



Crested Butte Trip Report

TSC Winter Shootout

February 22-29, 2020

Brenda Herman, Trip Leader



Our group of thirteen consisted of **Anne Cronin, Sharon and Glenn Deshotel, Brenda Herman, Suzanne Joyner, Ray Long and Jenny Nguyen, David O’Neel, Terry O’Neel and Gail Rogers, John Parent, and Jeff and Zoe Wright.** Sadly, **Ron Alexander and Charles Gallagher** had to cancel.

Our arrival into Gunnison airport was chaotic when two flights arrived at the same time. The small airport was not equipped to handle so many people and luggage at once. The shuttle vans did a remarkable job getting everyone to the Plaza...all at the same time. The front desk personnel were overwhelmed but remained friendly and helpful.

After getting settled, we headed downtown to **“The Secret Stash”** for our official Pre-trip party. We were fortunate a table for ten opened and we avoided an hour-long wait. It was a very popular place with good food.



John, Gail, Terry, Anne, Jeff, Zoe, David, Brenda, Suzanne, Sharon & Glenn.

Next stop-Clark’s Market then Acme Liquor, the site of our first non-skiing accident. Thanks to **Suzanne** getting help, **Jeff** driving, **Sharon’s** nursing skills, **Glenn** navigating a luggage cart, and for everyone’s concern.

Sunday skiing began with over 6” snow, poor visibility, and a ski injury when **Jeff** had a serious fall and was unable to move his arm. **Sharon** came to the rescue. He was later diagnosed with a fractured upper outer bone of the right shoulder.

The TSC Welcome party was held at Butte 66. Clubs were divided into separate rooms where the local Reps and Tour Operator repeated their offers of discounts and optional activities available.



Jeff & Zoe spent the day cooking a fabulous meal

Our Monday “Condo Dinner” was compliments of Chefs **Jeff** and **Zoe**. Both injured and still prepared their signature dishes for us. The menu consisted of *spinach salad, black bean and corn salad, homemade chicken spaghetti, french bread, and white chocolate bread pudding.* Delicious—fit for a King!

After our meal, the agenda for the evening included a review of the upcoming TSC race and rules, as well as the TSC scavenger hunt and pub crawl, Club dinner at Bonez Tequila Bar & Grill, TSC Farewell party, and preparation details for the Crested Butte Mardi Gras Parade.



The Armadillo Toast - "Here's To It..."

MARDI GRAS

Let the Good Times Roll...



Although this was a Clear Lake trip, we had a few Armadillo's. Therefore, it seemed fitting to partake of an ASC tradition. **Zoe** led us in the "Armadillo Toast" initiation followed with shots of Jameson served in commemorative CLASC shot glasses.

Following dinner, each participant was presented with exclusive Crested Butte 2020 Mardi Gras fleur de lis beads and Texas cowboy boot beads.

In preparation of the parade, **Sharon** and **Glenn** were crowned as King and Queen of the **TX 2-Steppin' Ski Krewe**. They were presented with appropriate King and Queen beads and "Let the Good times Roll" wine glasses. A Toast and they gave a royal WAVE to their subjects.



King Glenn & Queen Sharon!

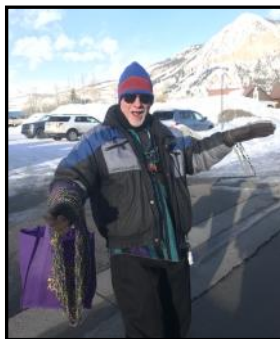
Everyone helped decorate the banner and sort beads while **David** inflated the mini beach balls to give away.

FAT Tuesday was a great day for Skiing and a Parade! We gathered at the Chamber where **Gail** assisted our Queen with her crown and robe. **David** and **Jeff** carried our banner as we paraded along Elk Ave handing beads, Mardi Gras ducks, alligators, mini beach balls and footballs to kids and adults.

It was a small parade but big on FUN!



Zoe modeling beads



John ready for action



The Royals in crown & gown



Race Day

Wednesday - A perfect day for the TSC race. Two courses were set up on Buckley's run, a long run with 24 gates and enough steepness to make it exciting. And, it had a designated lift (West Wall).

All racers ran the blue course first and then the red course. A bit confusing since the flags on each course alternated red and blue.

Times were not announced or posted so everyone would be surprised at the Farewell Party.



Gail



Anne



Terry



John



Suzanne



Whew...we need a Break!!!



Brenda

On the Slopes



Ray and Jenny



John on the lift



Sharon and Glenn



John and Suzanne



Ray and Jenny - Snowmobiling



Anne making her second race run



Terry, Gail, Suzanne and David

Club Dinner and TSC Farewell



Ray and Jenny arrived in time to join us at **BONEZ Tequila Bar & Grill** for our mid-week dinner. Bonez offered margaritas, mariachis, and mayhem. The margaritas were powerful, enchiladas and fajitas good, as were the chips and dips and salsa was HOT!

After our meal, **Zoe** presented the Trip Leader with gifts of appreciation from the Club. For those who did not see the gifts...**THANK YOU** for the beautiful heart-shaped stone necklace by local artist Jeff Klein, the delicate gold CB mountain necklace, and the embroidered hand towel of Colorado ski resorts. All unique and a wonderful memory of each of you and this trip.



TSC **"Show your TEXAN"** banquet was held at the Lodge at Mountaineer Square. A prize was given for the best dressed Texan. Two finalist, a cowboy and **"ZZ Top"** (aka Jeff) complete with top hat with musical guitar. Applause was unanimous for ZZ Top. Way to Go, Jeff...



1st PLACE DIVISION III



TSC RACE AWARDS

We had six racers, **Brenda, Suzanne, Anne, Gail, John** and **Terry**. Each received medals in the Club races earning 343 points for 1st Place Division III.

Anne, Gail, Terry and **Brenda** raced Individuals and placed in their age group.

Congratulations Racers!!

RACE RESULTS

CLUB / INDIVIDUALS

Female -60-69

Brenda Herman Platinum / Silver
Suzanne Joyner Gold

Female 70-79

Anne Cronin Silver / Silver
Gail Rogers Silver / Bronze

Male 70-79

John Parent Bronze

Male 80-up

Terry O'Neel Gold / Silver



CLASC Racers: Suzanne, Brenda, Anne, Gail, Terry & John



CLEAR LAKE PARTICIPANTS

FRIDAY...Our Last Day - another beautiful day for skiing, exploring the town, last minute shopping, or just relaxing.

A very special evening with a live performance at the Elevation Hotel. Featuring **John Parent** on piano and taking requests!

Early Saturday morning **Gail, Terry,** and **David** left for their morning flight home. The rest of us had plenty of time before check-out to lounge and shop. Since **Ray** and **Jenny** were staying several more days we shared our leftovers. Lucky for them they enjoyed 18" of snow after we left.



Sharon, Glenn, Ray & Jenny enjoying John's music

A huge **THANK YOU** to Everyone on the trip. You all make leading a trip so easy and such a joy even when things don't go exactly as planned. Thanks to **Sharon** for the KT tape lesson - it is now a staple in my first-aid kit and to **Jeff** who had everything we needed from tie wraps to air pump (both very handy). I appreciate everyone's help and concern after my accident. I'm so lucky to have friends like you!

I hope you had a good time and will join us on our next adventure.

Brenda