

E s c a p e

a chronicle of the Christie # Lodge Owners Association

The Moose Are Loose . . . in the Avon area

Will They Visit Our Lodge?

According to a spokesman for the Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW), Randy Hampton, "Moose are doing quite well in Colorado. There are a number of different populations, and it's going to be more common to see them in the Eagle River Valley." The Christie Lodge is smack dab in the middle of this valley, as the Eagle River is only a couple of hundred yards from our front door!

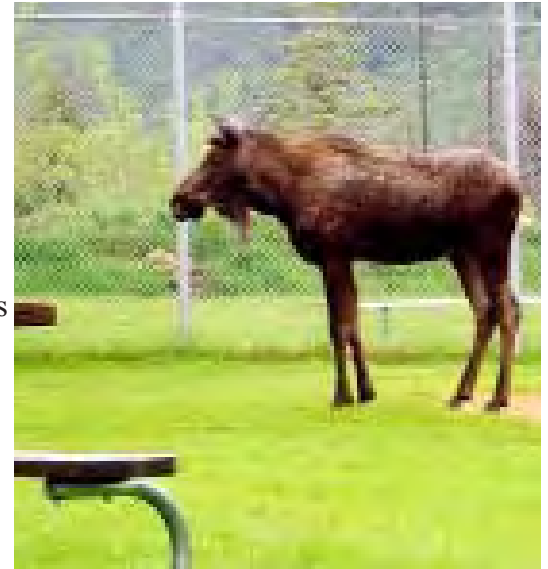
Beginning in 1978, the DOW began bringing moose back into our great state. Moose as a species were no strangers to Colorado, but until recently had not established a breeding population here.

Mr. Hampton also remarked, "We see some moose moving into the Roaring Fork Valley - and the Eagle River Valley is right next door." So, are they in the Lodge's parking lot?

The jury's still out on that one, but we do know moose have been within a few miles of our Front Desk! Recently Shayla Turnbull, a student of the Berry Creek Middle School located in Edwards, four miles west on Highway 6, was being driven to school by her mother, when she spied a large moose frolicking around the school grounds.

The pair followed the moose to the ball fields and took some great pictures of the magnificent creature. They thought the camera's flash "spooked" the moose, as it proceeded to move away.

After reviewing the photos, Mr. Hampton declared the moose to be a male. He warned that, "The time when males, or bulls, are most aggressive is around August and September - the breeding season." However, he wisely noted that, "Any wild animal has the potential to be a risk." Any time you encounter a wild animal while visiting us, please give it space and don't get too near it, for both your sakes.



The Vail Valley is very favorable to the typical moose - this one seemed to especially like local school playgrounds and may still be in the area on your next visit!

It is well-documented that moose are often very aggressive. Most believe that they usually keep to themselves unless their personal space is invaded, especially by us humans.

If you approach a moose and try for a closer look or photo op, it might result in extreme "moose aggression" and lead to very defensive behavior from the critter. That's why it's important to leave them alone. If they are provoked or become temperamental, the DOW has few alternatives but to tranquilize and relocate it or to destroy it.

Hampton says, "That's the last thing we want to do."

See "Bullwinkle Visits . . ." on next page

Summer '09

Bullwinkle Visits Berry Creek (Middle School)

Our behemoth visitor spent a leisurely morning in the Edwards area, about four miles west of the Christie Lodge, apparently on an educational tour. After first being discovered at the Berry Creek Middle School, then the June Creek Elementary School and finally at the Eagle County Charter Academy, he was last reported to saunter across Highway 6 toward Arrowhead.

Again we quote Mr. Hampton of the DOW, "He went back in the woods where there are fewer people around, and he may likely hang out in the area for weeks." The following fact is so important that we repeat it from Mr. Hampton, "People need to keep their distance and leave him alone!"

The schools mentioned above were told to keep students inside that day as a precaution. If you spot a moose or any other wild animal, especially a large one, like the bears we reported on last year, the DOW asks you to observe the following rules:

- View the animal from a distance and don't enter its personal space.
- Let the DOW (Colorado Division of Wildlife) know where it is and what it's doing. Call the Glenwood Springs office at 970-947-2920.
- If the animal appears aggressive and is endangering people or itself, call 911.



