

# Park City, UT

Feb 22 – Mar 1

Twenty-one members of the Jacksonville Ski Club traveled to Park City, UT to participate in a Florida Ski Council (FSC) trip along with 7 other participating FSC member clubs. This trip included skiing at Park City Mountain Resort, Canyons, and Deer Valley Resort and had in excess of 320 FSC attendees.

JSC Members traveled by air via Delta Airlines with a short layover in Atlanta. Upon arrival in Salt Lake City, we boarded our private motor coach for the short 35 minute ride to Park City. Upon arrival at The Peaks Hotel, our accommodations for the week, we were greeted by hotel staff that handled our luggage and also held a Welcome Wine & Cheese Reception. Later that evening, the FSC held a Registration / Orientation Reception where travelers obtained their lift tickets and had the opportunity to sign up for group lessons, mountain tours, and other activities.

The Peaks Hotel is a nicely-appointed, yet value hotel that was very clean and comfortable. Guests enjoyed a complimentary hot breakfast buffet each morning, freshly-baked cookies and cocoa each afternoon, and a 20+ person outdoor hottub for soothing aching muscles after a day on the slopes.

This trip was very special in that our group was afforded the opportunity to ski all three (3) of the area mountains (Park City Mountain Resort, Canyons, and Deer Valley) all on the same trip. Each resort is unique and travelers were very pleased with the variety of terrain and the overall total amount of skiable acres. There was something for everyone!

The first half of the week was unseasonably warm with spring-like skiing conditions, however, the snow held up very nicely for the most part. Conditions up higher were ideal, without the extreme cold temperatures normally associated with late February skiing. On Wednesday evening, our patience paid off and the snow began to fall. It snowed most of the day on Thursday and provided skiers with fresh powder to ski. It also snowed Thursday evening and Friday brought blue skies and a fresh layer of snow.

The Florida Ski Council held parties on both Monday and Thursday nights, with dinner included. The Thursday night theme was “Beach Party” and many travelers took the opportunity to sport creative outfits for the evening. The Thursday night party also included the presentation of NASTAR ski race results from Tuesday’s NASTAR race. There were awards for individual winners from various age/gender categories, as well as the Team Race results. JSC’s Barb Greene won 1<sup>st</sup> place in her age group, as did Jim Werner. Jim was also the “Fastest Man on the Mountain” for the entire FSC group of racers. Additionally, Jacksonville Ski Club won the Team Competition, edging out some stiff competition from the Tampa and Gators ski clubs. Those that qualified to represent JSC consisted of: Jim Werner, Corky Kegebein, Mike Wilson, Barb Greene, Dianne Werner, and Patsy Kegebein. Other participants included: Steve Bratcher, Nick

Rotella, Sue Rotella, Ray Tuenge, and Jack Goodman, who earned the title “One-Gate Jack” for the obvious reason.

On Friday evening, JSC held a “Farewell Happy Hour” at the Upper Deck Sports Pub located at The Peaks Hotel. Our travelers enjoyed a variety of appetizers provided by the club and a cash bar. This was a very nice end to a great week of skiing, camaraderie, and adventure.

On our departure day, we once again boarded our private motor coach for the short trip to SLC airport. Our flight from SLC to ATL was shortened by a nice tailwind and after a two hour layover in ATL, which provided just the right amount of time for folks to have some dinner, we caught our last flight to JAX. All in all, our travelers felt this was a very enjoyable trip that exceeded their expectations.

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