



ELECTRONIC SNOW LINE – Sept. 2012

REPORT ON TELLURIDE, FEB. 2 – FEB. 9, 2013

Hi Fellow ISFR Skiers!

If you have never been there, Telluride is a delightful western town of only 2,200 full time residents, with many resorts, restaurants, retail stores and other activities. Skiing is the second largest business as summer is delightful there and their Blue Grass Festival for next August is already sold out.



The ski area has developed amazingly well since our first visit more than 20 years ago. There is a lot of beginner and intermediate terrain. Many of the beginner/intermediate runs in the "Meadows" area go between multi-million dollar mountain *Get-A-Way* log cabins often with more than 10,000 square feet of floor space. They are breathtaking and some are available for rent.

There are two distinctly different *villages*. [Telluride](#) is the main town, mostly built in the 1800's. It is located in a box canyon with steep mountains on both sides. The Victorian architecture has been beautifully preserved, giving the town a very unique look. There are two main chair lifts and a free gondola that are easy walking distance and leave from the edge of town. The

gondola was built by and runs to the other village, The Mountain Village, which also has overnight accommodations, restaurants and limited retail.



The town of Telluride's elevation is 8,750 feet, it is interesting when you stand at the top of the ski runs and look down at the tiny people to realize that the town is way down there. The 18 ski lifts take you to about 12,000'. The Mountain Village, at the top of the gondola, is about 1,000 feet higher than the town of Telluride, at 9,500+ feet. One of the hotels recommended by ISFR is in this area and is now called "[The Peaks](#)". We had drinks and dinner there. Despite its rather plain facade, the interior is nice, the food is great and the views are superb. It has true ski-in/ski-out access, being located right on the slopes.

As with Revelstoke this year, ISFR's procedure is to negotiate a special price at the hotels, but leave you on your own to make reservations. This offers great flexibility and keeps the organization from being on the hook for unused room nights. In addition to [The Peaks](#) in the Mountain Village, there are two host hotels in the town, [The Ice House](#) (our ISFR host hotel in 2004) and the [Camel's Garden](#). They are both owned by the same folks. Both are a short distance from the gondola and #8 lift.

The included breakfast each day will be at the Camel's Garden, and the Hospitality Room will be there as well. There is an eating place (called Oak) in the building as well as a sport shop, where you can rent skis if you prefer not to bring your own. The Ice House has been totally remodeled since our last visit with ISFR in 2004 and the rooms are now all two room suites. As a result, much larger than before. The central atrium is much smaller and no longer has an upper walkway but is still light and airy with a bar open from 5:00pm. They have a large indoor hot tub and an indoor/outdoor pool in the adjacent condo building (they provide robes for the short outdoor walk

between buildings). Camel's Garden has an outdoor hot tub.

Both of these properties in town are relatively small in terms of number of rooms. The Peaks is much larger with extensive facilities including a huge spa, but it is also over 9,000 feet. I love skiing at 12,000 feet, but have trouble sleeping over 9,000 so we chose to stay in town. I recommend that if you plan to go to ISFR next February, you make your reservation soon. Although they seldom have lift lines at Telluride, they could run short on rooms.

We flew into and out of TEX (Telluride's highest in the US commercial airport) but it is NOT recommended in winter. The registration fee will include 90 minute round trip transportation from Montrose (MTJ) and there is jet service in the winter from LA, Dallas, Houston, Denver, Atlanta, Newark and Chicago. If you try to fly direct to TEX and get re-routed due to weather, you could end up in Cortez or Grand Junction with no easy way to get to Telluride, so Montrose is highly recommended.

Drew & Kandie Vactor

Telluride Optional Events

Marilyn has organized an exciting list of optional events in Telluride including:

Sunday - fly-tying workshop and the always very popular evening of home hospitality hosted by local Rotarians.

Monday - Ames Power Plant & Museum Tour and Historic Pub Crawl.

Tuesday – Romancing Radio, tour of local radio station KOTO and the ISFR Annual General Meeting.

Wednesday – Peak to Valley Vertical Challenge and the annual Joint Meeting with local Rotarians.

Thursday – Historic Fallen Angels of Telluride, First Thursday Art Walk and Dinner Sleigh Ride to Gorrano Ranch.

