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SAFETY FEST COMES TO COPPER

JANUARY 16-18, 2010

Daily Prize Drawings in Burning Stones Plaza

Copper is proud to recognize and support the National Ski Area Associations' Safety Awareness Week with Copper's Safety Fest, featuring three days of safe ski and riding education, demonstrations, and giveaways.

Copper's Burning Stones Plaza will host Safety Fest with a focus on Copper Mountain Ski Patrol operations, helmet safety with Centura / St. Anthony's hospital staff, terrain park progression with Woodward, Fire safety with Copper Fire and backcountry awareness with the Summit Rescue Group. Each day guests can visit Coppers' Safety Tents to learn about safety, earn a chance for daily prize drawings and watch the avalanche dog demonstrations. On Sat. Jan. 16, Copper welcomes the Flight for Life helicopter at Patrol Headquarters.

Copper Safety Fest Schedule of Events*:

8:30a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Safety Fest tents open daily

12:45 p.m.

Daily avalanche Dog demo

1:00 p.m.

Daily Prize Drawing in Burning Stones

MSP Proudly recognizes members selected as Copper Mountain "Playmakers" for November and December

Dick Netzel – for his contributions to interviews, training, end of year survey and 10 years of service.

Warren Hancock – for his flexibility with schedule, and his help with new-hire interviews

Phil Harris – for his commitment to Team Leader staffing and training, as well as his help with interviews and new hire training and 9 years of service

Mike Goldberg – 100 of hours of work on new web site and producing a very valued product

Sally Swartz/Nicole Shaver - commitment to "enhance the beginner experience" working Alpine lot and getting beginners on the green loop!

The full write-ups for these Copper Wide awards are found posted on that back bulletin boards in the LPR, and in color out side the Edge cafeteria.

Welcome new Copper Mountain Safety Patrol team members

You may have noticed new faces in morning meetings at the LPR. Please join us in welcoming the newest member of MSP. Take a couple of minutes to introduce yourself and help show them the ropes. We also have two new team leaders, so congratulate B.J. Garcia, and Rick Spiess. B.J. will be working on Mondays, and Rick will be working Fridays.

New MSP members:

Will Berry	Jon Klimchalk
Fletcher Brown	Carole Litten
Jim Chambers	Matt Martinez
Carl Collinge	David McCarroll
Alan Greenberg	Laurel McLeod
Ann Hamilton	Joao Oliveira
Mary Anne Hoffman	Jamie Pawlak
Eric Hook	Margaret Schouten
Vickie Hook	Michael Stefanik
Robert Jelinek (husband of Jenny)	Wilson Strong
Alan Klein	Joe Vollmer
Jeff Klein (not related)	

Top Performers for December 2009

Shauna and I would like to recognize EVERYONE for our Team's strong showing during the month of December. We made it through the Xmas holiday break with very good staffing levels. We know this is one of the harder times to work between family commitments, traffic, and the general madness of the season.

In particular, these folks went the extra mile in December:

Once again, the tireless Mike Mathis worked 13 days, bringing his total for November and December to 26. Way to go Mike!

Eight days: Phil Harris and Tom Morgan

Seven days: Matt Martinez (new hire!); Gary and Sue Weese

Six days: Stan Black, Joe Danser, Chuck Shoemaker, Warren Hancock and Peter Welles

Five days: Bruce Anderson, Jim Dillon, Chuck Kauffman, Rick Spiess, Laird Quenzler, Randy Mangels, Terry McDaniel, Philippe Menu, Jerry Kazcmarski and Cari Zorno, Wilson Strong (new hire) and Carole Litten (new hire).

Annual Yurt trip

Mountain Safety Patrol and guests are invited to dine at over 11,000 feet at the Tennessee Pass Cookhouse Tuesday, February 9th, 2010

For more info about the Cookhouse, visit their website at: <http://www.tennesseepass.com/cookhouse.htm>

For one Copper Mountain Comp ticket you receive a gourmet lunch, including two drinks (wine, beer, coffee or tea) and Snow-Shoeing or Cross-Country skiing rentals and Nordic pass all day. (If you are unable to come up with a comp ticket, please talk to Shauna to make arrangements). Lunch is at 12:00 PM, but arrive at the Nordic center around 11:15 a.m. Sue and Gary Weese are once again putting on this event so please RSVP to 2mileshigh@bresnan.net

Sign up no later than Feb. 5th. We need at least 20 people with a maximum of 40 to sign up. Please indicate to Gary or Sue which meal you want.

1. Buffalo Burger with rosemary potatoes & green beans
2. Grilled Salmon Sandwich on Croissant - rosemary potatoes & green beans
3. Vegetarian Curry with rice
4. Soup of the Day & Salad

Other pertinent stuff:

The Yurt is approximately 1 mile along the Cross Country/Snow Shoeing trail from the Nordic Center . It is not accessible via downhill skiing. To get to the Yurt you will can walk, Cross Country Ski, Snow Shoe, or a couple of Snowmobiles will be available to shuttle those who feel they need it.

