

Escape

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Ground Breaking for New Pool

... way back in 1988!

Real estate is extremely valuable in the Vail Valley and builders try to utilize every square inch for their particular purposes. Often luxury items such as swimming pools are not included and the land is used for housing, retail and other income producing uses.

However, every respectable resort needs a swimming pool, regardless of whether it is in the desert or in the Rocky Mountains. Shortly after Lynn Weas took the reins of Managing Director back in 1988, he recognized this obvious omission in the Lodge's amenities and began planning a pool for the Lodge.

After careful deliberation it was decided to build an outdoor pool at the west end of the Lodge, where it exists to this day. Pictured at right is some of the management team in place at the time under whose direction the dream was realized. A formal ground breaking was held and the building began.

Most likely anyone reading this story basically knows what happened next. We got a beautiful, spacious, heated outdoor pool that had a removable roof structure and an adjoining picnic area. This pool served us well and has been enjoyed year round by literally thousands of guests over the years.

But as far back as 2004, management began entertaining ideas of modernizing the pool and bringing it up to currently accepted specifications. After considerable planning the project began last year.

The first order of refurbishing was to bring a big crane and remove the steel structure surrounding the area. The concrete deck was also removed with help from the Christie Lodge maintenance engineers. In fact, the Lodge performed the duties of the general contractor, which saved the Association considerable expenses. Lodge employees performed many tasks including demolition of the old pool mechanical room, digging trenches for electric



In the late 1980's, several years after the Christie Lodge was built, a team of employees, management and friends broke ground for the outdoor pool.

L. to R.: Walene Bredthauer, former Reservations Manager; Jose Boza, former Director of Operations; Pat Weas, wife of then "new" Managing Director Lynn Weas; J. Raymond David, present member of the Board of Directors; Lisa Siegert-Free, current Managing Director; and the late Lynn Weas, Managing Director from 1988 to 2009.

and plumbing equipment, concrete work and many others. Our sweat equity saved thousands of Association dollars.

The "new" pool has been enhanced in many ways. The decking and the old concrete wall are now multi-colored stamped decorative concrete that looks like natural stone. We also added a new fence atop the wall. Multi-colored LED pool lighting gives the water a unique beauty at night. A salt generator has been installed that converts salt into chlorine, resulting in a 75% savings in chemicals, not to mention a smaller impact on the

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Summer '10

Aquatic Enhancements Completed!

environment. This water treatment is also kinder to skin, hair and swim suits. But we didn't stop with a pool renovation. While we were upgrading our aquatic attractions, we decided to add another hot tub. The family hot tub in the east end and the adult hot tubs in the west end now have a new neighbor.

Beside the pool we built an in-ground hot tub that holds 1,500 gallons of water. That makes it one of the largest hot tubs in the Vail Valley and a quick glance will show you that it is also one of the nicest around. A tub this size easily holds fifteen people. The actual container is made of fiberglass, ensuring years of trouble-free use.

Around the area we have installed copper lighting fixtures which stress a "dark sky" initiative that has to be seen to be appreciated. Enforcing the ambiance is a new copper gas firepit with glass crystals. Whether you choose to get wet in the new facilities or not, please take a nighttime visit next time you're at the Lodge and admire the hard work and accomplishments of our staff!

In the interest of the Lodge striving for a "green" posture, both the pool and new hot tub have electrically operated close sealing covers for increased safety and which will save heat energy, at night and at other times when the facilities are not in use.

Around the area is a snow-melt system that is now independent from the ramp heater. Snow-melt systems circulate heated glycol (similar to the anti-freeze in your car) through pipes near the surface of sidewalks, drives, floors, etc. This system joins forces with two new high efficiency boilers and a heat exchanger to provide plenty of hot water to anyone in either body of water.

Here's an insider's tip about winter life in the Rockies: few things can rival the sensations of being in an outdoor heated pool or hot tub in the winter when it is snowing! There will be plenty of opportunities for winter visitors to experience this phenomena each season. The only downside is the fact that it's a little chilly when you get out and most people will find that it's a good idea to run as fast as you can to the heated atrium in the Lodge.

In July the Avon Building Department gave the Lodge thumbs up to open the facilities and the first guests to enjoy the hot tub were owners Mervin and Danny Bangert from Boulder, Colorado, pictured at right. The Bangerts have been owners for thirteen years and enjoy bringing their two daughters and three grandchildren to the Lodge to enjoy our new additions.

