



Big Sky Trip Summary

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LPSC's Final Western ski trip in 2022 Sunday March 27th – Friday April 1st, 2022

I believe that all the 38 Lincoln Park Ski Club members who travelled to Big Sky would attest to the trip living up to its name – **BIG!** While snow reports were discouraging, we landed after a smooth flight in amazing Montana and were treated to some pretty great ski conditions. Arrival on Sunday was smooth and we enjoyed a lovely welcome reception in a sunken lobby of the Huntley Inn. Skiers mingled, received lift passes and enjoyed some nibbles before heading to find themselves dinner.

Monday morning arrived clear and bright, which helped the snow conditions improve over the course of the day. After lively après ski and hot tub, LPSC essentially “took over” Chet’s Bar and Grill for the dinner hour and lively socializing proceeded from table to table.

Tuesday morning had a light dusting of snow that helped the snow conditions, although many trails were officially closed by the resort to avoid skiing over rocks and exposed terrain. No matter, the LPSC skiers traversed the wide remaining terrain in search of good snow and found great conditions off Ramcharger, Six Shooter and Iron Wolf lifts. Madison Base made for a great lunch

destination for those who needed a break. However, as an alternate plan, several of us packed sandwiches in order to keep skiing during the best of the day.

Wednesday was the bluebird day of the week, blue skies and warmer temps meant the snow was better at higher elevation. Indeed it was! The impressive Lone Peak double-black runs were mostly empty and not many ventured there due to lack of snow. However, the sight-seeing and photographing from the top of Lone Peak, which is accessed by a special tram, were spectacular. Yellowstone National Park begins near the base of the mountain, and the Grand Teton Mountains were just visible in the distance.

That evening, an impromptu reservation at a local BBQ joint turned into a major happening as 20+ LPSC ski members took advantage of whatever ride that could be arranged to try the locals' smoked meats. (Those cowboys sure know how to serve up some good BBQ!) Later that night Mother Nature gifted us with approximately 5 inches of fresh snow and crisp temperatures to make Thursday the best skiing of the week.

Thursday morning the powder had arrived and a few adventurous LPSC'ers even ducked under a caution ribbon to ski the lovely Park Lane run, which had barely any tracks laid on it. There were a few rocks to deal with on the cat walk at the bottom, but it was well worth the adventure... **What a way to end the week!**

Dinner on our last night was at Peaks, our hotel's premiere restaurant, followed by a Blue Grass Concert at Montana Jack bar, which was right next door. There we had a chance to hear some

great music, mix with the locals and enjoy some great local craft beers. Many great memories were made on this trip. I can't wait until the next time we return to this amazing resort.

Trip registrants:

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| •Kevin Adamick | •Michael Dunlap | •Elizabeth Hart | •Peggy Papaioannou |
| •Karen Allabastro | •Molly Erickson | •Gerard Judge | •Heather Parker |
| •Gary Bernard | •Jeff Fisher | •Sean Kennedy | •Donna Rutana |
| •Philip Blum | •Kellie Flanagan | •John Lamberts | •Christina Schuschel |
| •Glen Brooks | •Neva Frank | •Jim Lustmann | •Rebecca Shaffer |
| •Dan Brossard | •Kalisa Gary | •Markus Machers | •Peter Starshak |
| •Jamie Coe | •Julie Goodman | •Anastasia Makarenko | •Candice Tidwell |
| •Gary Cueno | •Jeffrey Gottlieb | •Catherine McClure | •Kurt Wolf |
| •Amory Cummings | •Amy Hand ** | •Paul McHugh * | * Trip Leader |
| •Kamal Dagher | •Sandra Hauptmann * | •Charles Norton ** | ** Assistant Trip Leader |



Front row left to right – Donna, Peggy, Heather, Anastasia, Rebecca, Sandra, Amy and Jamie; Back row – Elizabeth, Pete, Gary C, Jerry, Amory, Kurt, Dan, Paul, Cat, Chuck, Neva , Marcus, Molly, Gary B. and Phil

Big Sky Trip participants



Kamal



Julie



Chuck



Amy and Amory



Anastasia and Kurt



Kellie and Donna



Sandra and Karen



Paul and Michael

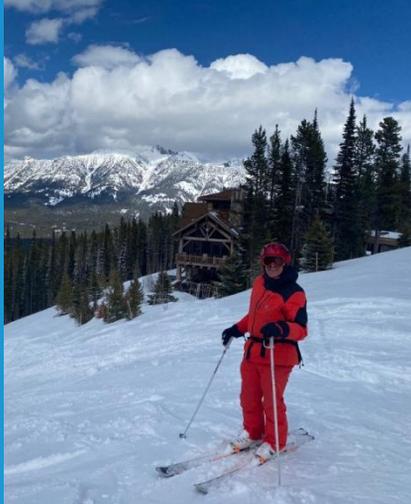


Glen

Big Sky Skiing



Jamie



Jeff



Sandra



Phil



Cat, Amy, Molly and Rebecca



Rebecca



Molly



Kamal (Jeff & Sean in Goggles)



Sean

Big Sky Participants



Elizabeth



Candice and Kamal



Jerry



Neva



Markus



Christina and Kevin



Gary B. and John



Pete and Amory



Glen and Cat

Big Sky Après Ski



Sandra, Jamie, Neva, Kellie, Chuck, Pete and Karen



Sandra, Donna, Kamal and Jeff



Heather, Rebecca, Gerard and Neva

Happy Hour and Hot Tub



Hot tub parties are the best



Relaxing feels so good



Yes, we are busted. We have alcohol.

Skiing on a sunny day



Karen, Pete, Kellie, Sean, Amory, Jamie and Sandra



Markus, Jamie, Michael and Heather



Jeff G., Gary B and John

Big Sky Groups



**Back row: Jerry, Sean, Gary C., Dan, Pete, Jim and Phil
Front row: Sandra, Rebecca, Gerard, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Jeff**



Chuck, Julie and Amory

**Back row: Glen, Gerard, Julie, and Kamal
Front row: Elizabeth, Jeff, Paul, Peggy and Gary C.**

Fun on the Mountain



Glen, Phil, Candice, Gary C., Paul, Kellie, Donna, Jamie, Jerry, Neva, Pete, Kamal and Jeff



Kellie and Kamal



Gary C., Jerry and Paul