

# *ESCAPE* .....SUMMER 2013



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A new owner's secure website is up and running making it easier to access your personal account, check reservations or pay dues online. Your log-in and passwords have not changed, ensuring continued encryption security and ease of access. Please stay tuned for many future website enhancements.



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## Christie Lodge Annual Owners Meeting

### On the Road in 2013

This year the Annual Owners Meeting will be held in Chicago at the Crowne Plaza O'Hare located at 5440 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018, and we are hoping for a big turnout from all our Illinois owners. The meeting will be on Saturday, October 12, 2013 starting with registration and breakfast at 8:00 a.m. The annual meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. For anyone wishing to stay at the Crowne Plaza, we have negotiated a lodging rate of \$129 per night and a \$5.00 parking fee. Please call the Crowne Plaza directly at 847-671-6350 to book your reservations.

Owners will hear reports and view 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.

If you would like to be considered as a Board candidate, you must be a Christie Lodge owner in good standing. Please submit the following to the Recruitment and Nomination Committee: an introductory cover letter, your contact information, and your resume. Your information must be received by August 1, 2013 and can be forwarded by any of the following methods:

**USPS mail to:**

Attention: Recruitment & Nomination Committee  
The Christie Lodge  
P.O. Box 1196  
Avon, CO 81620

**Faxed to:**

Attention: Recruitment & Nomination Committee  
970-949-7765

**Electronically:**

Send to: [clangager@christielodge.com](mailto:clangager@christielodge.com)

Board member services include attending approximately three to four meetings per year. There is no remuneration for Board member services, but travel, meals, and lodging expenses are reimbursed for attendance at Board meetings. Board members must review periodic financial information and be available for input on various issues. Officers of the Board may be called upon to invest additional time.

More detailed information will be included in the Official Annual Meeting Notice and Agenda which will be sent to all owners as we get closer to our meeting date. We value your input and hope that you will plan to attend and take part in this important meeting. See you in Chicago!

# Christie Lodge is Front Page News!

Exciting News!!! The March issue of Resort Trades featured the lodge's cozy fireplace on the front cover and our models were Board Committee member Scott Fulton and his family. The article was written in a question and answer format which provided readers with a history of the lodge and gave us an opportunity to reach a new audience to promote our renovations, employees, restaurants, and future plans.



## RCI Ventures Magazine

### Christie Lodge—Always Peak Season

We were also featured in the Quarter 2 issue of RCI's Ventures magazine, which highlighted our convenient location, our welcoming family-friendly guest service and affordable vacations. The article also noted our deep roots in the timeshare industry and that we are one of the largest single-site, independent resorts in the country.



## Early Bird Winners!!

When an owner makes a maintenance fee payment, that owner becomes eligible for a nice prize — ***One Free Exchange Week From RCI or II.*** This period's one week winners are:

Dan L. & Ann Bucklin  
Bellaire, TX

Lloyd W. & Mary L. Pittman  
Mesquite, TX

Jim & Jackie K. Durrett  
Ponder, TX





## High Scores and High Praise



Our Christie Lodge comment card scores continue to reflect guest satisfaction on our high level of guest service, owner value, amenities, and property renovations. Your team at the lodge is outstanding! Adam and Chris at the Front Desk are stand-outs and continually receive glowing accolades for their welcoming, efficient and entertaining presence as they assist our owners and guests. Carol and her staff in Housekeeping get rave reviews for the cleanliness of our rooms and for being a "rapid response team" when responding to our guest's requests. Our internet ratings are also extremely favorable with three stars on Trip Advisor and a score of 3.8 out of 5 on Expedia.

And most importantly, we are a Silver Crown rating with RCI and a Select Resort with Interval International. These resort designations along with our comment card scores and internet ratings increase the value of your ownership. Please come and stay with us soon to experience your fun-filled, family-friendly mountain get-away!

Make your reservation by calling 888-325-6343, or use the new feature on the Christie Lodge owner website to make your reservation online.

Hurry back, we can't wait to see you!

### The Christie Lodge Owners Association

#### Board of Directors

J. Raymond David, President

Kristen Nostrand, Secretary

Christina Holcomb, Treasurer

Lucy Aldridge

John Mertens

John Perkins

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#### Rez Hotline:

**1-888-325-6343**

#### We are here for you!

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

We will help you make it work!!

For owner benefits including Bonus Time, Internal Exchanges and Special Owner Purchase Weeks

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# Another Successful Christel House Golf Tournament!

## It's All For The Kids!

The Christel House Open is the lodge's foremost philanthropic mission and for the 9<sup>th</sup> year in a row, we co-hosted the annual tournament with Grand Lodge on Peak 7 in Breckenridge. This year's Hawaiian themed tournament was held here in Eagle County at the Sonnenalp Golf Club. It was a beautiful day on the course which started out with breakfast, a Club House sale, and ended with lunch on the deck and a fun-filled awards ceremony. We raised over \$40,000.00 for the kids and a portion of that revenue will stay here in Eagle County in support of Roundup River Ranch, our local charity. If you would like to be a part of this heartfelt event next year, please contact Candace Langager at [clangager@christielodge.com](mailto:clangager@christielodge.com) or by calling 970-845-4503.



Congratulations to REPEAT WINNERS 1st and Main Investment Advisors, the 2013 tournament champions!



Board Committee Member, Bill McReynolds on left and Board Member Kristen Nostrand second from right.



CLOA Grounds Supervisor Steve Friend on left, Board Member Christina Holcomb second from right and Board Committee Member Earl Hauserman on right.

