



ESCAPE... Summer 2015



2015 Christie Lodge Annual Owners Meeting

This year's Annual Owners Meeting will be held at the Hilton Houston Westchase in Houston, Texas on September 26th, 2015. The meeting will start with registration and breakfast at 8 am, and the official conference is to follow at 9 am.

For anyone wishing to stay at the Hilton, you may book your stay by calling the Hilton reservations department at (713)974-1000. To receive the discounted rate on a standard room, provide the agent with the following code: CHLO.

Owners will hear reports and view presentations on current and completed Association projects, as well as an overview and summary of lodge operations. Additionally, owners will have the opportunity to elect two members to the CLOA Board of Directors.

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, contact information and resume. Your application must be received by August 1st, 2015 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

Sent electronically to:

clangager@christielodge.com

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Board member services include attending approximately three to four meetings per year. Board members are not compensated for their service; however, all travel, lodging and meal expenses will be reimbursed for attendance at Board meetings. Board members must periodically review financial information and be available for input on a variety of issues. Officers of the Board invest additional personal 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 Texas on September 26th!

PROJECT UPDATES AT THE LODGE

“PROJECT WOW” is in full swing and is anticipated to be complete by June 2018. The Christie Lodge Management Team is making every effort to maintain your satisfaction and comfort during your stay. There are a limited amount of these units available for occupancy at this time but upon completion we anticipate that everyone will be in complete “WOW” of the work accomplished.

This exciting renovation encompasses many changes to the units including new wood flooring, six-panel doors, a kitchen remodel featuring new cabinets with a Lazy Susan, a full size refrigerator/freezer combo and a cook-top. The remodeled bathroom has a new vanity, glass shower doors and towel racks. These improvements also have enhanced storage, including almost 25% more kitchen cabinet space and additional shelving in the hallway and the bathroom vanity.



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Units are being re-configured so that beds will be moved away from the wall and allow entry from both sides. The popcorn ceilings will be removed and then textured. In addition, all of the units will feature a desk and chair. The Christie Lodge is one of the most popular lodging choices in the Vail Valley and these room upgrades will be sure to have owners and guests feeling as if they are right at home while they enjoy their time in the mountains.



GLASS HANDRAILS:

We have completed the glass handrail project ahead of schedule. In addition to significantly increasing guest safety, the updated look and atmosphere of the lodge is amazing!



Before



After

Our updated **FITNESS CENTER** was completed in December 2014. We have installed new state-of-the-art fitness equipment including a treadmill, elliptical, seated bike, spin bike, free weights, fitness balls and multi-functional weight machine. The new amenities that have been added to the Fitness Center are just one of the many improvements to the lodge and another reason to look forward to your next visit.





The Vacation and Owner Services team is here for you!

1 (888) 325-6343

We can help you get the most out of your ownership!

Please let us know if you have room requests, in addition to why you prefer that unit. Although we are not able to guarantee a specific room, we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

We can help you with questions about your usage, booking bonus time, exchanging your week, or any additional inquiries that will help you get the most value out of your ownership.

For a list of owner benefits, please log into your owner account.

www.christielodgeowners.com

Relax... you're at home!

The Christie Lodge Owners Association Board of Directors

<u>President</u>	<i>J. Raymond David</i>
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<u>Vice President</u>	<i>Bill McReynolds</i>
<u>Vice President</u>	<i>John Perkins</i>
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Events in the Vail Valley

For further information on activities, venues, tickets and performance times, please contact our Concierge Desk at (970)845-4529. They look forward to providing assistance before and during your stay.

AVON

Avon Farmers Market	<i>Saturdays, June 13th - September 19th</i>
Salute to the USA	<i>July 3rd</i>
Flavors of Colorado	<i>July 24th - 26th</i>
Free Avon Summer Concert Series at Nottingham Pavilion	<i>August 5th, 14th & 19th</i>
Man of the Cliff	<i>October 10th & 11th</i>

BEAVER CREEK

Independence Day Celebration / Stars, Stripes & Slides	<i>July 4th</i>
28 th Annual Beaver Creek Art Festival	<i>August 1st & 2nd</i>
Beaver Creek Wine & Spirits Festival	<i>August 7th - 9th</i>
16 th Annual Beaver Creek Oktoberfest	<i>September 5th & 6th</i>
Rendezvous Music Festival	<i>September 11th & 12th</i>
Beaver Creek International Auto Festival	<i>September 18th - 20th</i>
Dining at Altitude (Vail/Beaver Creek Restaurant Week)	<i>September 25th - October 4th</i>

