ESCAPE.....WINTER 2012-2013



We Have a New Look and a Cool Feel!

We are so excited to report that in September we completed another renovation! The lobby, atrium, and all our common areas sport a new look with a contemporary design carpet, comfy furniture, and bright pillow accents that will make you want to sit down, relax and lounge in these warm, inviting spaces. Our new look has been a big hit with our owners and guests, and we can't wait for you to come see for yourself!





We also completed another really "cool" project over the summer, **WE HAVE AIR CONDITIONING** in each unit! The lack of air conditioning has been an on-going concern, both in how to install it and how to keep our costs down. We would like to extend a special thanks to our Director of Operations, Rick Dameron, who researched our options and found the solution in an efficient, portable AC system. It sits in the fire-place and is vented out through the chimney during summer use and then removed in the winter so that the fireplace can be used. We are looking forward to seeing a full house all summer as everyone enjoys the "new cool look and feel" of the lodge.

Once again the Christie Lodge takes the lead in being one of the first in the Vail Valley to install the latest technology available in radio frequency unit door locks. Our Information Systems and Engineering departments worked side-by-side with the lock company to complete this installation, which provides our owners and guests with effortless entry and advanced security features. (continued on page 2)



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More good news for all our skiers! Remember banging your skis and struggling to get through the old doors at the bus stop entry? Well, no more!! We have installed automatic doors at the bus stop entry for your convenient, hassle-free entry and exit. What a great way to start your day as you head out to the slopes!

The hard-working crew from Alpine Glass recently started the installation of new patio doors in each unit. The new lighter weight doors are vinyl, they have a locking screen door for added security, the improved track systems allows them to slide open and closed with

ease, and the tighter fit helps to eliminate drafts. The solar ban glass which filters the UV rays will help to keep your unit cooler and also limits the fading of furniture and carpets. This project is a huge undertaking and we look forward to completion in the spring of 2013.

Your Christie Lodge team is always searching out new and better ways to enhance your stay and our next project is the installation of a safe in each unit. The safes will secure your valuables, accommodate a laptop computer and provide you with peace of mind while you are skiing the mountain, on a summer wild-flower hike, or out enjoying all the excitement the valley has to offer! The safes have been received and we will begin installation after the first of the year.

Come see us soon! We are looking forward to showing off all the new and exciting changes here at the lodge!



The Christie Lodge Receives Awards!!

The Christie Lodge's two affiliated exchange companies rate their member resorts on criteria that range from inspections to member ratings. Based on our recent upgrades and very favorable customer ratings, we have some very good news for our Christie Lodge Owners!

RCI News:

Resorts that provide outstanding vacation experiences and adhere to a high standard of product quality and service delivery for RCI exchange guests are honored through RCI's Resort Recognition Program. We are very proud to announce that the Christie Lodge was just awarded RCI's "Silver Crown Resort" property designation, which will be recognized for all of 2013! Each department and all our employees have worked very hard to achieve this special recognition.

"RCI's Resort Recognition Program helps ensure that our RCI affiliated resorts provide a memorable experience for our members," said Gordon Gurnik, president of RCI North America. "We are thrilled to recognize those who have attained this designation and continue to work to offer top vacation destinations to our 3.7 million members worldwide."

Interval International News:

Affiliate Resorts comprise the majority of the resorts in the Interval International Directory. During the past year, the Christie Lodge has exceeded the Interval International affiliation requirements and earned an upgrade to "Select" status! As a direct result, this increases the pool of resorts our owners are able to trade into when depositing their weeks with II.

The management and staff at the Christie Lodge continue to bring you friendly, high quality and affordable vacations.

For more information or assistance in choosing an exchange company, please contact the Reservations Department at 888-325-6343



Congratulations to 1st and Main Investment Advisors, the 2012 tournament champions!

"TRANSFORMING LIVES" IT'S ALL FOR THE KIDS!!

The Christie Lodge is excited to announce that for the 9th year in a row, we will co-hosts the annual Christel House Golf Tournament.

This charity golf event helps children around the world to break the cycle of poverty and become self-sufficient, contributing members of society. Christel House learning centers -- located in India, Mexico, South Africa, and the United States -- provide education, nutrition, health care, character and life-skills development for children.

This global event is "ONE DAY- ONE WORLD - ONE CAUSE" across several different time zones and over 1,500 golfers are expected to participate. One hundred percent of donations to Christel House go directly to the children. Last year the American Resort Development Association awarded their prestigious Ace Philanthropic Award to the Christel House for their dedicated support of children in need.

In addition, a percentage of the money raised by the Christie Lodge tournament will stay in Eagle County and be donated to Roundup River Ranch. This Hole In The Wall Camp founded by Paul Newman provides camp experiences and on-site appropriate medical care to children with life-threatening illnesses. Their time at camp is fun, safe and empowering. Best of all, the programs at Roundup River Ranch are offered free of charge to all campers and their families, thanks to the generosity of caring supporters.

