

## **Big Sky 2016 Web-Site Article**

### **Saturday, January 9th – Saturday, January 16th**

#### **Trip Leader: Marty Snipes**

Our January trip to Big Sky Montana had all thirty seven of our travelers looking forward to the “Biggest Skiing in America”, great snow and one of our clubs favorite ski destinations. We flew out on Delta and after a short layover in Atlanta we arrived in Big Sky at 2:30pm.

After check-in at the Huntley Lodge, we had two main priorities to take care. First off, we had to rent our skis and then attend the welcome reception sponsored by Big Sky. The ski rentals went very smoothly at Lone Mountain Sports and everyone enjoyed the party. Big Sky provided wine and cheese, assorted snacks and a resort rep who gave us detailed information about the resort, the mountain and several excursion possibilities.

Sunday morning greeted us with great conditions, sunny skies and beautifully groomed runs. Our first day of skiing was wonderful. Sunday night was our group dinner. We all boarded a chartered bus at 6:00p.m. and went to Bucks T4 restaurant. Having the group dinner at the beginning of our trip helped everyone become acquainted much faster and all enjoyed the dinner.

On Monday and each morning after, we met at the Huntley for a delicious all you can eat breakfast. This was a great venue for all to meet and make ski plans for the day.

Apres Ski was enjoyed on three evenings at various locations throughout the base area.

Our ski in-ski out condos, The Huntley Lodge, were direct slope side and made it very convenient to get on and off the slopes.

The ski conditions were perfect the entire week. Several of our seasoned skiers stated that this was some of the best conditions they had ever seen. We had fresh powder two of the six days we were there. Aside from skiing, many of the group took a day off and went snowmobiling in Yellowstone, some went snowshoeing and others went dog-sledding and of course some skied all 6 days. Big Sky is a great mountain and this was truly one of our favorite trips.