VAIL

Hot Summer Nights Concert Series at Ford Park (Free)	<i>Tuesdays, June 9th - August 18th</i>
Vail Farmers Market & Art Show	<i>Saturdays June 21st - October 4th</i>
Vail Jazz Festival	<i>July 2nd - September 7th</i>
Vail Summer Bluegrass Series at Arrabelle Square (Free)	<i>July 1st, 15th, 29th & August 12th</i>
Vail America Days	<i>July 4th & 5th</i>
Bravo! Vail	<i>July 1st - August 6th</i>
Vail International Dance Festival	<i>July 27th - August 9th</i>
Gourmet on Gore	<i>September 4th - 7th</i>
Vail Automotive Classic	<i>September 11th - 13th</i>
Vail Oktoberfest	<i>September 11th - 13th & 18th - 20th</i>
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EAGLE COUNTY

Art on the Rockies at CMC Edwards	<i>July 10th - 12th</i>
Eagle County Fair & Rodeo at Eagle Rodeo Grounds	<i>July 22nd - 25th</i>
Minturn Farmers Market in Downtown Minturn	<i>Saturdays June 13th - September 5th</i>

The Concierge Corner

Summer is here, bringing along with it a host of things to do in the Vail Valley! Our team looks forward to making the most out of your vacation experience. Stop by the concierge office for details about the old and the new activities planned for this year! We also encourage you to call before your arrival for assistance with questions or in making advance reservations. We can be reached at (970) 845-4529.

This year we are excited to announce that we will be adding a Christie Lodge Game Room! It will feature a pool table, so plan to bring your pool cues with you, or if you forget, you can always use ours. For your entertainment, there will also be a shuffle board table and an air hockey table. Be sure to brush up on your angle shots and sliding skills for a relaxing game of shuffle board or a fast-paced battle on the air hockey table!

New to Vail this year is Summer Snow-tubing! High atop the gondola in Lionshead Village, Vail is keeping the winter going with tubing throughout the summer months. Adventure Ridge is the place to be this summer as it will feature zip-lining, a climbing wall, ropes courses, disc golf, lawn sports and a trampoline!

Come by and say hello to Preston Haynes, Jeri Penland and myself, Chris Blailock, to see what this summer has in store for you!

RED FLAG WARNING!



RESCUE & TRANSFER COMPANIES

Potentially fraudulent sales offers typically contain certain red flags!

Please take caution if any of the following promises are made:

- 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.
- If you are asked for your bank information.

Did you know it is fraudulent to intentionally transfer out of a credit obligation in Colorado? A recently enacted Colorado law helps protect consumers against these types of activities.

Please contact the Owner Services Department at (800)845-0257 to help assist you in your title processing or transfers. You can also contact the Colorado Attorney General to report fraudulent real estate practices by filling out a complaint form at:

<http://www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov/consumerfraudcomplaint>

Share your positive experiences with the world!



Customer reviews are one of the most powerful marketing tools available to lodging properties. Online reviews provide insight on how to improve operations, as well as influential feedback for prospective owners and guests. Sharing positive reviews on public websites about The Christie Lodge, helps you increase the value of your ownership. Positive reviews help attract new owners and drive rental business, which in turn assists in keeping your maintenance fees low.

Improve your next stay by completing our Internal Comment Cards



We have recently started sending out an electronic post-stay survey to each individual owner and guest after their stay. Owners that complete comment cards are helping to ensure that their next vacation experience will be even better than the last. The scores received are directly related to the service provided. These surveys are received and reviewed by management on a daily basis.

Thank you for taking the time to support us on public websites. Sharing your experiences about your home away from home, as well as completing your post-stay comment cards, helps us make the lodge a better place to own and vacation. We are very proud to have you as Christie Lodge Owners!

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! This period's one week winners are:

Wilton L. Sparks
Nevada

Raymond & Pamela Pineau
Texas

Rick & Marta Niziolek
Illinois

Protecting Our Land and Recreational Opportunities



The mission of the Eagle Valley Land Trust is to preserve forever our scenic vistas, open spaces, historic lands, waterways and wildlife habitats that represent the uniqueness of Eagle County for the enjoyment, education and benefit of all people who live in and experience this special place.

