



#### **PROJECT WOW!!**

Since becoming affiliated with RCI Points, a leader in vacation exchange, and the success of our sales program, it was determined that this is the perfect time for the Christie Lodge to begin a renovation that will enhance our overall unit design. With this undertaking, the Lodge will become more marketable and increase overall owner and guest satisfaction. With that being said, The Christie Lodge Board of Directors is excited to announce that we have undertaken a \$2.5 million renovation referred to as...... "PROJECT WOW"!

This exciting renovation encompasses many changes to the units including new flooring, six-panel doors, a full size refrigerator/freezer combo, and a kitchen remodel with new cabinets. We are re-configuring all the bedrooms to allow for better spacing around the beds and the popcorn ceilings throughout the units will be removed and then textured. In addition, all of the units will now have 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 like they are right at home while enjoying their time in the mountains.

The renovation has begun and is anticipated to be completed by June 2016. The Christie Lodge Management Team will make every effort to maintain your satisfaction and comfort during your stay. Upon completion of this project we anticipate that everyone will be in complete "WOW" of the work we will have accomplished.



#### The Christie Lodge Affiliates with

#### RCI Points Platinum!

As many of you know, The Christie Lodge is a timeshare property as well as a resort property. We've recently made a great change to address our owners' desire for more flexible vacations.

The traditional timeshare "week" ownership has been overhauled to maximize vacation options. With RCI Points Platinum, Christie Lodge owners receive greater flexibility and an increase in their destination choices when planning vacations.

#### RCI Points Platinum Highlights include:

- More flexibility Now you can vacation for less than a week, as often as nightly, if you wish.
- More choices Preferred access to the Christie Lodge or vacation at other great RCI Points Platinum and Weeks resorts.
- Stay when you like and how you like Reserve any season anytime with Points Platinum.
- Save and borrow Points to create your dream vacation.
- Double or triple your vacations by utilizing last minute opportunities.
- Use Points to book airline tickets, hotel stays, rental cars, cruises, and more through the RCI Points Platinum Partner Program.
- Access to golf, ski, wine packages and travel rewards benefits.
- \$300 in Dining Certificates every year!
- A maintenance fee redemption program and many, many more great benefits...

Thanks to the success of our sales program, we have 994 new owners, and the resulting revenues are funding the Project Wow unit upgrades, as described on our cover page.



#### 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 Bonus Weeks

#### The Christie Lodge Owners Association

#### **Board of Directors**

J. Raymond David, President

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#### News in the Vail Valley ~



#### BEAVER CREEK UPDATE

### Hosting the 2015 Alpine World Ski Championships February 2-15, 2015

The World Alpine Ski Championships, which occur every two years, are the single most important event in the ski industry and resembles a mini Olympics for alpine skiing. Athletes from over 70 countries will be in Beaver Creek and Vail for two weeks of men's and women's racing. The races are free to watch from an enormous stadium accommodating more than 8,000 people, which is located next to the new Talons Restaurant. Beaver Creek will play host to the lion's share of the racing action, while Vail will host the opening ceremonies, as well as the medal ceremonies, numerous parties and live concerts. The entire valley will be abuzz with an infectious, fun energy!

Here are some interesting facts about the Alpine World Ski Championship:

- They will attract more than 600 athletes from over 70 nations
- Will be chronicled on-site by approximately 1,500 members of the print, photo, online and broadcast media
- Will be viewed by more than 750,000,000 people over the course of the two weeks in 70 different countries
- Will feature 900 hours of broadcast coverage, including a record 25 hours of coverage in the U.S., courtesy of the NBC Sports Group
- Will require the help of 2,200 volunteers

The races will take up less than 5% of mountain terrain at Beaver Creek and less than 1% of mountain terrain at Vail and since a lot of people will be heading over to watch the events, you'll most likely have shorter lift lines and see fewer skiers on the mountain.

To host such an event is not only a great honor for the Vail Valley community and the State of Colorado, but a great opportunity to rally the nation around the sport of skiing and engage the next generation.



Remodeled Talons Restaurant



**Beaver Creek Stadium** 

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#### Beaver Creek's New Chondola





Beaver Creek's opening day debuted their new combination gondola/chair lift, the first of its kind in the Vail Valley. This state-of-the-art lift replaces the Centennial Express Lift and allows skiers and riders the option to ride uphill on a six-passenger chair or in a 10-person gondola cabin. Each will load from a separate line and greatly benefit beginners, ski school students and small children, as gondola cabins offer a much easier loading and unloading experience. The uphill capacity will increase by 35%, carrying up to 3,400 people per hour.

