

Keystone, Colorado
Saturday, March 3rd – Saturday, March 10th

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Our March trip to Keystone, Colorado had twenty-four travelers looking forward to a great week of skiing. With three unbelievable mountains, tons of outdoor adventures, dining and nightlife all in two unique villages there was plenty to do. The ski conditions were good and with cold weather they looked to remain constant throughout the week. We had a direct flight from Jacksonville into Denver on Southwest air. The bus ride was short from Denver to Keystone, which included the customary stop at Applejacks and King Scoopers for condo supplies for the week.

We stayed at the Pines Condos in 2 bedroom/2 bath units. The facility was quite nice with spacious units, two indoor hot tubs and a large indoor heated pool. After a very efficient check-in, we had enough time to unpack and get our ski rentals before our welcome reception. We had an information session held at the Keystone Lodge and Spa. Our Keystone rep Paige gave us a presentation of the mountain and answered all the questions we had. A pizza party immediately followed at Extreme Pizza.

Sunday was a chilly but nice day skiing at Keystone. Sunday evening was the first group event held in the trip leader's condo. The group was able to bond and discuss future skiing plans. Since Keystone is a Vail property, many took advantage of the ability to ski at Breckenridge and Vail. Also, Keystone offers night skiing several nights and some of our dedicated participants skied under the lights.

Monday was another great day of skiing at Keystone, with slightly cooler temperatures than Sunday, but still offered good conditions.

Tuesday many folks went to Breckenridge for a day of skiing, while others stayed at Keystone for another great day of skiing. Tuesday evening was our group dinner which was held at Zuma's Roadhouse in the River Run village. A great time was had by all.

Wednesday 20 of our participants went on an excursion to Vail. We were able to find great conditions on the front and even some fresh snow in the trees in the back bowls. The weather cooperated and was sunny and warmer than it had been. It was a fabulous day of skiing!

Thursday most skied at Keystone. An apres ski event was sponsored by Keystone. It was a new event and was well received. Keystone closed off one run, groomed it and allowed only ski club members to ski it after 4:00. Starting at 5:30 at the Mountain House, an apres event with drinks and appetizers started, lasting until about 7:00.

Friday was another day of skiing, for most of us at Keystone. After skiing, another group event was held in the trip leader's condo. It was a great event with new and old friends recapping an excellent week of skiing and fun.