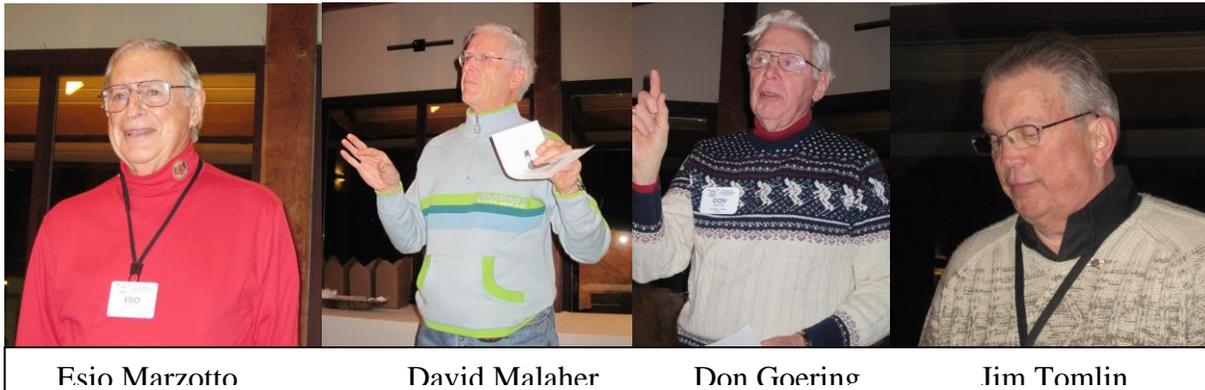
Friday – Annual Gala Dinner and auction for the Davis Boyd Foundation (included with registration).

For details go to, www.isfrski.org/.

Register today !

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2011-12

The AGM took place on January 31, 2012, in the Revelstoke Railroad Museum and was Chaired by the President, Esio Marzotto. The program included presentations by David Malaher, our resident historian, on the history of Revelstoke, Don Goering on the RI Foundation, Marilyn Branch on Telluride and Jim Tomlin on the Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation.



Financial Report January 1 to December 31, 2011

Income	\$11,820.05
Expenses	9,405.42
Net Income	2,414.63

Total Current Assets (cash) \$8,985.14

Board of Directors

New Members with 3-year terms: Lynne Beck, David Hoyt, Al Morris and Drew Vactor, all from the USA.

Continuing Members of the Board

Margaret Hutchinson VP UK, Jan Wold VP Scandinavia, Selcuk Somer VP Middle East, Leon Koifman VP South America, Esio Marzotto VP Canada, Tony Sheer VP Australasia, John Hopkins and Bill Bergler USA. Erik Lammerts Van Bueren is VP Europe and Chair of the European Chapter.

Members of the 2012-13 Executive Committee

Chair, President Esio Marzotto
President-Elect, Tony Sheer
Secretary Treasurer, Lynne Beck

Tour Director, Marilyn Branch
Past President, Richard Geist

Communications

The new web based management system, Wild Apricot, was successfully implemented this year thanks to Lynne Beck and son Matt. It will continue to be employed as the data management and Ski Week registration system. The newsletter editor is Esio Marzotto.

Evolving ISFR Management Process

We are, by design, developing a more open, efficient, Ski Week participation process with significant cost savings. We have come from a travel agency controlled management process that required all attendees to pay full package registration fees, including hotel, without exclusion. We now have a more open in house system allowing attendees to select their hotel of choice, given ISFR negotiated rate hotels. ISFR will now exempt local (site) Rotarians from full package charges that, in the past, have been a strong deterrent to local Rotarian participation. Our recent Revelstoke experience had the highest local Rotary participation in recent history resulting in a significant increase in new members.

A major change, such as this, has left some traditional participants, non-Rotarian friends and relatives of members, without clear guidelines for participation. In order to ensure that they continue to be welcomed, the ISFR Executive Committee will apply the following process to the Telluride Ski Week in January, 2013.

Non-Rotarian friends and relatives of members will continue to be sponsored by ISFR members attending Ski Week. The Tour Director and Secretary/Treasurer will deal solely with the sponsoring member on all guest matters with the sponsoring member assuming responsibility for her/his guest(s) including unpaid charges resulting from the guest's participation. Guests will register for the standard package along with ISFR members. ISFR member invited guests, friends and relatives will not be assessed annual dues.

Should individual issues arise requiring a modification of the package for members or guests, the ISFR sponsoring member will negotiate such changes with the Tour Director in advance of Ski Week. The Tour Director will only entertain changes during Ski Week of an emergency nature as contracts for services are unalterable and advance non-refundable payments will have been made. Penalty charges may apply.

Esio Marzotto
President

Calendar

ST. ANTON, AUSTRIA, January 20-27, 2013

TELLURIDE , COLORADO, February 2-9, 2013

BAD KLEINKIRCHEIN, AUSTRIA, January 18-25, 2014

WINTERPARK, COLORADO, February 1-8, 2014

For Details, www.isfrski.org/.