

E s c a p e

a chronicle of the christie lodge owners association

Lodge Refurbishes Common Areas



We are especially pleased with the new look in the main lobby and atrium reception area.

One of the most obvious changes is the replacement of all area carpets throughout the lobby and atrium areas. The new designs suggest a modern influence mixed with contemporary tones that achieves a look you might expect in a Rocky Mountain mansion. Gone are the bright contrasting and shocking colors that were popular a decade ago. The new carpets were chosen by a local professional interior decorator that has an eye for quality and impeccable sense of design.

Our decorator provided invaluable help in many ways but we also take in-house credit for a “home run” we scored with our Tropitone lounge furniture. Tropitone is the manufacturer of all the heavy metal chairs, tables and umbrellas that have adorned our pool and public areas since the lodge opened in the late 1980s. They have served us well, but the fabric’s original red luster had faded to a dull pink and the off-white metal frames were chipped and scratched. Instead of tossing the lot to the trash bin, we contacted Tropitone, purchased all new canvas and cushions, and refinished the frames with a fresh coat of paint. The result is a houseful of beautiful gold and tan furniture that is still in style and likely to last another 25 years!

Winter '03

Other improvements include complete overhauls of the

One thing that never changes around the Christie Lodge is the fact that things are always changing! We have been extra busy this year sprucing up the common areas and meeting rooms. The resulting changes have given our Lodge a more elegant look while retaining the comfortable and warm atmosphere that we have all grown to love.

public restrooms in the lobby. Corian countertops with double sinks were added and once again our maintenance folks rose to the occasion by installing porcelain tile on the walls, building custom birch stall dividers, and painting where necessary. The result is two beautiful restroom facilities that greatly improve the common areas.

A more dramatic change is the renovation of three hall entryways from parking lots to buildings. You may remember drab, plain white passageways with no character and even a sense of emptiness as you walk through. No more!

These passageways now sport very attractive tile-like covering on the walls, large bumper guards about waist high, and new ceiling tiles. New floor coverings are coming soon. You will get a warm and welcome feeling when entering the buildings from these locations. The look even contributes to a feeling of personal security and well-being. *(see 'Refurbishment' on next page)*

(Refurbishment: - continued from previous page)

Throughout the atriums you will see new couches, chairs and tables. The fireplace pit on the west end received new furniture and remains a favorite gathering place for owners and guests. General Manager Lisa Siegert-Free treated owners attending the last annual meeting to a “before and after” slide show and all agreed the changes were both significant and beautiful.



The Tropitone lobby furniture sports a brand new look!

The meeting rooms also received new carpet, some new furniture, new wallpaper or paint and touch-ups as needed to fit in with our new look. Of course, a major part of the overall appearance is the familiar generous placement of about 200

potted plants throughout the lobby and atrium areas. Certain ficus trees and other plants are older than some of our owners,

having been with us from the very beginning. There are many other potted plants in offices and retail areas and literally thousands of outdoor and hanging plants that we continually treasure and care for. Keeping our plant family healthy is a big job.



Fresh new looks abound throughout the commons

If you haven't enjoyed our efforts in the common areas lately, please schedule a visit soon. We do this for you, our owners, and want to share the fruits of our labors with you in person on your next visit. Make your reservation now! (Use the toll-free Hotline listed directly below . . .)

We Can Handle All Of Your Group Needs

As an owner at The Christie Lodge, you are aware of the high standards that we strive to achieve in the service of our guests. However, you may not know that The Christie Lodge is available to you, your company, your organization or your family for your next meeting, be it in winter, summer, spring or fall!

With nearly twenty years of experience in hosting public and private groups, the Lodge welcomes the opportunity to host your next conference, meeting or family get-together.

We offer:

- *spacious one or three-bedroom guest units*
- *2,500 square feet of conference room area*
- *full services available for banquets*
- *complete fitness center, sauna*
- *indoor & outdoor pools, three large hot tubs*
- *many attractions & amenities within walking distance*

Whether you are planning a conference, retreat or incentive program, our Lodge offers you a premier facility and an exceptional service staff that is dedicated to your success. We have dates available in every season at this time.