You can get there via Highway #91 from Copper Mtn. approximately 22 mi. to Highway #24 turn off just about a 1/2 mile north of Leadville, then to Tennessee Pass , at the 10th Mtn. Memorial and indicated turn for Ski Cooper then go about another 1/2 mile. The Nordic Center is the log building on the right. Or you can come up Highway #24 from Minturn to Tennessee Pass and turn at the 10th Mtn. Memorial and Ski Cooper turn.

Again, RSVP to Sue or Gary at: 2mileshigh@bresnan.net

Tips for taking the test

Even though most of us have taken the test by now, I thought it appropriate to reprint this imaginative memory aid for Copper Mountain, especially for the new members. Our hats off to Stan and Ester for sharing.

Flat Side:

Phone 21 is at the start of **I dropper**; when you turn 21, you go out and drink until you need eye drops the next morning due to red eyes.

Phone 37 is at **Gee Wiz** area; **Gee Wiz**, Shauna wishes she was still 37 years old

Phone 18, 13, 14, and 16; you go into the **Catalyst Park** when you are legal at 18 (skier right @ start of **Minor Matter**), if you are unlucky and crash in the middle, you are at unlucky phone 13, (14 is just below it), but if you come out great, you feel 16 again!

Phone 19, 20 and 22; young girls this age like to suntan on the beach and need **Coppertone** for protection (remember 21 is on I dropper)

Phone 26 and 27: 26 & 27 rhyme with heaven and are on **Moon Island**

Phone 15; when 15 you are still “**Carefree**”, no car, no license, no job

Big Side:

Phone 7 and 11; if you play dice, this is important. There was song words “7 come 11 down in the boys gym” (Charlie Brown by the Coasters). 7/11 convenience stores are the main ones, i.e. **Main Vein**

Phone 1, 10, & 4 are on **Encore** is the rhyme

Phone 3; is on **Triple Treat**; triple =3

4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are on B-road, one on each run starting at **Encore** (remember 4 is on Encore) therefore 5 is on **Collage**, 6 is on **Bouncer**, 7 **Main Vein** and 8 **Bittersweet**

There is a phone at the bottom of the **Excelsior Lift**, in Solitude Station at the restrooms, and at base of **Eagle Lift** (sorry, no rhymes here!)

Saw Mill Flats is an area just above phone 11 on **Skid Road**. They skidded the sawed logs down toward the **Super B** area (East Village).

Run Names at **Alpine Lift** from right to left looking up the mountain

Far East: Its at the East mountain boundary, first run

Too Much: Too=2, the second run over

Triple Treat: Triple =3, the third run over

Formidable: **Formidable**, sounds like 4, the fourth run over

Phones across the bottom of the above four runs are A, B, C, D in order from **Far East**.

Lifts:

Lifts across the bottom of the mountain are in Alphabetical Order also from East to West:

Alpine, Super **Bee**, American **Eagle**, American **Flyer**, **High Point**, **Kokomo**, and **Lumberjack**

In the Wheeler Creek area;

Rendezvous is on the East and **Sierra** is on the West

Tips on the Web site: Using the forums

Did you know that there is a part of the MSP web site that is dedicated to forums? You can get there by clicking on the forums button either at the top or left side menus. You have to register for the forums (it is a separate registration than for the scheduler), so the first time you access the forums

page, you must click on register. Your registration will be approved by a system administrator, and you will be able to access the forums.

Three forums are set up for your use:

- General Communications (can be used to sell equipment, or discuss any topics of general interest).
- MSP Car pool forum (was set-up to share phone numbers for folks who wish to car pool to Copper from the front range)
- Mountain Safety Issues

Once you access one of the forums, you can either start new Topics, or read what is in an existing topic, and respond appropriately, by selecting Post Reply.

If you have any problems signing up for the Forums, or using them once you have signed up, click the Contact Us button on the MSP home page, and send in your question.

Where do we stack up?

Shauna discovered a really interesting chart listing snowfall by month captured at Solitude since the 1972/73 winter season. Last year, by the end of December, Copper registered 120 inches of snow. This year we are only at 54 inches, so we will all need to do the snow dance when we are at our assigned spots on the mountain. As you can see, we are not having the worst year on record, but we are well below average.

Year	Nov	Dec	Jan	Year Total
Year of No Snow (76/77)	0	17.5	18.5	143
Year of Big Snow (84/85)	90	151	19	432
Average Snow fall	37.76	46.33	49.86	266.01
This Year	18	36	?	?

All figures are in inches.