Last year the tournament netted \$32,440.00 and we want to exceed that mark at next summer's 2013 tournament. Please consider being a part of our fun and exciting golf tournament, which will be held at the Sonnenalp Private Golf Club in Edwards, CO, on June 10, 2013. Besides supporting many children in need, you'll have the opportunity to golf on an award-winning course and win prizes ranging from weeklong resort stays to products and services.

To register your four-some, or for more information, please contact Candace Langager at 970-845-4503, or at clangager@christielodge.com.

You can also visit the following websites for additional information or to donate online:

Christel House www.christelhouse.org

Roundup River Ranch www.roundupriverranch.org



Early Bird Winners!!

When an owner makes a maintenance fee payment, that owner becomes eligible for a nice prize — *One Free Exchange Week From RCI or II.* This period's one week winners are:

Michael & Mary Camara Houston, TX J. Steven Bush Kennedale, TX Mike & Sharon Verville Loveland, CO

CLOA 2012 Annual Meeting Held at the Christie Lodge

It was a beautiful Fall day Saturday, September 29, 2012 when the Christie Lodge Owners Association met to hold its Annual Owners Meeting at the Christie Lodge in Avon, Colorado. This meeting conducted the annual business of the association, and Management provided additional information and updates to the owners. The Christie Lodge's Managing Director, Lisa Siegert-Free, welcomed everyone and introduced those staff members present, noting that her team brings almost 195 years of combined experience and service excellence to the Christie Lodge.



Reservations Manager, Tom Butz, explained a variety of ways owners can use their weeks, announced the availability a new exchange company called Dial An Exchange, and encouraged everyone to contact his office for assistance with booking their stay, exchanging weeks, or with any concerns they may have.

Rick Dameron, Director of Operations, presented a slide presentation on the recent Common Area renovation project and the property upgrades that have been completed, or are in progress.

The agenda for the meeting included the election of Directors to fill two open positions on the Board. The slate of candidates presented were: Mr. John Perkins from Avon, Colorado; Ms. Christina Holcomb from Glenpool, Okalahoma; Ms. Jonasue Phillips from Cowley, Texas, Mr. Earl Hasuerman from Louisville, Colorado, and Mr. Ted Rohde from Redington Shores, Florida. The voting results were announced by Ms. Lisa Siegert-Free and those elected were: Ms. Jonasue Phillips and Ms. Christina Holcomb. The Board of Directors invited Mr. Hauserman to serve as a Board committee member.

Another topic on the agenda was the discussion and voting on a proposed change to the Bylaws of the Christie Lodge Condominium Declarations. The change would add administrative fees, legal costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, and collection agency fees to delinquent accounts. After a brief discussion, the members voted in favor of this change to the Bylaws.

Owners and Management expressed their thanks and appreciation for the efforts, experience, and dedication that the Directors bring to the Christie Lodge.



What's Happening in the Valley?

We are looking forward to an exciting winter, both on the mountain and at all the upcoming events, so be sure to book your week now so you won't miss out on any of the excitement!

VAIL IS HAVING A BIRTHDAY!

Vail is gearing up for the season-long celebration of Vail Mountain's 50th Anniversary during the 2012-2013 ski and snowboard season, and the fun will stretch into the summer of 2013. Leading up to and including December 15th, the day Vail officially opened in 1962, guests can enjoy a week of live entertainment. The celebration will include the new state-of-the-art gondola in Vail Village, the premier of Roger Cotton Brown's 50th Anniversary film, the return of Vail's Family Holidaze, plus concerts and parties through out the entire season. This year's annual Snow Daze also has a big line-up of entertainment and you can find all the details at www.vail.com/snowdaze.

THE VILAR PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The Vilar Performing Arts Center has a wonderful winter line-up this year with performances by Clay Aiken, Michael Bolton, The Beach Boys, Robin Williams, The Five Browns, and many more. Occasionally the Vilar Center will provide the lodge with complimentary performance tickets, which we offer to owners during our Wednesday morning Owner's Meetings... so, don't forget to attend the owner meetings to see what's new and for a chance to win Vilar tickets! Visit https://www.vilarpac.org for a complete list of performers, dates and times.

VAIL MOUNTAIN GAMES

The Vail Mountain Games, sponsored by Eddie Bauer, will bring the village to life starting February 7th with avalanche dog demos, Gear Town, ice climbing, ski challenges, food, films, and free concerts. Find all the details at http://www.mountaingames.com/winter/mountains/on-site-venues/vail-mountain.aspx.

AMERICAN SKI CLASSIC

America's original Pro/Am celebrity ski event returns to Vail Mountain March 20-24 as the 2013 Korbel California Champagne American Ski Classic takes Golden Peak by storm. The Ski

Classic will once again feature a full slate of on-hill competitions including the Conway Cup community team race, Volvo Legends Giant Slalom, the Korbel Ford Cup celebrity team racing, and the Future Legends Race. Providing a festive backdrop to the action on the racecourse will be a full social schedule, with events including the second annual Hold 'Em For Hope benefit and the Legends of Skiing Banquet. Don't miss out on seeing some of the greatest names in ski racing history, including Olympic, World Championship, and World Cup champions.