#### Vilar Performing Arts Center

Beaver Creek's Vilar Performing Arts Center has another stellar line-up of entertainers again this year, including: Trombone Shorty, 100 Years of Broadway, Bela Fleck, Dancing Pros, Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, Anna Netrebko, Wynona Judd, Jay Leno and Natalie Merchant, just to name a few.

#### Top of the Mountain Candy Cabin

A little sugar boost on the slopes satisfies the sweet tooth in all of us. This season marks the grand opening of the Candy Cabin at the top of Strawberry Park Express Lift and Upper Beaver Creek Mountain Express. Enter the old-fashioned style candy store and find a rainbow of delights and chocolate goodies served in barrels, as well as classic Pepsi drinks made with cane sugar. The Candy Cabin has had such a popular opening that they are constantly restocking, so you can be assured that everything is fresh. Stop by for a sweet treat from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily.

#### Fresh Snow

Beaver Creek's commitment to providing a high quality snow surface continues this winter, thanks to an investment in a snowmaking refresh program which will sprinkle white gold (fresh snow) on Gold Dust trail. This intermediate trail serves as one of the resort's main arteries down to the base area and will receive fresh snow multiple nights a week on top of fresh corduroy, thanks to 24 new fully-automated snow guns added to Beaver Creek's state-of-the-art snowmaking system. Larkspur Bowl will also see a snow boost in critical areas this winter thanks to the addition of 10 new snowmaking machines strategically aimed at Lower Larkspur Trail.

#### Complimentary Boot-to-Outdoor Slipper Exchange

Beaver Creek understands how it feels when you're ready to take off those ski boots and relax after an adventurous day on the mountain. Give your feet (and boots) a breather with the help of their complimentary boot-to-outdoor slipper exchange every afternoon from 3 to 6 p.m. Go to the Guest Service Center next to the Coyote Café to trade out your ski boots for a pair of men's or women's light and comfortable village shoes to wear as you shop, eat and enjoy your experience in Beaver Creek Village.

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#### **Escalators to the Snow**

Built with ski boots in mind, Beaver Creek installed escalators and elevators to effortlessly take you from the parking garages, through the village, all the way up to the base of the mountain where you can step into your skis and snowboards and conserve your energy for the downhill journey.

With all its new upgrades and additions, Beaver Creek is going to be even more exciting than ever this year; but don't forget about all the favorites that bring you back year after year like free chocolate chip cookies, Thursday Night Lights, FotoFriday Scavenger Hunt, Cocoa & Corduroy, snowshoeing and Nordic skiing on McCoy Park, the Haymaker Tubing Hill, shopping, galleries, dining and of course, those favorite runs: Red Buffalo for beginners, Grubstake for the intermediate crowd and Golden Eagle for the advanced skiers and riders.

#### WinterFest

Beaver Creek Loves Kids "WinterFest" is back from December 20, 2014 - January 3, 2015! Celebrate the season with performances, interactive activities, WinterFest characters, parades, contests, holiday lights and more! Activities occur each day on the Village Plaza during après ski hours from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. - join us for excitement in the Village after a day of excitement on the slopes. All WinterFest activities are free and fun for "kids" of all ages



#### Beaver Creek Food & Wine Weekend

Join <u>FOOD & WINE</u> magazine and some of the country's top culinary talent this winter in Beaver Creek for four unforgettable days of food, wine and fun. Eat. Drink. Ski. - January 22-25, 2015. Set at the base of a World Cup mountain, the fourth annual Beaver Creek FOOD & WINE Weekend offers interactive cooking demonstrations, innovative wine and spirits events, gourmet wine pairing dinners and endless hours of phenomenal skiing. Don't miss a minute of this fantastic, food-centric weekend or a single run.

#### **AVON UPDATE**

#### Après Avon

Where will you be during the 2015 Alpine World Ski Championships? We invite you to join us at Après' Avon after an exhilarating day at the races! Après Avon is a street fair of music, tastings and spontaneity during the 2015 Alpine World Ski Championships. As one of three major programs of the Championships, Après Avon is the featured post races activity each day from 2:00 —5:30 p.m. Après Avon will be an outdoor and tented venue in Avon's central core and will present live music, performance art, food, craft brews and distilled tastings, as well host athlete signings, visits by the 2015 mascots, and American-rooted activities. Après Avon, where locals meet racers and spectators enjoy the perfect gathering after each day's race. February 3<sup>rd</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.

