

Escape

a chronicle of the christie lodge owners association

Christel House Open Golf Tournament Receives Lodge's Aid



Children of East India enjoy the life-sustaining lessons and opportunities provided them by the Christel House

In 1998, Indianapolis, Indiana businesswoman and philanthropist Christel DeHaan founded Christel House International. Ms. DeHaan is internationally recognized in the timeshare industry as one of the co-founders of Resort Condominiums International, or as we know it, RCI. RCI began as a humble index card indexing system on her kitchen table and developed into the mega corporation many of us enjoy today.

After stepping back from the intensive management duties of RCI, the decision to form the charitable organization was driven by the obvious needs of underprivileged

The mission of Christel House International is to help children around the world break the cycle of poverty and become self-sufficient, contributing members of their societies.

children worldwide. Currently nearly 2,000 impoverished and underserved children in India, Mexico, Serbia, South Africa, Venezuela and of course, the United States benefit daily from education, vocational training, life competency skills, healthful nutrition and a safe nurturing environment.

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Ms. DeHaan contributes all general and administrative costs. Consequently, 100% of all donations fund programs directly benefitting the Christel House children.

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Funds are raised in a variety of ways, such as art auctions featuring works by Christel House children like the ones shown at right. Another major method of raising money is by means of the Christel House Open, a unique golf tournament that is actually a series of tournaments.

This year thirty "Tier One" tournaments were held on five continents in ten countries. The winning team from each site qualified to compete in the World Championship, to be held this September in Indianapolis, Indiana – "the amateur sports capitol of the world". Immediately following will be the LPGA's prestigious Solheim Cup international tournament held in Indy, to which World Championship contestants will be awarded tickets and other special privileges.

We are proud to announce that the Christie Lodge volunteered to be the host sponsor for one of the thirty Tier One tournaments. It took place at the Cotton Ranch Club in



Gypsum, Colorado. Gypsum is about thirty miles west of the Lodge and only a couple of miles from the Eagle airport.

This marvelous day of golfing was enjoyable for the occasional golfer and the serious enthusiast. Golfers at the Cotton Ranch Club joined an exclusive group of individuals and sponsors who have chosen to unite for the special cause of aiding children in many countries. Golfers enjoyed a stay at the Lodge and as any enthusiast who has ever played the sport in the Rocky Mountains knows, it just doesn't get any better than it is up here!

Lodge management and personnel are very proud to be a host sponsor of the Tier One tournament and contribute to this fantastic charity.

Friday or Saturday Check-in Policy to be Tested

Breaking news is at the Lodge! We are planning to test a policy to give you a choice of Friday or Saturday arrival in a test period in 2005!

From time to time our Owners have requested that the Lodge consider allowing owners a choice of a Friday, Saturday or Sunday check-in day for the start of their owner week.

After careful review of potential problems we have decided to implement a trial period offering owners booking weeks 2~50 a choice of a Friday or Saturday check-in day for the start of their seven day vacation week.

Since weeks 51 and 52 are fixed weeks and units, we will not be able to accommodate a Sunday check-in for certain weeks at either end of the calendar as the end of these weeks would flow into the start of a fixed week. We will monitor the bookings closely for potential problems. In the event we feel the option is creating inventory problems we reserve the right to discontinue the option without notice.



You asked and we listened! By popular demand we will test-implement a more flexible check-in period!

We will use the Christie Lodge website to update you on the progress of the test period. If we discontinue the program we will also advise owners as they are booking their week.

We hope this will provide additional flexibility for you and give you more opportunities to fully enjoy your Christie Lodge ownership by staying with us.

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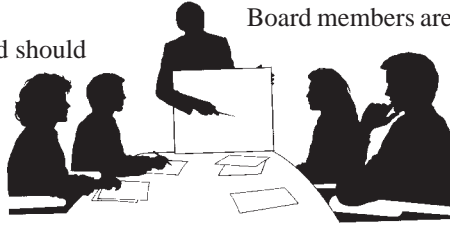
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Annual Meeting to Elect 3 New C.L.O.A. Board Members

The 2005 Christie Lodge Owners Association's Annual Meeting is scheduled on October 8, 2005 in Dallas, Texas. Owners will have the opportunity to elect three (3) owners to become members of the CLOA Board of Directors.

