our hospitality room and additional activities. While we were in Crested Butte at the Rotary meeting we had suggestions from local members on activities for non-skiers and no ski days. They had lots of suggestions for us. And ... they are excited to show off their area to ISFR members and Rotary Partners. Stay tuned for our December SNOWLINE newsletter for the latest planned activities. You will not want to miss this week!

....PLAN AHEAD FOR HOME HOSPITALITY****

If you are a first timer for ISFR Ski Week, let me remind you of one of the neatest things about our week. This is also a reminder for members who have come other years who might have forgotten the courtesy gift for this evening. We will have home hospitality on Sunday night with the local Rotarians but you must sign up for it on the registration form. There is no charge for ISFR members and their significant others. The home hospitality might be one couple or a number of couples who go together. It might be appetizers and drinks, a meal – formal or informal, or a restaurant meal with the local Rotarians and their Rotary Partners. One of the neat things is that at Home Hospitality you might have people present from not only the USA and Canada but from all over the world where we have ISFR members attending the week. As a special part of the evening, we, as ISFR members, want to make sure we bring a thank you gift for our evening host/hostess. Some of us bring something from our country or home area/district while others bring wine or flowers. They tell us there is a gift and wine shop near the hotel if you want to purchase something when you get to Mt. Crested Butte.

•••PLAN AHEAD FOR JOINT ROTARY MEETING•••

We will have our joint Rotary meeting on Wednesday morning. Remember your local club banner. If you want to do a banner exchange with our host club in Crested Butte. The Rotary Club of Gunnison may also be joining us for the breakfast meeting. The local clubs will decide how they wish to handle the exchange of individual banners, so you might want to bring two banners.

****PLAN AHEAD FOR OUR GALA BANQUET/AUCTION****

For our new members, the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation is part of our ISFR Ski Week. Davis Boyd was one of the founders of our fellowship. In his memory a foundation has been formed with its main objective to help financially the adaptive skier programs and adaptive ski instructors. We have a gala banquet with an auction on Friday night. Here's the info: Plan to bring an item for the silent auction that represents your city, district, state, or country. (Buying local wine in Colorado is usually not considered a very high bid item.) We have had many items – jewelry, books, clothing, art objects, and statuary of all kinds to name only a few possibilities. There is usually also a live auction for some bigger donated items such as vacation homes or special big-ticket items.

The other part of the evening includes an auction of lovely and delicious desserts from local Rotarians. Bidding by tables for desserts makes a wonderful way to add more funds to our adaptive skier programs fund. And bidding can be very “cut throat” as each table wants a dessert. We will be leaving a large amount of money for the adaptive ski program at Crested Butte via these auctions at Friday night's gala banquet. The amount will depend on how well our fund raising activities go during the week and Friday night. There will be more details on the Davis Boyd Foundation in our December newsletter.

Important announcement – Don't rush out and buy a tuxedo and long evening gown for the banquet. As President of ISFR it is my privilege to announce the dress code for the evening banquet. **IT IS CASUAL.**

****SPECIAL FIRST TIMERS MEETING****

Will you be coming to the Colorado ISFR Ski Week for the first time but are a little concerned about how the week will go? Well ... we have a special meeting for the skier and the non-skier Saturday night right before the evening's reception. Last year was the first year we had a First Timers Meeting and had many positive comments. We'll fill you in on how our week will go, talk about mountain ski guides, and all other activities as well as answering questions during the First Timers meeting.

****NEEDED – VOLUNTEERS TO BE ON THE ISFR BOARD****

We need ISFR members who would like to serve on the ISFR Board of Directors. Please let me, President Don, know if you are interested in serving our fellowship in this way.

****WE NEED YOUR IDEAS FOR 2011 SKI WEEK****

Lyn Stroshin from Whistler, BC, Canada and John Hopkins from Telluride, Co. USA volunteered to serve on the Host Site Committee for 2011. If any ISFR member has recommendations for Lyn and John as to a possible ski site in Canada for 2011, please

contact them. They would appreciate your input. Their e-mails and addresses are in our ISFR directory that is sent last in June. If you are in need of copy please notify isfrsec@isfrski.org and one will be sent.

****ITALIAN SKI PLANS FOR 2009****

Have you heard about the week that is planned for ISFR members who want to visit Italy and experience their wonderful ski week? The week is March 14-21, 2009. More information is available on our web site www.isfrski.org

****WHO SHOULD YOU CONTACT?****

CONTACT YOUR ISFR PRESIDENT DON GOERING IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ISFR. FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OR DUES QUESTIONS CONTACT RICHARD GEIST. CONTACT OUR TOUR CONTRACTOR – TLG TRAVEL - BONNI OR RANDY - OR CONTACT OUR TOUR DIRECTOR MARILYN BRANCH IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ACTIVITIES FOR CRESTED BUTTE SKI WEEK. CONTACT BRIAN ANDERSEN IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DAVIS BOYD MEMORIAL FOUNDATION. CONTACT ALDO DEL BO' DI TORRE ROTONDA FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE SKI WEEK IN ITALY. Contact for Bonni or Randy is 1-800-223-3863, ext. 1111. Contacts for Goering, Geist, Branch, Andersen, and Aldo del 'Bo are in our ISFR Directory.



Until our December electronic SNOWLINE ... THINK SNOW!

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