This organization is preserving the character of our community one acre at a time. In the heart of the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, our community is a special place with unique and unparalleled natural beauty and natural resources. Your local Land Trust endeavors to forever conserve and protect our natural spaces and special places for our people, our families, neighbors, homeowners, businesses, ranchers, sportsmen, tourists and guests. Over the years, they have permanently preserved over 7,000 acres of land including vital elk and deer habitat, scenic rivers, historic ranches and miles of recreational trails easily accessed by the public.

Local land conservation protects recreational values, outdoor experiences and sporting opportunities that drive the local economy. Our beautiful local lands are places for people... hunters and fishermen, bikers and hikers, ranchers and cowboys, snowshoers and skiers, bird watchers and boaters. Our Land Trust protects the open spaces and wild places that supply outdoor recreational opportunities and fuel our local economy.

Our investment in open space and land conservation allows us to preserve a mountain legacy for ourselves, our kids and grandkids. Saving our Colorado landscapes and waterways will guarantee that the quality of life we enjoy today will remain unspoiled for tomorrow. We know that the great outdoors, the exhilaration and the emotional feeling we all experience in the nature that surrounds us is worth protecting for future generations... *forever*.

PLEASE NOTE

All units and common areas of the Christie Lodge are non-smoking, except on the balconies in units 400-414 of the Annex Building as well as the designated smoking area located in the underground parking structure next to the bike cage.

Connect with The Christie Lodge on Social Media!



@ChristieLodge

There's A World of Options!

As an owner, you most likely know about the great benefits that owning a timeshare brings; such as variety, comfort, flexibility and pre-paid vacations. Here are some useful tips from other owners on how to get the most value out of your timeshare!

- "The most important tip I could give to another timeshare owner is to simply **USE** it! Make memories with your family, and get that much-needed time away each year to re-energize."
- "Talk to the representative at your Exchange Company or home resort, to get a thorough explanation of how exchange works. And don't be afraid to ask questions, they want to help you always get what you are looking for!"
- "Get that villa in Italy...or anywhere else you want to go! Just be sure to plan early and work with your exchange company. If you are looking for a heavily-requested destination, the earlier you can plan the better."
- "Explore! Even though you will be tempted to never leave your resort, traveling is one of the best ways for the kids to learn and for the adults to experience new things in life. So go exploring!"

Timeshares can be found from Florida to France and from Tampa to Tuscany!

And with today's flexible programs, vacation where and when you want. Explore a new destination every year or reconnect with your loved ones in a familiar place!

It's your timeshare, it's your vacation!

It's completely up to you!



Are you mailing packages to the Christie Lodge?

Please note the following helpful guidelines:

1. All incoming packages should be addressed to **your name, in care of The Christie Lodge.**
2. Please plan for your package to arrive within **one week** of your scheduled check-in date.
3. Due to limited storage space, **packages received prior to one week before check-in** will be returned to sender.

US Postal Service Mailing Address:

**Christie Lodge
P.O. Box 1196
Avon, Co 81620**

**Shipping address for ground courier services
such as UPS or Fed Ex:**

**Christie Lodge
47 E. Beaver Creek Blvd. Ext. 1196
Avon, CO 81620**

Avon, A Look Back.... Then & Now



Avon, circa 1985. Photo courtesy of Byron Zirkle



"Checkmate"

From homesteaders, lettuce fields and a bridge named "Bob", to the 2015 FIS World Ski Championships, Avon has come a long way! Once regarded as a bedroom community for local workers and a gateway to Vail, Avon has transitioned into a world-class vacation destination at the base of Beaver Creek Mountain. The Town of Avon has worked tirelessly to create beautifully landscaped spaces, a pedestrian-friendly downtown with 29 bronze sculptures along its Art Walk, new biking trails, a new concert pavilion at Nottingham Park and has welcomed new lodging developments and a variety of new businesses.

Our long-time owners, Byron and Connie Zirkle, provided the above photo of Avon, which was taken in 1985 looking to the southwest from the Christie Lodge. The Zirkles purchased a blue week and a white week in June of 1985 and had their first stay in September of 1985. Byron shared that one of his memories from their first stay was that the lodge was experiencing problems with the fire alarms. He chuckled as he recalled getting the emergency ladder out of the closet several times, even though it was announced that there was not a fire in the building. He also recalled the Avon Town Council's Name the Bridge Contest when the name "Bob" was chosen from 84 entries. Over the years Byron & Connie have enjoyed their vacations at the lodge and the opportunity to visit many surrounding places of interest.



Bob the Bridge, Avon, CO