



ISFR

SEPT 2013

WINTER PARK, COLORADO, FEB. 1-8, 2014

ISFR headquarters location for 2014 Ski Week is the Zephyr Mountain Lodge at the base of Winter Park Ski Resort. We will also use Fraser Crossing and Founders Pointe (1/2 block away) and The Vintage Hotel, a short gondola ride away. It is recommended that members select the Zephyr Lodge for their accommodations (to be made directly with the hotel). Those interested in sharing accommodations (as opposed to paying the single supplement) may contact Tony Sheer, tony@austpacinns.com. for assistance.



Zephyr Mountain Lodge

See property descriptions at: <http://tinyurl.com/mzdl16r>.

ISFR will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary in Winter Park. A special anniversary dinner (included with registration) has been planned for Monday evening at the Strip and Tail restaurant.

Register at: [2014 Ski Week in Winter Park, Colorado](#).

**LISBON 2013
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REPORT**
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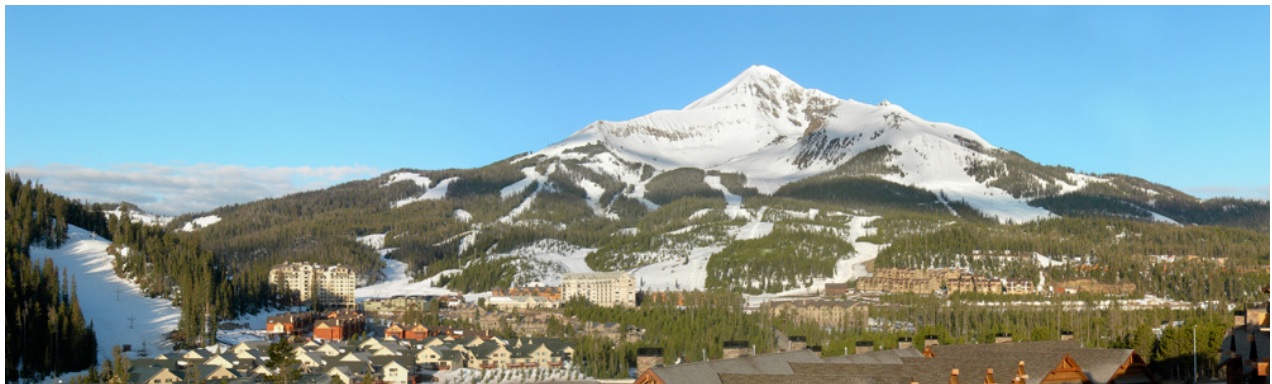
The ISFR booth in the House of Friendship was busy from Sunday through Thursday evening. During the three days, Gianluigi, Valentin and I talked to more than 250 Rotarians from countries all over the world. We handed out more than 210 copies of the newsletter *Snow Line*, 100 membership applications, 36 brochures and trail maps of the 2014 ISFR European Ski Week to be held in Bad Kleinkirchheim, Austria.

Many Rotarians were interested to learn about ISFR's mission, history, membership, family and member programs and future ski week sites in both Europe and America. There was considerable interest in the 2014 ski week in Austria.

About 5 ISFR members came by to say hello including Peter Luscher from Switzerland who had a very serious accident before the Engelberg ski week in 2011. He is still not completely fit, but feels much better. I promised to send pictures from Engelberg and San Candido to help him recover his memory.

BIG SKY RESORT BEST OVERALL RESORT

Big Sky Weekly



Looks like we also chose the happening place for our 2015 adventure -- Big Sky, Montana!

Big Sky Resort was awarded *onthesnow.com's* 2013 Visitor's Choice Award: "Best Overall Resort" on April 10 at the Mountain Travel Symposium in Snowmass, Colorado.

The website noted what most appealed to its readers: Big Sky Resort's 3,812 acres of skiing and riding, the adventuresome "European-style" terrain accessed by the tram, abundant intermediate cruisers on the Andesite Mountain, and the interconnect to Moonlight Basin that creates "The Biggest Skiing in America". These factors, along with consistent snowfall over the past few years, have more skiers and riders discovering Lone Mountain every season.

Big Sky is ISFR's destination in 2015.