Janeil Turnbull and daughter Shayla were the first to spot a rather large male moose (very much like this one in Assistant General Manager Shirley Byrne's back yard in Silverthorne) that was on the grounds of Berry Creek Middle School, just 4 miles down the road from us in Edwards. If you spot any wild animals while visiting our area, please follow the guidelines at left.



Annual Meeting to Elect Two CLOA Board Members

The 2009 Christie Lodge Owners Association's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2009, beginning 9:00 a.m. MDT. The meeting will be held at the Christie Lodge in Avon, Colorado.

Owners will have the opportunity to elect two owners to become members of the CLOA Board of Directors. All owners interested in becoming candidates in this election should submit their resume to the CLOA Executive Office, P. O. Box 1196, Avon, CO 81620-1196. All resumes must be submitted and received before the close of business on Friday, July 31, 2009.

Board member services include attending about 3 or 4 meetings per year. There is no remuneration for Board member 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 various issues. Officers of the Board invest additional time.

Christie Lodge will arrange discounted room rates available to owners interested in booking a stay in conjunction with this Annual Meeting. 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.

**The Christie Lodge Owners Association, Inc.
P. O. Box 1196
Avon, CO 81620-1196**

**CLOA
Board of Directors**

**Gary Kujawski, President
Steve Vickers, Secretary
Lucy Aldridge
William McReynolds
John Mertens
Thomas A. Napoli
Art Olson**

**Rez Hotline:
1-888-325-6343**

Please call us, as far in advance as possible, to discuss your reservation needs.



Concierge Clips . . . from the Heart!

Jayme Porter-Light and Steve Lasky, Christie Concierge Professionals Tell About FREE Fun!

There is a saying among locals in the Vail Valley that states, “You come out for the winter but end up staying because of the summer.”

That is 100% true - there is nothing like stepping outside on a Colorado blue sky day. A pleasant breeze, 70-something degrees and mountains everywhere you look. You have one important decision to make: what are we going to do today?

With thousands of visitors to the area every summer the Avon area and the Vail Valley offer plenty of activities at all ranges of cost. But what so many don't realize until they get here is that not everything you do requires you to pull out your wallet!



It costs nothing to hike to the summit of that most famous mountain, the Mt. of the Holy Cross, just a few miles from the Christie Lodge. General Manager Lisa Siegert-Free is a veteran visitor of this peak and is glad to give you good advice on how to accomplish this great feat!

Colorado is most known for its mountains, and the best way to see these is to simply get in your car and drive in any direction. Going east on I-70 gives you the opportunity to see the breathtaking views of Summit County. Going south will put you right on the Scenic Byway, through the historic towns of Minturn and Leadville. Go just beyond Minturn and you'll encounter the trailhead to the famous landmark pictured directly above.

Heading north sends you into yet another type of topography that gives you a feeling for the wild west. West sends you through the twelve mile long, six hundred feet high Glenwood Canyon where you might just come across some wild big-horned sheep. All of these are within an easy drive of less than an hour!

In beautiful Glenwood Canyon, there is an easily accessible sidewalk that follows the river for the entire length of the Canyon and provides countless photo opportunities. One of the most popular hikes in the state



is called Hanging Lake (pictured above) and it is found inside Glenwood Canyon. A two mile roundtrip, steep hike provides yet more spectacular scenery for your eyes to feast upon.

If you are interested in live music in a unique setting, the Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater in Vail presents a free concert every Tuesday evening at 6:30. Music can be extremely varied, but is always entertaining. Some people forgo the seats and elect to bring a blanket, a basket dinner and have a nice picnic on the lawn while enjoying the tunes. The Hot Summer Night Series is free and always diverse, running through mid-August.

Next door to the Amphitheater and within a five minute walk is the Betty Ford Garden. This is the highest botanical garden in the country and in 2009 was the recipient of the Garden of Excellence Award. Stroll through the walking path and enjoy the ambience and colors of this special place.