The Bangerts were here on summer bonus nights. Speaking of bonus nights, they are an excellent benefit of ownership that you can enjoy. If you haven't used bonus nights lately, or if you are somewhat unsure of how this excellent benefit works, we suggest you take a moment and give our Reservations Department a call at 1-888-325-6343 and an agent will be happy to explain the program to you.

The Christie Lodge is alive. It has always been and will always be in a constant state of change, rebuilding when needed and innovating with the times, making sure owners and guests have the best experience possible when staying with us. We welcome your comments and suggestions for improvement. After all, it's your lodge!



Complete renovation of the outdoor swimming pool has given us a fresh, state-of-the-art amenity that promises to be a hit with every-one year round. More details are in this article.



Above (before): *It all started with our engineers digging a hole in the ground. Look closely and you can see that this area was just flat pool deck for years.*

Below (after): *Before we knew it, we had a huge state-of-the-art hot tub that holds 15 people! Pictured are owners Mervin and Danny Bangert from Boulder, Colorado, the first guests to enjoy this wonderful amenity.*



Annual Owners Meeting to be held in Dallas, Texas

The 2010 Christie Lodge Owners Association's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2010, beginning 9:00 a.m. CDT in the Dallas, Texas, area.

Owners will hear reports and presentations of the past year's Association projects and operations. Also owners will have the opportunity to elect two candidates to the CLOA Board of Directors. For more information on running for the Board of Directors at Annual Owners Meetings, please consult your Condominium Documents.

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 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.

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Plan Allows Owners to Reserve Additional Weeks

Many owners take advantage of the Christie Lodge **Owner Special Purchase Weeks** program. This allows owners to reserve additional weeks during specified times for the fees listed at right. Rates are based on the demand for the particular week. These extra weeks may be reserved from 360 to 28 days prior to the arrival date.

Weeks are offered on a Friday-to-Friday or a Saturday-to-Saturday basis and are subject to availability. Most Special Purchase Weeks may be used at the Christie Lodge or deposited with the exchange company of the owner's choice and do not require any additional maintenance fees. Full payment is due at the time of purchase and is non-refundable.

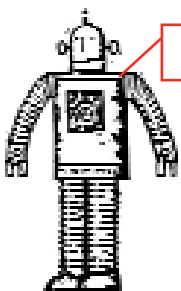
Shoulder season is defined as weeks 15-19 and weeks 40-45. Owner Special Purchase weeks are available during this time but are not eligible for deposit with an exchange company and must be used at the Lodge.

Special Purchase Week Rates:

Time of Year	1 Bedroom	3 Bedroom
Weeks 1-14 and week 50	\$499	\$799
Weeks 20-23 & weeks 46-49	\$299	\$595
Weeks 24-39	\$399	\$699
Week 51	\$695	\$999
Week 52 - call for special rates.		

Restrictions may apply during weeks 51 & 52. All rates are subject to change without notice. Call the Reservations Department at 1-888-325-6343 for details or further explanation of this and other programs available exclusively to owners.

Shoulder season weeks offer owners an incredible value when they wish to have additional vacation time at the Christie beyond their regular time. Prices for these shoulder season weeks at the Christie Lodge are only \$195 or \$495 for a one or three bedroom unit, respectively. That's a great deal!



!! WARNING !!

Potentially fraudulent sales offers may contain certain trends, language, and activities. Please be aware if some of

the following indicators appear in your due diligence research and analysis of timeshare resales offers:

- If you are told a buyer is waiting to purchase your timeshare.
- If you are offered cash for your week, only to find out you have to pay funds in advance to use their sales program.
- If you are told your week is guaranteed to sell.
- If you are required to sign a power of attorney.

Did you know in Colorado it is fraudulent to intentionally transfer out of a credit obligation? Time-share scams are out in force and over 200 Christie Lodge owners have found themselves involved in a suspect transfer of title!

Please feel free to contact Owner Accounts, at 1-800-845-0257. We are here to help you with such questions and discuss real solutions specific to your situation.

Owner Bonus Night Program Enhanced!