Owners interested in serving on the Board should submit a resume to the CLOA Executive Office, P. O. Box 1196, Avon, CO 81620-1196. All resumes must be submitted and received by July 31, 2005.



Board member services include attending about 3 or 4 meetings per year. There is no remuneration for Board services, but travel, meals and lodging expenses are reimbursed for attendance to Board meetings.

Board members must review periodic financial information and be available for input on other interim issues. Officers of the Board invest additional time.

Board members are limited to two consecutive terms. There is also a rule that says no more than three members can be from any one state.

More detailed information will be included in the Official Notice and Agenda to be sent to all owners, closer to the meeting date. Please plan to attend and take part in this important meeting.

Don't forget to regularly visit our website www.christielodge.com to keep informed of what's happening at the Lodge!

New Sales Agreement Promises Continued Stability of CLOA

We are pleased to announce that the Christie Lodge Owners Association has entered into a sales agreement with Celebrity Resorts of Orlando, Florida. Celebrity will operate on site at the Christie Lodge and will function as our exclusive timeshare sales agent. Their sales efforts will be focused on reducing current CLOA inventory. We are very excited to welcome the Celebrity team and are looking forward to a prosperous sales venture.

The Association periodically acquires delinquent inventory. The best situation for the Lodge is to have an abundance of owners, not CLOA inventory. For several years we have searched for a sales team of high quality, professionalism and experience . . . we feel we have found the right one!

Celebrity Resorts owns or operates resorts spanning the United States from the extensive Orlando theme parks to the breathtaking shores of Honolulu. As one of the country's fastest growing timeshare companies, they have resorts in Honolulu, Hawaii; Reno, Nevada; Brigantine Beach, New Jersey; Indian Shores, Florida, and two resorts in Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

You can discover more about Celebrity Resorts by visiting their website at www.celebrityresorts.com. If you are interested in purchasing additional weeks at the Christie Lodge or in purchasing timeshares at one of their resorts, contact them at 970-949-7700, ext. 560. They have many promotions that may be of interest to you. Please do not call this number if you are interested in selling your unit. They are not purchasing units from owners.

This new sales project utilizing Celebrity's sales team's talents will help secure responsible owners, enliven the

revenue on CLOA inventory and add to the stability and good health of our Association.

If you would like more information, visit our website for the latest information or contact Assistant General Manager Shirley Byrne at 970-845-4545.



CLOA Health

Club Navigo Discontinued

Effective immediately the Internal Club Navigo exchange option for our owners is discontinued. A few of our owners took advantage of this exchange option but the program was not utilized to the extent we had desired and anticipated.

We are currently entering into a sales agreement to sell the Christie Lodge owned inventory, explained at left, and these two programs would be in direct conflict.

Christie management will continue to look for additional programs that provide additional benefits and flexibility for our owners.

Internet Access Pricing



In response to your questions and needs we have compiled the following list of various options available to you, our valued owners and guests, to keep you connected via the World Wide Web. We understand your need to stay in-touch via the web and be productive. Our in-house service provider provides you the convenience of 24 hour DSL High Speed Internet Access with several options.

- You may use the **Kiosk in our atrium** for a flat rate of \$.25 per minute (4 minute minimum). Prepay 30 minutes for 30% off and 1 hour for 40% off. There is no need to use all your time at once. Create a login and password and use your time as you wish during your stay or at any other SurfNet terminal nationwide. This is an ideal situation for quick access to your email and includes video and voice email capabilities. Major credit cards (\$3 minimum) and cash bills (\$1 minimum) are accepted for payment. No change is given.



- With your own Wi-Fi enabled Mobile Device or Wireless Laptop you can take advantage of our **"AIRPATH wireless Hotspot"** emanating *within line of sight of our Kiosk*. Sit back in our comfortable common area or conference rooms, even warm up to the fire, and get your tasks done wirelessly at high speed. An hour minimum charge of \$3.95 applies. You may also choose from a daily rate of \$7.95 or monthly at \$24.95.