The famous Vail Farmer's Market and Art Show draws between 9,000 and 11,000 people every Sunday and runs through late September. Local foods are prepared and artists are able to ply their wares once a week, creating a festive atmosphere. To top it off, jazz is played in numerous locations and promises a lively experience that you will certainly enjoy.

Running through the last weekend of August, the famous Gondola in Vail will be free and open to the public every Thursday, through Saturday after 4:00 and closing at 9:00. The rides are gentle and surprisingly fast and once at the top you'll have sweeping views of the Mt. Of The Holy Cross. There are usually musicians strumming their guitars on the deck of the open air restaurant. At nearly 12,000 feet and with

Have a Fun Summer Visit . . . from Your Concierge



Great music at 12,000' altitude can always be found at Adventure Ridge, high atop Vail Mountain, after a free, exciting and scenic ride up the world-famous Vail Gondola!

clear blue skies you can experience the ultimate Rocky Mountain High. For other live music, and a chance to experience Vail Village at night, simply walk the streets and follow your ears.

For the hikers one of the prettiest areas to see is the Shrine Pass. The trailhead can be found at the 190 Mile Marker on I-70. Within a couple of minutes of walking at a gentle angle you will have vistas galore featuring brilliantly colored wildflowers in every direction you look. Ask any Concierge professional for more details and don't forget to bring your camera.

For the younger generation the Pirate's Playground in Vail has climbing equipment, swings and a sliding board all with a pirate theme. Benches in the shade provide a perfect rest while the kids can happily burn off excess energy.

There is literally no end to the spectacular fun you can have in the summertime in the Avon area. Examples include, but certainly are not limited to: the Friday Afternoon Club for the children, the Bucket and Tap Shoes where hip hop dancers will mix and match their moves with buckets, cans, tap shoes, household items and most anything else which comes to their imagination, the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Museum, the Vail Antiques Fair and free concert featuring artists like the Neville Brothers.

Believe it or not, this list goes on and on, but we had to cut it short because of limited space in this newsletter. On your next visit, plan to spend some time at the Concierge station and we will enlighten you on all this and much more.

The Vail Valley is a vacationers' paradise. It's not just a winter wonderland but it truly is a four season resort that can be enjoyed by everyone. There is so much to take advantage of and not nearly enough time, but we will certainly help you try! You are most welcome to visit any of the Concierge professionals located at the south end of the lobby in the Christie Lodge.



Of course, there is plenty of fun to be had within the Christie Lodge property! Swim, eat, relax, exercise, enjoy Concierge activities, cook out, hike, ad infinitum. Ask us for ideas!

CLOA Rewards Prompt - Paying Owners . . .

One of the ways we say "Thank you!" to our owners who pay their maintenance fees promptly, is our Exchange Week Giveaways. Exchange properties through RCI or II offer the winners a great variety of locations.

We draw names of three owners from this group, just after each billing period. Then we pick up the exchange fee for each winner's week! This period's winners are:



Cheap Vacation or Bust!

**Gerald & Nancy Dewberry
Flower Mound, Texas**

**Leonard & Sylvia Montoya
Buckeye, Arizona**

**Ronald & Jane Jacob
Burford, Georgia**

FYI: The airport in Eagle, about 27 miles west of the Christie Lodge near I-70, is closing for improvements this summer. Normal operations, including flights, parking and other services will resume on September 1, 2009. Please plan appropriately.



What's Happening in the Engineering Department?

from Charles Frey, Director fo Operations

The projects and maintenance crew of the Engineering Department has been working hard (as usual!) over the last few months and has completed many major projects. Examples are:

Renovation of the common area bathrooms located next to the outdoor pool.

Funded by Enterprise rent-a-car, our Chief Engineer Rick Dameron coordinated, overlooked and assisted with the construction of their rental area including a new desk which now matches our Front Desk counter.

Due to the water spills from the indoor pool the wooden baseboards of the unit walls were in need of replacement. Rather than replacing them with wood we decided to install ceramic tiles which are more attractive and durable.

To lessen any chlorine-type odors in the atrium caused by our hot tubs, we converted the systems from chlorine to bromine.

A new federal law requires us to install automatic shut offs and alarms in each and every pool and hot tub to prevent accidents that might possibly be caused by the drainage systems. This task has been completed.