FIRE & ICE IN NOTTINGHAM PARK

Don't miss out on this President's Day spectacular! The town of Avon will be celebrating with six world renown ice carving sculptors, a Giant Ice Bonfire, and their famous fireworks, which is the largest display in the Colorado Rockies! Fire & Ice in Nottingham Park will be held on Sunday, February 17th from 3:00-7:00 p.m.



The Christie Lodge Owners Association Board of Directors

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We will help you make it work!!

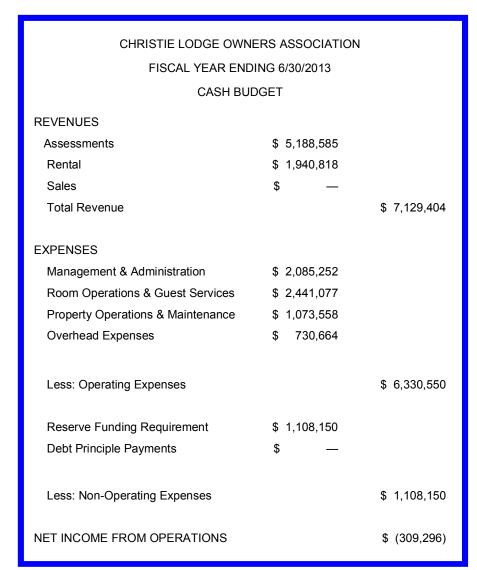
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for owner benefits

including Bonus Time, internal exchanges

and special owner purchase weeks.

OWNER INFORMATION CORNER



Dial An Exchange

A New Option For Owners

We now have an opportunity for owners to exchange weeks with a new company called Dial An Exchange (DAE), which, for over ten years, has offered timeshare and vacation property owners a solid exchange service with a high focus on customer satisfaction.

Don't miss out...DAE is offering Christie Lodge owners an introductory offer: bank your week with DAE by January 31, 2013, and get 20% off your next exchange.

With a free membership, three year credits on deposits and low exchange fees, DAE is an excellent exchange option for our owners.

For more information or assistance in choosing an exchange company, please contact the Reservations Department at 888-325-6343

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What is Proactive Ownership?

What does being a proactive owner actually entail? Report scams! Timeshare owners are prime targets for scam operators. If you become aware of a fraudulent solicitation, notify your resort with the details. The resort can then post notices about the scam to help prevent fraud before it occurs.

Read all communications from your resort. Many send out periodic newsletters with details about the current situation, planned changes and upcoming events. Does your resort have a website? Many resorts have an owners area that provides important information online.

Know the financial condition of the resort. You should read the operating budgets to see how reserves are being maintained, and the trend in revenues being generated from maintenance fees, resales and rentals.

Pay your maintenance fee obligations. It's costly for resorts to pursue collections from delinquent owners. Each owner has an obligation to pay maintenance fees to help maintain the resort in good condition. Not doing so places an unfair burden on the other owners who are paying.

Keep your contact information current. You can help your resort save money by notifying them on a timely basis about any changes in your mailing address, your email address, and any anticipated changes in your ownership.



The Christie Spotlight

We are so fortunate to have great employees here at the Christie Lodge and our Resident Manager, Dave Champaign, who has been here for 12 years, certainly falls into that category. Dave lives on property and brings both his expertise and his adventurous spirit to our guests and his co-workers. On property he is known as the guy with the Bavarian hat who creates balloon animals for all the children.

Dave grew up in Southern California near Knot's Berry Farm and Disneyland and attended Loma Linda University's La Sierra campus. After spending two years abroad, one in Austria studying German and one in France studying French, he graduated in 1981 with a German-French double major, and a pre-med and sciences emphasis. He moved to Vail after graduation and swapped his plans to study medicine for an active outdoor lifestyle and dedication to hospitality.

Dave is an amazingly multi-talented guy who is self-taught in the computer world and developed the first lodging software program used by the Christie Lodge, The Wren, Wildernest in Silverthorne and by several other local rental property managers. He is also self-taught in Spanish, has taught at CMC, and got his real estate brokers license in 1989, which is still active today.

When we sat down to visit with Dave he wanted us to know that this past year has left him so full of gratitude that he could shout it from the roof tops; or, better yet, from thousands of feet above while soaring *over* the roof tops! Sixteen years ago he learned to paraglide, then started to teach new pilots to fly, and went on to share the experience with the public through tandem paragliding flights. Every time he meets a new person who puts their complete confidence and trust in him, he thinks of his dad who liked to remind everyone that our time here is short and life should be lived to the fullest!!

In September Dave flew with Jayme Moye of <u>Men's Journal</u> and the flight was featured on their website and published in their magazine's November issue. He felt honored that she chose to fly with his company as a prelude to joining a team of paragliders who plan to fly from the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro in February.

Dave has always lived in the Avon area since coming to the Vail Valley in 1981 and has seen lots of changes, including the evolution of the Christie Lodge, the realization of Beaver Creek Resort, and the development of the surrounding valley.

Be sure to stop by our Front Desk to say hello to Dave and hear about his latest high-flying adventure!



Dave soaring over Bellyache Ridge on a beautiful Fall day.



Dave high-flying right over the Christie Lodge!