Please do not hesitate to call our Sales and Marketing Department at 800-368-0806 to discuss further details or book your event. Call to check on our reasonable prices and many services.



Rez Hotline:

1-888-325-6343

fax: (970) 845-4535

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**When using your week,
remember to reserve early!**

!! READ ME !!

*For your enjoyment,
every unit in the Lodge
now sports a DVD player!*

Annual Financial Summary

For your information and convenience, the current budget is reproduced at right. We are now in the middle of fiscal year 2002-03.

CHRISTIE LODGE OWNERS ASSOCIATION CASH BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/03

Revenue			
Assessments		\$	4,008,206
Collections		\$	751,624
Ancillary		\$	<u>1,493,727</u>
	Total Revenue		\$ <u>6,253,557</u>
Expenses			
Management & Administration			
Payroll	\$	811,017	
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	\$	174,277	
Operation Expenses	\$	1,069,772	
	Total Mgt. & Admin.		\$ <u>2,055,066</u>
Room Operations & Guest Services			
Payroll	\$	1,174,916	
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	\$	161,467	
Operation Expenses	\$	507,905	
	Total Room & Guest		\$ <u>1,844,288</u>
Property Operations & Maintenance			
Payroll	\$	407,511	
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	\$	87,615	
Operation Expenses	\$	227,590	
	Total Ops & Maint.		\$ <u>722,716</u>
	Fixed Expenses		\$ <u>785,654</u>
Owner Accounts			
Payroll	\$	105,070	
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	\$	22,590	
Operation Expenses	\$	6,350	
	Total Owner Accounts		\$ <u>134,010</u>
MIS (Management Information Systems)			
Payroll	\$	69,682	
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	\$	14,981	
Operation Expenses	\$	79,863	
	Total MIS		\$ <u>164,526</u>
	Total Expenses		\$ <u>5,706,260</u>
	Less: Reserve Funding Requirement	\$	(481,536)
	Payment of Debt - Net of Notes Receivable	\$	<u>(33,197)</u>
	Net Income from Operations		\$ <u><u>32,564</u></u>

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HIGH REWARDS for prompt fee payment! The owners listed below each received a one-week exchange into the Christie Lodge, or another RCI or I.I. resort of their choice.

Prompt payment of 2002 #2 Maintenance Fees allowed these owners to enter the drawing for an RCI or I.I. exchange week of their choice with NO exchange fee!

Richard & Frances Ikler
Wood Dale, Illinois

Thomas & Sherry Miller
Joliet, Illinois

Martha Saltgaver
Denver, Colorado

Congratulations to our LUCKY winners!

Bits & Bytes ... a note from John Lee, our CFO



Webmaster Scott Crim

and want your input for the never-ending process of developing a site that will give you more information, more options and more features. Please take a look at www.christielodge.com and ponder what you would like to see included to make the site more enjoyable and useful for you.

We want to have your input as an owner to assist us in our designing process - we will build the new site together. We appreciate your feedback and place a high value on your opinions. Please send your comments to our webmaster pictured above, scrim@christielodge.com.

I would like to give you a Christie Lodge World Wide Web Progress Report. We are listening to you! While evaluating comments and opinions from our owners, guests and staff we are busy at work improving the Christie Lodge site.

Our web site is designed with the owner in mind and as always, we need

We are striving for a professional look and feel with easy-to-use navigation aids and plan to emphasize the very best the Vail Valley has to offer. One goal is to create more demand and desire for the property, which naturally increases your trading power and overall owner value.

We will have an exclusive owners' section with calendars, contact info, current lodge business updates and suggestions for many activities to plan your next vacation.

All of this construction takes time and energy. We are happy to introduce our webmaster Scott Crim who brings to the Lodge extensive web design experience and enthusiasm. Scott's dedication will provide a continuously updated and improved site for your convenience and enjoyment.

