

February/March 2013

Note from the President

Many of you reading this newsletter may be wondering why you didn't receive a February edition of "First Run". No, bi-monthly editions will not become the norm. I had a great deal happening in January and February both on and off of the slopes. I was out of town for two consecutive weeks on two different ski trips (Crested Butte with Lafayette, Whistler/Blackcomb with Champaign). Later in February, I was out of town for a few days for a family celebration. Given the busyness of my schedule and the shortness of February, I decided to do a bi-monthly newsletter this time.

Oh, and did I mention the biggest news--that I proposed to my girlfriend Heather at the end of February and she accepted? I haven't yet talked her into skiing, but I've been successful in getting her 8-year-old son Devshaan interested in it. Also, she likes winter and has enjoyed viewing both photos and videos from our trips, so I'm optimistic about getting a couple new club members.

OK, enough about me. Our club had an eventful last two months, so let's get started.

January 12: Swiss Valley, MI Day Trip (by Dave Dull)

Everything went super. We ended up with a total of 22 skiers. The snow was sparse but the brown areas were easily avoided and all the lifts were running. The lack of a crowd and lift lines meant everyone got plenty of skiing in. I don't think anyone was disappointed too much. One girl gave up early and the rider who was hoping to snowshoe ended up doing some hiking and got a lot of reading/study done by the fireplace.

The bus was on time and brand new – unfortunately the bathroom was out of commission so we had to make halfway stops. According to the driver all the new buses were being sent back to the manufacturer to repair the restroom and some other faults. Otherwise the bus was quite comfortable, the work/play tables were handy for the kids and they had a place to put snacks. There is a big screen TV at front and back of the bus and some small viewers above some seats.

Sunday January 20-Friday, January 25: Crested Butte, CO

Twenty members of the Lafayette Ski and Snowboard Club went west to Crested Butte during this week. Unfortunately, Cindy Stowell wasn't able to join us that week due to illness. Fortunately, at last report, she is doing a lot better.

Like most if not all of Colorado, snowfall totals at Crested Butte that week were below average, which meant that the extreme terrain was closed. Nonetheless, we still had a great time. A lot of people did a lot skiing and snowboarding. Lift lines were non-

existent. Both air and bus transportation ran like clockwork. Our accommodations, in terms of both location (short walking distance from slopes) and amenities, were quite nice. Our welcoming party hosted by the resort was well run and received. “The Secret Stash” was a well-received choice for pizza. We enjoyed touring the scenic mining town and its shops, restaurants, and bars.

Most of all, it was the people who made the trip great. We had a good mix of long-time LSSC participants, first-time LSSC participants, and everything in between. On Tuesday afternoon, several of us gathered for a group photo, which is posted on the club website: <http://www.lafayetteskiclub.org/> (Thanks to Dave Dull for posting this.) First-time LSSC trip participants will have (1st) following their names.

Front row (left to right): Tim Martinez (1st), Diane Velten, Helene Freiser, Jean McDaniel, Kate Nail, Beatrice Lewyckj

Back row (left to right): Dennis Rausch (1st), Greg Lester, Dave Dull, Frank Arnold, Michael Masterson, Derek Mullen (1st), Ron McDaniel, John Underwood, Vinay Mehta, John Copeland, Dan Stowell

Not pictured: Katrina Masterson, Cindy Stowell, Will Tidmore (1st)

March Events

Wednesday, March 6: 7:00 monthly meeting at Monical’s Pizza in Lafayette.

Sunday, March 10-Friday, March 16: LSSC trip to Keystone, CO. All but 35 acres are open for skiing/snowboarding, and they’ve had 9 inches of snow in the last week.

Thank You

To all who donated food and/or money to the Brady Lane Church of Christ Food Pantry at the February meeting.

To all who donated winter clothing and/or money towards the Indiana School for the Blind & Visually Impaired (ISVBI) ski trip to Winter Park, Colorado the week of February 24th. Brittany Helwig, the coordinator for the trip, expressed her thanks to our group for our contributions. Hopefully we’ll be seeing photos and perhaps a special guest visit from her in the future.

Your contributions are much appreciated.