We turned the beds in all square units 90 degrees, which also necessitated the relocation of the wall sconces. Owners and guests now have access to the bed from both sides.

And, we replaced all the dated and worn Ping Pong tables.



New fixtures in the outdoor pool restrooms have an elegant look that provides modern efficiency while retaining an antique appeal.



Help the Association cut back on mailing costs. Update your email address online at www.christielodge.com or by emailing owners@christielodge.com. Don't forget you can now request your reservations and pay your account online.



Some Area Events for the Summer of 2009

July

Family Film Series	1, 8, 15
Dallas Symphony with various artists	1, 2 ~ 6, 8
Vail Lacrosse Shootout	2 ~ 5
Beaver Creek Rodeo Series	2, 9, 16, 23
Huge Town of Avon Fireworks Show at Nottingham Lake (free!)....	3
Westin Resort Salute to America at Beaver Creek Mountain.....	4
Vail America Days	4
Vail Farmer's Market & Art Show	5, 12, 19, 26
Culinary Demonstration Series.....	Fri. & Sat. from 7/10 through 9/4
Philadelphia Orchestra with various artists	10, 11, 12, 15, 17
Triple Bypass Bicycle Tour	12
Thursday Night Lights	12, 19, 26
Inaugural Moos & Brews BBQ and Beer Fest.....	24, 25
Bronze Casting Workshop at Ford Center in Vail.....	26
Savion Glover with Bare Soundz	27, 28
Avon Antique Show	31

August

Miami City Ballet at the Ford Amphitheater in Vail	1
Avon Antique Show	1, 2
Beaver Creek Arts Festival	1, 2
Vail Farmer's Market & Art Show	2, 9, 16, 23, 30
American Crown Circus in Avon's Nottingham Park	3 ~ 5
Plum Center's <i>Dunk-N-Dash</i>	3, 10
Beaver Creek Rodeo Series	6, 13, 20
Lakeside Cinema (free) at Nottingham Lake.....	7, 14, 21
<i>Peter Frampton</i> in concert at the Vilar Center.....	12
Vail Jam Concerts	14, 15
The Pirates of Penzance, Jr.	15, 16
Bud Light <i>Hot Summer Nights</i> free concert.....	18
TransRockies Run on Beaver Creek Mountain.....	23 ~ 28
<i>Michael Bolton</i> in concert at Beaver Creek Village	24
<i>Beaver Creek Film Series</i>	26
<i>Rick Springfield</i> in concert at the Vilar Center.....	29

Getting to Know Us . . .

The Christie Lodge has always taken pride in the “international flair” experience provided at our Front Desk. Today’s operation has never been rivaled in its current flair!

Our FD manager, Giselle Zaborski, will greet you with the most wonderful European accent you can expect to hear. Giselle began life in Poland and has a rich history of involvement in the hospitality industry.

Besides English, she of course speaks fluent Polish, German (thanks to her German father) and a little French. From where did the French come?

It’s simple. Husband Casey, whose last name is obviously Zaborski, was French even though his parents

were from Poland. Casey also has extensive experience in the hospitality industry.

In fact, before coming to the Avon area about four years ago, Giselle was working as the front office manager in a casino in Lake Tahoe while Casey worked as a chef de cuisine at The Palms in Las Vegas.

The Zaborskis have a son, Daniel, who is working on a degree in Graphic Arts. Currently the entire family lives in Leadville, that wonderful little burg 10,200 feet up in the sky a few miles south.

Giselle would not tell our interviewer how many years she has been in the business, because it would, as she says, “... reveal my age!” Our reporter clearly notes that as you speak with her and see her, you will feel as



The Christie Lodge prides itself on its international staff. Giselle adds to our pride and professionalism!

if you’re talking to a teenager that is full of life and loves her job.

We can definitely attest to the truth of the “loves her job” part and urge you to look her up on your next visit. Professionals like Giselle are well appreciated by the Christie Lodge management and contribute to making our lodge the great place it continues to be.



P.O. Box 1196
0047 East Beaver Creek Blvd.
Avon, Colorado 81620