## It's About Time!



Of course it wouldn't be summer without some construction on I-70. The Twin Tunnels at mile 240 is undergoing an expansion in both east and west bound lanes which is causing delays of up to 20 minutes. Please visit the Colorado Department of Transportation website for more specific information: [www.cotrip.org](http://www.cotrip.org).



## Meet Your Concierge Team

Be sure to call ahead or stop by the Concierge desk for assistance in planning your stay. Lisa, Nichole, Cassie, Eric and Eddie are your “go-to” team for answers about our in-house activities, recommendations on restaurants, and all the events and adventures in the valley.

Check out our new tool on the Christie Lodge website to help you prepare your memorable visits to the Christie Lodge by using the link listed below. Type the address into your web search browser to locate the events in the Vail Valley, activities and even pick your favorite restaurant by food type. There are even coupons available to help make your vacation more affordable.

<http://localguide.christielodge.com/Avon-CO/Events-Calendar>

If you haven't been back to the Vail Valley in a long time, then it's time to come see the Vail Valley at its best. The summer offers many activities and affordable fun.

Your Concierge team has been working hard to create a family atmosphere and more kid friendly activities. Come down and join us on Mondays for complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres. During the social hour, our Concierge team will provide a full review of our resort activities and vendors from the area will present information about concerts, jeep adventures, horseback riding, rafting, zip line tours, scenic day trips and many more additional options that you can experience during your stay. The Wine & Cheese Social is followed by Free Family Bingo Night.

Our other long-standing in-house activity is the Wednesday Owners Meeting. During this meeting our management team presents a variety of information to keep owners updated on lodge improvements, making reservations and how to get the most value from “your” ownership.

Some additional activities we have added are scavenger hunts, kid's pool time, cookie decorating, movie night and kids park time, just to name a few.

The Concierge Team looks forward to seeing you on your next visit! Let us help you plan the next memories you will never forget!!



## Property Updates

Our new Tropitone furniture adds a great pop of color and comfort. You'll find the new swivel/rocking chairs, tables and sofas by the pool and game areas, at the Subway restaurant and in various locations throughout the common areas.

## ADA Compliance Update

We continue to make progress towards completion of our ADA plan. We have currently installed Braille signage throughout the property and have two assistive device kits available for guest use. The kits contain a TTY text/telephone for the hearing impaired, a telephone amplifier, an audio/visual smoke detector and an ADA compliance door sign. They also contain a bed shaker, wireless door knocker, telephone and alarm clock alert system and a remote receiver which indicates activity in another room within your unit. Additional ADA enhancements are the ramps connecting the east and west wings of the building and the renovation of our elevators. The ramps will not only assist our ADA owners and guests but will also provide ease in transporting your luggage. They are open for use and we expect that the carpeting will be installed by Friday, July 26th, which will complete that project. The refurbishment of the elevator cabs will include new wall panels, lighting, carpeting and floor number buttons in Braille. This project is scheduled to be completed in August. We are excited to provide these additional services

## ~ Valley News and Events ~

### Vail



Summer in Vail is in full swing! Explore the beautiful Betty Ford Alpine Garden, visit the gift shop or enroll in one of their educational classes. Enjoy Chefs in the Gardens, Vinyasa Yoga, Horticultural Therapy, Fairy Gardens, Photography workshops and much more.

The Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater, located next to the Betty Ford Garden, is hosting Hot Summer Nights, Bravo! Vail and the International Dance Festival. Stop by the Christie Lodge Concierge desk to find out how you might win tickets to see the New York Philharmonic or one of the fabulous dance performances.

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Some additional summer activities include the free summer art walks on Wednesdays, the Sunday Farmers Market, and many restaurant specials. You may also see some construction on the mountain as Vail Resorts gears up for the 2015 World Alpine Ski Championship as well as the new Epic Discovery projects, which encourage "learn through play", and promotes environmental education and forest stewardship with numerous activities across the mountain. In August Adventure Ridge will be opening the new four-line zipline and two aerial challenge courses.



### Beaver Creek

The USA Pro Challenge includes 128 of the world's best cyclists from 25 countries. This year's race brings these riders back on August 22<sup>nd</sup> as they complete Stage 4 with a grueling climb into Beaver Creek. Don't miss your chance to get autographs and cheer on these world-class riders from the many spectator-friendly viewing areas. Stage 5 time trials will take place the next day in Vail and will give fans another exciting opportunity to cheer them on.

The Centennial Express Lift is open for scenic chair lift rides and access to hiking, mountain biking, lunch at Spruce Saddle, horseback riding and disc golf. Beaver Creek Village is boasting a miniature golf course this year, lots of family-friendly activities and many restaurant specials.

### Avon

During your stay at the lodge, don't forget to take a self-guided art tour through Avon to view the many beautiful bronze sculptures by artists such as Glenda Goodacre, George Lundeen, Herb Mignery and many more. Stop by the Concierge desk for more information.



For the past two years engineers at the Town of Avon have been struggling with leaks in the Nottingham Lake liner. The lake is scheduled to be drained the end of July and construction on a new liner will begin in August or September.

### In The Valley....

Some of the other long standing summer events in the valley are the farmer's markets in Edwards, Minturn and Eagle, free outdoor movie nights, concerts, Wolcott zipline adventures, biking, Gypsum Daze, Eagle County Fair and Rodeo, fishing, golfing, jeep tours and much more!

Our Concierge team is looking forward to helping you make your next vacation the best yet! Plan your fun-filled visit to the valley now by contacting them at 970-845-4529, or email [concierge@christielodge.com](mailto:concierge@christielodge.com).