- **Dial-up service** is available to laptop users from your room for a \$0.55 connect fee plus any applicable long distance charges.
- **COPY COPY PRINT SHOP**
(Open 7:30am to 8pm Monday thru Friday, 9am to 6pm on Saturdays and noon to 6pm on Sundays) Just across

the street is our local print shop with a business center and Internet access available to you at a flat rate of \$1.00 for every 5 minutes (\$12 per hour). Here you have access to their PCs or connect your laptop via Ethernet connection. This situation is also ideal for word-processing and printing needs.

- **SLICKRICK'S OCEANSIDE INTERNET CAFÉ**
(Open 8:30am to 9pm Monday thru Friday, 9:30am to 9pm on Saturdays, noon to 6pm on Sundays) Located here in Avon this is a true Internet café where an hour's minimum on their computers gets you a piping hot coffee. 15 minutes is just \$2.00, \$20.00 daily, \$50.00 per week and \$75.00 per month.
- **AVON PUBLIC LIBRARY**
(Open 8:30am to 9pm Monday thru Friday, 9:30am to 9pm on Saturdays, noon to 6pm on Sundays) With a valid ID you can apply for a library card or Internet card which authorizes you to use their FREE Internet access for as much as two 30 minutes sessions per day. Advance reservations may be required.

We are proud to note that the Christie Lodge is now internationally recognized on the world wide web at numerous Wi-Fi Hot Spot search engines as a wireless Internet provider. These search engines are available at such sites as: USA TODAY, FORBES, INTEL, YAHOO, etc. Most importantly we are mentioned at the primary search engine called JIWI.WIRE.COM which hosts seamless searches from hundreds of other sites.

For more information and directions to any of these locations please stop by and speak with our knowledgeable Concierge or Front Desk staff. *Happy Surfing . . .*

*Thanks to Resident Manager
Dave Champaign for this information!*

Incentives Offered . . .

We are very fortunate to have a great group of owners (you!) that regularly pay maintenance fees when due. This keeps the Association healthy and allows us to constantly make improvements to ensure your ownership in the Christie Lodge is one of which you can be proud and cherish.

One of the ways we say, "Thank you!" to our owners who pay promptly, is our exchange week giveaways. Locations available are all the properties through RCI and II.

We hold these drawings twice a year, just after each billing period. We draw names of three owners from this group. Then we pick up the exchange fee for each winner's week!

The lucky winners of free exchange weeks this period are:



**Charles & Robbie Burtch,
Gold Canyon, Arizona**

**Arthur Howard
Lakewood, Colorado**

**Jeffrey & Christine Nettesheim
Colorado Spings, Colorado**



Calendar of Events - Summer '05

July, 2005

Vail Farmers' Market	Each Sunday
Culinary Demo Series	Each Sunday
Budweiser Hot Summer Nights	Each Tuesday
Horticultural Therapy	Each Tuesday
Free Family Movie Night	Each Friday
Habitat Home Outlet Warehouse	Each Friday
Minturn & Edwards Farmers' Market	Each Saturday
Bravo Vail Valley Music Festival	June 26 ~ Aug. 4
LaCrosse Shootout	1
Beaver Creek Concert Series - POCO	2
Vail America Days Parade	4
Avon Fireworks Display	4
Collin Raye, C & W Super Star	5
Beaver Creek Rodeo	7
Beaver Creek Concert Series - Jess Hughes	9
Beaver Creek Off Road Duathlon	10
VH1 presents Man@Work Tour	17
Beaver Creek Concert Series - Tiempo Libra	23
Beaver Creek Concert Series - Average White Band	30
Vail International Dance Festival	30, 31

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, please do not hesitate to contact our concierge. Ask for Crystal Mallory, featured on the back page!