We hope to see you online and enjoying the very best web site for our Christie Lodge. Thanks for your support.



The Nybys - Vern, Betty et al.

This owner feature goes back a few - about 60 years, to be in fact, when Vern Nyby (pronounced "nigh' - bee") graduated high school in Humboldt, Iowa. WWII was in full swing then and boys like Vern were in high demand by Uncle Sam. Before he could be snagged, Vern answered the call of his country and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. From Humboldt he went to the aircraft carrier *U.S.S. Randolph* and served in the Asiatic Pacific combat theater.

Vern became an aviation ordnance specialist which for us laypersons, means that he worked on bombs! He saw plenty of combat, which seems kind of strange after you see what a nice and gentle man he is. Vern reports that the Randolph had seventy F6 fighter planes, five F6 radar planes, fifteen Avenger torpedo planes and fifteen SP2C Helldiver dive bombers. He points out that although this was an amazing amount of fire power, today one F16 can wreck as much havoc as a whole gang of those veteran planes combined!

Enough of that - back to the family! Wife Betty was a classmate and after the war (in '47) they tied the knot. Three girls followed, Becky, Barbara and Susan. Vern held positions in Sales and Production for such agricultural companies as

DeKalb and Beatrice. Betty was an elementary school teacher until retirement.

In 1961 the Nybys moved to Colorado. It was the spectacular deer hunting along Highway 6 that led him to becoming an owner at our Lodge. He fishes, hunts, traps but has never found the urge to ski! This is partly because of a skiing mishap in his youth that landed him in the Iowa River. He's got a long memory!



The Nybys take it easy and enjoy the new furniture in the common area at last fall's annual owners' meeting.

Things are quieter these days as the Nybys enjoy vacationing at the Lodge, spending time with their family and managing Betty's Shaklee health products business. That's a good combination.

Calendar of Events - Winter '03

January, 2003

Forever Plaid 50s Musical	3 ~ 4
"The Mythical West" Film Festival: <i>Jesse James</i>	15
The Session <i>Public Party</i>	17
The Session <i>Snowboarding Event</i>	17 ~ 18
US Coast Guard Singers	17
Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Company Family Show	18
<i>Mogul Mania</i>	18
<i>Taj Mahal</i> , Blues Band	19
"The Mythical West" Film Festival: <i>Winchester</i>	22
Mountain Dew <i>Vertical Challenge</i>	25
<i>The Miracle Worker</i> Montana Rep. Theatre	29
Kennedy Center Imagination Celebration: <i>Harlem</i>	30

February, 2003

Capitol Steps <i>Political Satire</i>	2
Twyla Tharp Dance	4
"The Mythical West" Film Festival: <i>The Searchers</i>	5
Kathy Mattea Country Music	7
"The Mythical West" Film Festival: <i>Outlaw Josey Wales</i> ..	12
<i>The Persuasions</i> A Cappella Legends	14
<i>Goodnight Opus</i> Puppet Show	15
<i>MacHomer: The Simpsons Do MacBeth</i>	16 ~ 17
<i>The Del McCoury Band</i> Award-Winning Bluegrass	18
Budweiser <i>Street Beat</i>	19
San Jose <i>Silicon Valley Ballet</i>	21
<i>Jammin' With Pops</i> Musical Review	28

March, 2003

Tim Reynolds Guitar	3
Budweiser <i>Street Beat</i>	5, 12, 19, 26
Enchantment Theatre Company: <i>The Snow Queen</i>	6
Aquila Theatre Company: <i>Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	7
<i>MOMIX In Orbit</i> Contemporary Dance	9
Richie Havens Legendary Folk Music	15
Barry Manilow's <i>Copacabana</i>	16
<i>The Second City</i> Improv & Sketch Comedy	18 ~ 19
American Ski Classic	19 ~ 22
Russian Kids Circus	21 ~ 22
<i>Direct From Broadway</i> Musical Review	26 ~ 27
Karla Bonoff Folk Rock	29
Keb' Mo' Grammy Winning Blues	30