We are pleased to offer changes to the Christie Lodge Bonus Night policies that you will no doubt enjoy. You may now extend the time window that you may book your bonus night reservation from 14 days prior to the arrival date, to a new time frame of 30 days.

Another change is a relaxation of restrictions regarding who may use bonus nights. In the past it was limited to owners and their immediate family. Immediate family is defined as an owner's father, mother, son or daughter.

We have added a new category called "extended immediate family" which includes grandchildren, brothers and sisters. For a nominal fee of \$10 per 1BD and \$20 per 3BD these family members may also use the owner's bonus nights.

-- Rules and Rates --

- Owners may book 12 bonus nights per year per unit owned
- Guest restrictions and week restrictions may apply
- Owners may book 1 or 3 bedroom units and may book seasons other than their own.
- Bonus nights may be booked **30 days in advance** of arrival date.
- Bonus nights may only be used by owners, their immediate family and their **extended immediate family**.
- Bonus nights are not available during Gold weeks (51 & 52).

Winter Weeks (Weeks 1 - 14 and week 50) Bonus Night Rates:

- 1 Bedroom: \$60 for Sunday - Thursday
\$80 for Friday & Saturday
Add \$10 for extended immediate family usage
- 3 Bedroom: \$110 for Sunday - Thursday
\$130 for Friday & Saturday
Add \$20 for extended immediate family usage

Restrictions may apply during weeks 7 to 12.

Spring & Summer Weeks (Weeks 15 - 49) Bonus Night Rates:


- 1 Bedroom: \$50
Add \$10 for extended immediate family usage
- 3 Bedroom: \$90
Add \$20 for extended immediate family usage

Restrictions may apply during weeks 26 & 27.

Please go to www.christielodge.com for a full list of Owner Benefits or call the Reservations Department at 1-888-325-6343.

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



We will be particularly happy to discuss Bonus Nights with you!

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!

Rodger & Virginia Flotta
Greensboro, Georgia

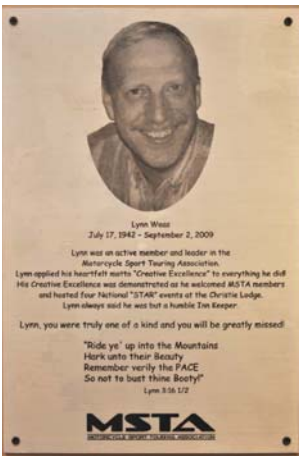
Larry & Kathleen McKee
Thornton, Colorado

Danny & Vicki Offill
Van Alstyne, Texas

FYI: The airport in Eagle, about 27 miles west of the Christie Lodge near



I-70, is a very convenient facility for flights to and from the Lodge. Check travel schedules for availability with several major carriers.



Meeting Room Dedicated to the late Lynn Weas

The Lodge's former reservations office has been remodeled to become a new meeting room and has been named the "*The Lynn Weas Room*" in honor of Mr. Weas, who was our Managing Director from 1988 until his passing in 2009.

The plaque at left was presented to the lodge by members of the Motorcycle Sport Touring Association, a nationwide group of motorcyclists of which Lynn was a member. He also served as an officer of the MSTA for several years and helped build the club from humble beginnings to the success it now enjoys.

Thanks to Lynn's insight and direction, the MSTA has held four national rallies at the Christie Lodge and plans are now forming for another national event here in the summer of 2012.

Lynn had a humorous little poem that reminded riders to use caution when riding the fabulous roads in our vicinity. It and other information are engraved on the plaque, which is unfortunately too small to read here. ON your next visit, please drop into the Lynn Weas Room and admire this nice addition to our lodge.

Title Transfer Amendment Rules K.2 and K.10

The CLOA Board of Directors has amended Rule K as follows:

"Rule K.2 is restated to provide that effective July 1, 2010, the transfer fee shall increase to \$75.00 and shall be due and payable within 30 days after the transferee obtains title to an accommodation unit or a timeshare interest."