August, 2005

Vail Farmers' Market	Each Sunday
Culinary Demo Series	Each Sunday
Volunteer to Work Day	Each Mon & Thur
Beaver Creek Film Series	Each Tuesday
Beaver Creek Rodeo	Each Thursday
Avon's Lakeside Cinema	Each Friday
Minturn & Edwards Farmers' Market	Each Saturday
Evening of Marimba/String	1
Vail International Dance Festival	3 ~ 7
Women of K2	4
Avon Antique Show	12
Rotary Duck Race	13
The SHINDIG	14
Notables & Quotables: Sec'y Jack Kemp	18
The Indian Ocean Tsunami	24
Annual Rummage Sale	27 ~ 28
Security for a World in Crisis	31

September, 2005

Vail Jazz Festival	2
Beaver Creek Oktoberfest	3 ~ 5
Transamerica Race Series	3, 4
Christo & Jeanne Claude's The Gates	8
Oktoberfest Vail	9 ~ 11, 16 ~ 18
Colorado Grand	12 ~ 17
Vail Valley Challenge Cup	30

Owner Feature . . .

Gordon Malik is a longtime owner at the Christie with an interesting background. He served 26 years in the Air Force, most of them at the Academy in Colorado Springs and is now retired. He now remodels houses in his spare time.

Gordon and wife Linda both love the mountains and both ski a lot. That's easy to do if you live in the Springs.

They have a couple of kids who have provided them with three precious granddaughters, upon which they lavish most of their time, energy and of course, their love. These young treasures are all less than 3 years old and must be quite a handful!

When he can, George volunteers for various duties in the Guest Services

department at Breckenridge. Linda retired when George did and now is helping him get their new house ready for habitation, working in the yard, choosing curtains and all that kind of stuff. Before that, Linda sold advertising in the newspaper business.

You may be wondering what's so interesting about an Air Force career, life in the suburbs, etc.? Well, George was lucky enough to never carry a weapon, never fly a fighter and didn't go to war. He made a 26-year career as a musician playing the clarinet! When he got the appointment with the special band based at the Academy, he basically took root in the Springs and played happily ever after!



Gordon demonstrates the famous "Shoot the Duck" shredding maneuver

Playing in this prestigious band took him all over the United States and even a few places elsewhere, like Greenland and Poland. That is interesting!

The Maliks report that they love the Christie and are enjoying the latest remodel. Folks like the Maliks are what make our Association so great.

Getting to Know Us . . .

One of the most important yet often under-appreciated departments of a resort is the Concierge. At the Christie Lodge, we pride ourselves on the great staff and services provided by ours.

At the helm of this knowledgeable group is Crystal Mallory. Crystal moved around quite a bit during her youth, from the beginning in Sacramento to such locations as Hawaii, Seattle and then Oregon. Her family now resides in Corvallis, Oregon.

When she was 21, Crystal vacationed in the Vail Valley and was hooked. She stayed a summer and when it was feasible, moved here permanently.

Crystal and her boyfriend, Reese, love to snowboard. Reese is a chef "up the hill" at the Hyatt and together they are raising a part German Shepherd, part Maltese pup named "Rufus", who is a girl dog, in spite of her masculine moniker. Like many dogs in the Vail

Valley, this seventeen-pound canine is treated like a member of the family.

Crystal's attraction to the mountains is not limited to boarding as she reports a great liking of rafting, hiking and all the other activities that go with a mountain lifestyle. After all, that's why she vacationed here in the first place! And lucky for us, that's a reason she stays.

Before Crystal came to the Christie, she worked at the prestigious Sonnenalp in Vail, which gave her a wealth of experience as a Concierge expert. Helping guests with reservations, trip planning, sharing awareness of the multitude of activities available in the area and generally getting the most value for the guest's dollar are skills possessed by Crystal that make the Christie Concierge the envy of the Vail Valley.



Another of her passions is travel. Crystal and friends love to travel in Mexico. In fact, about the time you get this publication, she should just be returning from vacationing in Puerto Penasco, Mexico. She says the secret to successful travel through Mexico is simply to "be mellow".

Drop by the Concierge on your next visit and you'll meet a great gal!



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