DAVIS BOYD FOUNDATION

By Drew Vactor

Rotary is a service organization and Fellowships often follow a service path as well. Similarly, ISFR has a support mission as well, closely related to the Fellowship's main interest of skiing. Through its Davis Boyd Memorial Foundation, the ISFR raises money to support local adaptive ski programs and to provide scholarships for the training of adaptive ski instructors. In addition, members of the Skiing Fellowship often work directly with challenged skiers.

Adaptive Skiers are those who cannot ski like fully able-bodied skiers but have a desire to enjoy life and camaraderie in the great outdoors in winter. They may have a lifetime disability such as a missing or distorted limb or mental issue, a recent accident, illness or other life change such as blindness or may have been a wounded warrior. The adaptive ski programs at various resorts have expensive equipment and properly outfitted instructors to assist in helping these skiers learn to ski and/or become more proficient. Equipment may include bucket skis (for those with no legs), sit-skis or ropes and signs for blind skiers. Instructors need properly identifiable jackets and often signs to wear to explain their current purpose on the snow.

The contributions have included \$3,000 during the 1999 Whistler event for the Disabled Skiers' Association of BC, \$2,500 donated to the Rotary Adaptive Ski Program at Sun Valley in 2003, the 2004 donation of \$10,500 to the Telluride adaptive ski program, almost \$10,000 to the Fernie (Canada) Castle Mountain Adaptive Ski Program, \$12,734 to the Rotary Club of Steamboat Springs for a matching STARS program (Steamboat Training Adaptive Recreational Sports), \$11,500 to The Rotary Club of Girdwood for Challenge Alaska, and \$17,173 to Whistler in 2008. Similar contributions were made to Crested Butte (Summer and Winter Programs) in 2009, Park City 2010, Aspen 2011, Revelstoke (Canada) 2012 and Telluride 2013. In some cases, the donation has resulted in the startup of a local supporting organization. In most cases, about half the money raised was retained for a self-perpetuating fund in the foundation to provide matching grants and other additional future benefits.

Many of the recipients of this largesse have gone on to win medals at special competitive events. It is amazing to see them on the mountains, often skiing better than those raising money on their behalf, but in a sit ski or a bucket ski.

The money is raised in various ways including a silent auction as each attendee brings something from their home area, competitive events including most recently a "Peak to Valley" challenge in which donations are solicited from others for a minimum number of feet of vertical skiing and the always popular auction of desserts made by local Rotarians at the Farewell Gala Dinner. Everyone gets dessert but some, especially the chocolate ones, are just more popular – encouraging higher bids -- than others.

No matter whether we are doing sea level skiing at Alyeska near Anchorage, skiing at 22 below zero in Aspen, or trying to speak Canadian up north, we always have a great time with fellow Rotarians from around the world. We hope you will join us at Winter Park in 2014.

For more information, please go to: <http://www.isfrski.org/>

ISFR is one of almost 100 Fellowships to meet just about every Rotarian's interest. including one dedicated to Rotarians who like to snow ski. It is called the International Skiing Fellowship of Rotarians and meets at a different North American ski resort each year. There is also a chapter that meets in Europe each year. Both venues are open to any interested Rotarian.

Visit ISFR website, www.isfrski.org, for a history of ISFR events and photos at: http://bighat.smugmug.com/ISFRPhotoGalleries/ISFR-Telluride-2013/28101255_Dps8vv#!i=2378767218&k=2MnR5RT

More St. Christoph photos are available at:

http://bighat.smugmug.com/ISFRPhotoGalleries/ISFR-2013-St-Anton/28162900_xT8kfd#!i=2380815708&k=nzsLQRZ

CALENDAR

BAD KLEINKIRCHHEIM, AUSTRIA, January 18-25, 2014

For further information and booking go to:

www.badkleinkirchheim.at/events-carinthia.

WINTERPARK, COLORADO, February 1-8, 2014

Register at: [2014 Ski Week in Winter Park, Colorado](#).

SAAS FEE, SWITZERLAND, March 7-14, 2015

BIG SKY, MONTANA, January 31 – February 7, 2015

CHAMONIX, FRANCE, 3rd week January 2016

WHISTLER, CANADA, February 20-27, 2016

For Details, www.isfrski.org/.