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Next Membership Meeting — May 7th Sam's Sports Grill in Blue Turtle Bay

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May Membership Meeting

We'll try somewhere new for our May 7th meeting, Sam's Sports Grill in Blue Turtle Bay on Old Hickory Lake. While it seems like we've just wrapped up our ski trips we'll be talking about next season's trips and getting excited for our summer plans. Happy hour at 5:30 followed by the meeting at 6 PM. Stick around for dinner too!

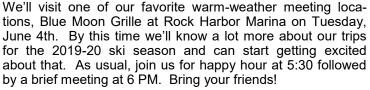
Sam's Sports Grill 2001 Lakeshore Dr Old Hickory 37138



June Membership Meeting



Blue Moon Waterfront Grille 525 Basswood Ave Nashville 37209





July Membership Meeting

Save the date! We'll have our July membership meeting and trip signups on Tuesday, July 9th at Bavarian Bierhaus in Opry Mills Mall. This is the one you don't want to miss!



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Beaver Creek Trip Report

By Kelly Frizzell

We had an absolutely fantastic group for our annual family ski trip! This year we went to Beaver Creek March 16-22 for Spring Break. Here's a little about our adventure.

Our original itinerary had us all going out on the same flight around 8:30 am. Well, thanks to the flight being on a Max 8 and the grounding of all of those aircraft, a mad shuffle ensued a few days prior to our departure. We were able to get the group who purchased air through the club on a 6:30 am flight. Those who did their own air ended up on a 3:30 pm flight. That wouldn't have been so bad except some kids (ages 2-8) were on the early flight and their parents were on the later flight. After stalking Southwest, we were able to shuffle their parents on to our flight and all was well. Transfer shuttles were rearranged and everyone made it safe! Shout out to one of the shuttle drivers, Hector! He was absolutely amazing! He pointed out prairie dogs, bison, avalanche paths and lots of cool landmarks. He also met us after he got off work to help with a grocery run and a much needed pharmacy run later later in the week.

We had 29 participants on this trip, ranging in age from 2 to...let's just say older. On our third annual "family trip" were The Lynn Family, The Reedy Family, The Frizzell Family, The Anderson Family, The Stevenson Family, The Meadows Family and Bill Jekot and Sandy Hill. Hopefully everyone had so much fun that they will be back next year!

We stayed at The Borders Lodge, a Wyndham Vacations property. It was ski in/ski out and all of the units were equipped with a full kitchen, washer/dryer and large living area. There was a hot tub and some of the kids even swam in the outdoor heated pool the first night. Courtesy shuttles took us where we needed to go, although sometimes we had some issues with their timing. Lots of things were within walking distance including shops and restaurants so some walked instead of waiting on a shuttle. Some of the front desk staff left a LOT to be desired but we made the best of it and thankfully the majority of the people we encountered had much better attitudes.

The night we arrived, the first group had a pizza party along with a veggie tray and complimentary drinks while we were fitted for skis by Black Tie. Due to our group being divided in two and us running a little late from our grocery run, Shanna from Vail Resorts (who was also amazing!) gave me a quick run through of her spiel before she had to leave. I then passed all that info along to everyone else while they ate and were fitted and then again to the second group when they arrived later that night. Shanna gave us trail maps, info about the village, coupons for 10% off ski school and "Beaver Creek Loves Ski Clubs" cards that got us discounts at tons of restaurants and shops. They evidently just started this ski club only discount program this season or last and we loved it! We took advantage of the savings and were issued credits on the ski school costs for the week on the last day. Can't beat that! Thanks Shanna!!!

Colorado has been getting tons of snow so we had fantastic conditions! The temperatures varied but other than being chilly on the lift at the top of the mountain, most of the time we were getting hot. One layer was all that we needed. The mornings were a little icy but by mid afternoon, it was perfect spring skiing! Half way through the second day of skiing, we were skiing in a large group. We split up to do two different trails and were going to meet at the bottom of the lift. Unfortunately, Sandy Hill took a really hard fall and shattered her collar bone so got a ski patrol assisted ride down on the toboggan. She was such a trooper! She even came to dinner with us that night! We presented her with a button that said #Badass on it the next night. She really is!!! She and Bill ended up flying home early so that she could have surgery. She now has some pretty cool hardware! Plates and screws and stitches, Oh my! Thankfully that was our only injury and she is healing well.

The kids all had a blast in ski school and/or skiing with each other. The last day a large group of kids and parents skied together and had the best time zooming through all of the kid zones that Beaver Creek offers. Check them out next time you go. There are tepees, abandoned ghost towns and all kinds of cool trails through the trees. My kids actually asked to go to ski school one day longer than what I had originally signed them up for and that has never happened so they must have really loved it! The little kids (2-3) either went to the nursery or stayed in the room with an awesome sitter and seemed to have lots of fun too!

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For our dinners we enjoyed The Dusty Boot, Saddle Ridge, Black Diamond Bistro and Revolution. They were all great and mostly accommodating! The restaurant couldn't get the Preds game on TV on our last night and refused to buy the NHL package even though they are a sports bar, but we forgave them (sort of). Hey, You Suck!!! Haha! We did get to see a little March Madness so all was not lost.

Our massive, comfy 54 passenger bus wasn't coming to get us until around 11:30 am the last day to ride to the Denver airport so everyone had time to sleep in, go to the village for souvenirs and eat a big breakfast. Borders may actually still smell like bacon from one of our mornings. Yum! Once we were on the road and got to the airport, we had more than enough time to eat, get snacks and drinks, run around and ride the tram a few times. We had a smooth, on time flight. Phew!

I would like to thank everyone that came on this trip. I truly enjoyed each and every one of you and hope you had as much fun as I did! I am already looking forward to our fourth annual family trip next year!!! Love to all the "Regulators"!!!



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