

## **Vail Ski Trip January 26th - February 2nd**

Saturday morning came quickly for 41 Jacksonville Ski Club members, as we gathered at the Jacksonville Airport for our SouthWest Airlines direct flight to Denver. Our destination was Vail Resorts and the world renown Lionshead Village and The Landmark condominiums. After spending Saturday afternoon finding our way around The Landmark, and getting fitted for our ski's, boots etc at Vailskitech located right in the first floor of The Landmark, we got busy skiing on Sunday. With over 5200 acres of beautiful snow spread across the front side and world famous back bowls of Vail, it was exciting to hit the slopes. It didn't matter what kind of skier you were, first timer right up to black diamond, there was plenty of area for you to ski. The lift lines at Vail all week were almost non existent, mother nature blessed us all week, first with several inches of fresh powder, than several days of blue skies and groomers. Tuesday brought a JSC annual event, TuTu Tuesday, where all the JSC skiers wear colorful tutus over their ski clothes along with decorative tops. We topped it off when we all gathered for lunch together and then took a group picture on the top of the mountain, followed up with a single file ski through one of Vail's family fun center runs through the trees at Coyote Woods with photos. With some of the best ski town shopping, to great happy hour locations and finally some late night dancing at Shakedown Bar, the JSC Vail group was having a great time. We wound up our week with a BBQ catered dinner supplied by Moe's BBQ of Alabama, yes I said Alabama, of course they have a location 20 yards away from our condos in Lionshead. We concluded with some gag awards for many of our skiers for best crash, and many other things that happened on the slopes.

We had a great time, the weather was almost perfect, we all got better as skiers, and the friendships we made will last a lifetime. We can't wait to go back.