April, 2003

<i>Chorovaya Akademia</i> Russian Men's Choir	1
Budweiser <i>Street Beat</i>	2, 9, 16
The Parsons Dance Company	4
Ski Mountains Close	<i>Depends on Snow</i>

*This is only a small portion of the multitude of activities happening in our area this season. *For more information on anything here which interests you or for answers to other questions on local activities, including hunting, please do not hesitate to contact our concierge.*

CLOA Annual Meeting Held

The 2002 Christie Lodge Owners Association Annual Meeting was held in October at the Lodge. Three outgoing Board of Directors members were John Furst, Gary Kujawski and the late Fran Nostrand. After Fran's passing, her daughter, Kristen, served the remainder of her term.

By election of the CLOA members, the three open board positions were filled by Kristen Nostrand of Cincinnati, Ohio, Thomas Napoli of Katy, Texas, and Jonasue Phillips of Crowley, Texas. The residency requirements of the Board have been amended. Requirements that members live in particular states no longer exist.

Routine business matters were ad-

dressed and no unusual problems or situations were encountered.

Interval International personnel presented their newest offerings and opportunities for CLOA members who are I.I. affiliated. Information concerning the 2003 annual meeting will appear in a future issue of the *Escape*. Give us a call for more info!

Please Take Note!

We have a new official rule that cannot be broken. If you drive a vehicle with a maximum axle load in excess of 5,000 pounds, then you CANNOT drive or park it on the upper deck! This is for everybody's safety and is meant to prolong the life of the parking structure.

EASY, FANCY PARTY SNACK

Empty a #303 can or a 12 oz. jar of artichoke hearts and cut the tender parts into little pieces, discarding the tough leaves. Lightly blend or mix with 1/2 cup mayo, a 4 oz. can of crab meat, and 1/2 cup shredded parmesan cheese. Spread evenly about 1/4" on snack-sized pumpernickel bread slices.

Place onto an ungreased cookie sheet in your broiler for about 5 minutes or until the mixture is golden brown. Watch carefully so they don't burn!

Immediately serve hot, however be advised that they are also yummy later if served cold.

Getting to Know Us . . .



This issue we feature Bruce McDaniel. Bruce has held a variety of jobs with us beginning with that of maintenance engineer. Over the six years of his employment with us Bruce has worked his way up to Chief Engineer, and even further by recently being promoted to the Director of Operations, an executive management position.

Bruce has been married to wife Cindy for 28 years now and reports they lead an *old-fashioned* life with Cindy

working the much tougher job as full-time housewife. That helps explain how they raised two great kids, Sophia, who is also a full time housewife in the Vail Valley, and Jay, who works at the Lodge in the Maintenance Department.

In 1990, this native Californian's 20-year career with Proctor and Gamble in Long Beach was winding down due to corporate downsizing, so he and the family decided to move to the Vail Valley. They had passed through the region on a previous vacation

and knew this should be their new home. California's loss was our gain!

Bruce studied Engineering at Long Beach City College (so he can fix anything) and was a natural candidate for success at the Christie Lodge. Maintenance personnel depend on his experience and knowledge every day for a variety of problems you cannot believe. Stopped drains to wavy satellite reception are just examples of what our engineers encounter daily.

Along his journey through life, Bruce became a minister for the General Assembly Church of the First Born and is active in that church today. He has aided in the establishment of several assemblies in the Vail Valley and will marry you on a mountaintop, bless you on your final voyage or simply lend a sympathetic ear and offer wise counsel if you wish. What an all-around guy!

Other than work and ministering, Bruce likes horses. Horseback riding is a particular pleasure but he reports that recently he has taken an interest in the use of horses for "cattle cutting". Many of you recognize this concept as that age-old skill employed by cowboys that need to remove (or cut) a sick cow from the herd. The horse does all the work!

Another hobby is fly fishing and although opportunities abound all around the Valley, he reports that this fun is seldom realized due to lack of time. Next time you visit us, look Bruce up and you'll see why we feel fortunate to have him as our Director of Operations. He's a neat guy!



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