#### Winter Wonder Grass Music Festival

Winter Wonder Grass is back on February 20th - 22nd and we are so excited to have this signature event return to Avon! Winter Wonder Grass is a unique, boutique winter music and craft beer festival highlighting bluegrass, roots and acoustic music along with Colorado craft brews. Winter Wonder Grass is hosted in Avon's beautiful Harry A. Nottingham Park with Beaver Creek Mountain as the natural backdrop.

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The festival features over 22 bluegrass bands, more than 15 Colorado craft breweries and promotes sustainability and community. With an outdoor, winter wonderland on the brand new Nottingham Pavilion main stage and heated beer tents with acoustic jams, kid's tents, and bonfires, Winter Wonder Grass will be a time for families and friends to gather, dance, and celebrate the Colorado lifestyle.

#### VAIL UPDATE

#### 2015 FIS World Ski Championships

#### **Opening Ceremonies & Medal Ceremonies**

The prestigious FIS Alpine World Ski Championships have been held in the U.S. only three times before, including 1989 and 1999 for which the Vail Valley also played host, firmly establishing the community as the ski racing capital of North America. The Solaris in Vail is set to



serve as the official hub of the ceremonies and nightly festival events with concerts, parties, art and culinary features, a big-screen stadium and more from Feb. 2 through 15, while Beaver Creek will host the majority of the competition, all of which is free to spectators, unlike championships in Europe! Vail will also host racing events at Golden Peak, including the Nation's Team Event (February 10) and the Men's Giant Slalom and Slalom qualification competitions (February 12 and 14).

#### Vail Holidaze

A Vail tradition is the torchlight parade and fireworks on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Come watch skiers form a glowing train as they ski down Golden Peak. Viewing for this spectacle will take place at the base of Golden Peak. Fireworks will light up the sky directly after the parade.\_Come enjoy the Holidays in Vail December 21<sup>st</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> and catch all the fun and celebration! Vail Holidaze events are complimentary and open to the public.



#### Nightlife at the Top of Vail Mountain.

High elevation energy, world-class DJ entertainment and the ultimate mountaintop nightclub experience returns to Vail Mountain as the resort welcomes back Décimo for six exclusive nights during the 2014-2015 winter season.

Last winter, Vail Mountain re-imagined the nightclub experience in the Colorado Rocky Mountains with Décimo when it debuted in March of 2014 to a sold-out crowd. Located at 10,250 feet above sea level on Vail Mountain, Décimo featured three-time Grammy nominee, DJ, producer and artist Paul Oakenfold in an event that matched the legendary reputation of the mountain and resort.

Décimo will continue to blend exceptional service and renowned entertainment with the excitement of a world-class nightspot set against the iconic backdrop of Vail Mountain. Each unique event will begin at the base of Gondola One in Vail Village. From there, guests will be carried to mid-mountain in the gondola's state-of-the-art cabins, complete with heated seats and Wi-Fi access. Just steps away from the top of the gondola, guests will enter a space that has undergone a carefully orchestrated transformation into the chic, dynamic nightspot that is Décimo, an exclusive nightclub experience complete with VIP tables and bottle service.

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#### The Burton US Open Snowboarding Championships

The Burton US Open Snowboarding Championships will be at Vail Mountain, March 2-7, 2015. Don't miss the world's best riders competing for top honors in Halfpipe and Slopestyle, premium musical acts,



activities for kids and more. Back for a third year in Vail, 2015 marks the 33rd year of the Burton US Open, which is dubbed "The World's Greatest Snowboard Event". With mega-screens set up in Vail Village and Lionshead, sponsor villages, free concerts and of course, the best snowboarders in the world competing at the Golden Peak Terrain Park, the action will be non-stop.