To further clarify title transfers, paragraph 10. has been added to Rule K, as follows:

10. The Association has determined that more than 200 transfers of Timeshare Interests by Owners at The Christie Lodge have been arranged by "rescue companies" or an affiliated "closing company" that promise, for a fee, to relieve the Owner of his or her future Annual Maintenance Fee obligation through transfer of the Owner's Timeshare Interest to a new owner. These transfers, when made with the actual intent to hinder, delay or defraud any creditor, involve the Christie Lodge Owner in a fraudulent transfer, defined as:

(C.R.S. § 38.8-105) Transfers Fraudulent as to Present and Future Creditors. (1) A transfer made or obligation incurred by a debtor is fraudulent as to a creditor, whether the creditor's claim arose before or after the transfer was made or the obligation was incurred, if the debtor made the transfer or incurred the obligation: (a) with actual intent to hinder, delay or defraud any creditor of the debtor.

In order to limit fraudulent transfers, the Association will require additional transfer information in order for a proposed transfer to be processed if the transfer is a Suspect Transfer defined as:

(a) Conveyance of a Timeshare Interest to a natural person or an entity previously delinquent in payment of Annual Maintenance Fees or who has not used the Timeshare Interest;

(b) Transfer of a Timeshare Interest to an entity the Association has reason to suspect might be a "shell" entity based upon a prior history of that entity or an

affiliated entity (defined as an entity that controls, is controlled by or under common control with the entity), not paying Annual Maintenance Fees or not attempting to reserve and use the Timeshare Interest it owns; or

(c) Any other facts or circumstances that reasonably cause Association staff to question whether a specific transfer may be a Suspect Transfer.

Each of (a), (b) and (c) above is a "Suspect Transfer." In connection with any Suspect Transfer, the Association may require all additional information necessary to enable Association staff to contact either a proposed transferee who is a natural person or the natural person who is the beneficial owner of an entity or an interest in an entity (a "Beneficial Owner") to verify the natural person's or Beneficial Owner's understanding of the transaction, and desire to acquire the Timeshare Interest for purposes of using the Timeshare Interest and in connection therewith, assuming the obligations of ownership.

Association staff may require a natural person or a Beneficial Owner proposed transferee to submit: (a) a copy of a valid identification (e.g., state driver's license or social security number); (b) full name, home address, e-mail address and home and business telephone numbers; and (c) a copy of the instrument creating the entity, if an entity is the proposed transferee.

In the event the Association staff is not able to contact a proposed transferee who is a natural person or Beneficial Owner or otherwise verify that the proposed transferee is a bona fide purchaser of a Timeshare Interest, then the Association staff shall advise the person or entity requesting the transfer of its decision and give such individual or entity an opportunity to provide additional information that allows Association staff to verify that the proposed transferee is a bona fide purchaser of a Timeshare Interest.

Please note these changes to your Condominium documents for your future reference. For more information on fraudulent transfers see the article titled Warning!



Getting to Know Us . . .

Michelle Griffith was originally a Buckeye hailing from the Dayton, Ohio, area. Later she earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati in Organizational Communication.

Her mother still works as a nurse and her father is retired from General Motors. She has twin brothers, and the entire clan "headed west" about 10 years ago.

Before she left Ohio, Michelle spent eight years with Kings Island in Cincy working in ride operations. Michelle boasts that there isn't a ride made that she cannot operate and is especially talented in running roller coasters, both steel and wooden!

When she decided to move west, her theme park experience and degree made Elitch Gardens in Denver, snatch her up as their Human Resources Manager. She served them for three years.

Because of her love for the mountains, Michelle decided to move a little further

west and took a recruiting position with the Vail Valley Medical Center. The health care world was too mundane for her, so she began looking for a new career in the hospitality industry.

Christie management was lucky enough to cross paths with Michelle and she now is our Human Resources Manager. Her experience in HR, her personality and her innovative approach to management (need we say more!) make her a valuable asset to the lodge.

But Michelle isn't just an administrative figure. She has a Harley-Davidson Iron 883 Sportster that she regularly rides to work, storing leathers and boots behind her door while she performs HR chores.

Her biggest motorcycle adventure yet was when she rode to Sturgis, South Dakota, for the annual Black Hills Classic Rally. That's over 600 miles each way! Many motorcyclists would envy her for that accomplishment!



Always active, Michelle is shown here volunteering at the Christel House Open Golf Tournament this past June.

As with most folks in our valley, Michelle loves dogs. Kala, a young female black labrador, and Denver, a 13-year-old mutt, are near and dear to her heart.

We are all very fortunate to have such a highly skilled, personable and talented member of Management at the Christie Lodge. Michelle is yet another welcome addition to our team. We are glad to have her on board.



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