#### Pink Vail

People walk, run, and even shave their heads to benefit cancer care. Here in Vail, we ski! Pink Vail™ is the world's biggest ski day to conquer cancer. 100% of the proceeds stay local, benefiting



patient care and survivorship programs at Shaw Regional Cancer Center - a boutique cancer center serving residents of Colorado and around the country. Come and join the fun for a heartfelt cause on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### Spring Back to Vail

Spring Back to Vail, April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, is the biggest end-of-season bash in the Rocky Mountains! We're ending the season in style with some serious fun under the sun, including free live concerts, the infamous World Pond Skimming Championships, Bud Light après after-dark parties, base area



giveaways, and so much more! We know it's hard to think about end-of-season, but make your reservations now to be sure you won't miss out on this end of season event!

#### **Exciting News from Information Technology!**

OWNERS, WE HEARD YOU!! Recently our Information Systems Department installed an in-room high speed wireless internet system, which provides 103 TV channels and 50 music channels; now each unit has its own individual high speed modem.

#### PLEASE NOTE

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

## 2014 Christie Lodge Annual Owners Meeting

This year the Christie Lodge Owners Association meeting was held in the Beaver Creek Room at the Christie Lodge. The annual business of the association was conducted and Management provided additional information and updates to the owners.



Presiding Board President, J. Raymond David, welcomed everyone and introduced the Board of Directors, Board Committee members, Mr. Ken Ka (guest speaker from RCI), Mr. Greg Penrod from Sedona Pines Resort in Sedona, AZ, and Mr. Todd Herrick from Highlands Resorts in Telluride, CO.

Ms. Lisa Siegert-Free, Managing Director presented an update on the state of the Timeshare industry noting that, even in the current economy, Timeshare sales are up from \$6.9B in 2012 to \$7.6B in 2013 and that the average maintenance fee at the Christie Lodge is \$575, which remains well below the industry average of \$875. The industry also continues to see a shift from weeks ownership to points ownership, which is evidenced by the success of our new sales company, Highlands Resorts and Sedona Pines Resorts. Thanks to this new partnership, the Christie Lodge now has 994 new owners.

Ms. Siegert-Free also shared the exciting preparations for the 2015 FIS World Ski Championships, along with the many additions and upgrades in Vail, Beaver Creek and throughout the Vail Valley.

Rick Dameron, Executive Director of Operations, presented costs and information on the improvements, projects, remodels and renovations that have been implemented over the past year at the lodge, some of which are: ADA ramps, ADA unit remodel, ADA water fountains, ADA pool chair-lifts, Fitness Center remodel, elevator interior cab remodel, boiler drain heat system, office merge of Reservations and Owner Guest Services and glass handrails on the first floor.

He was also excited to share the proposed projects for 2014-2015, a few of which are: glass handrails on upper floors, additional ADA ramps, new Fitness Center equipment, security software and cameras, in-room high speed internet, dog-friendly rooms and new carpet on the catwalks and stairways.

Mr. Dameron also shared information and tips on making your week work to your best advantage. We would like to encourage all our owners to give us a call at 888-325-6343 to book your week and come see first hand all the great improvements at the lodge.

The agenda for the meeting included the election of Directors to fill three open positions on the Board. Those elected were: Mr. J. Raymond David, Mr. Bill McReynolds and Ms. Kristen Nostrand.

Association attorney, Mr. Jerry Oliver, presented information on the proposed 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Condominium Declaration and outlined the advantages to the Association, existing owners and potential new owners, some of which are:

- Gives each Owner the option to convert their Timeshare Interest to non-deeded, but would not require an owner to do so.
- It provides simplified estate planning.
- It gives the Association an option to convert all Timeshare Interests owned by the Association, or which are owned by Owners who are 365 days or more delinquent in maintenance fees, to a non-deeded Timeshare Interest.

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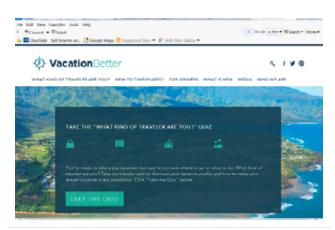
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He also noted that Owners do not lose any of their rights or privileges as an owner and all future purchase of weeks by new and existing owners will be as non-deeded Timeshare Interests.

Following the open discussion and question and answer period, the owners cast their ballots in favor and passed Amendment 4. The Board of Directors will move forward to develop policies and procedures.

Owners and Management expressed their thanks and appreciation for the efforts, experience, and dedication that the Directors bring to the Christie Lodge.

The next CLOA Annual Owners meeting will be held in September or October of 2015.



#### ~ Owner's Corner ~

Your team at the Christie Lodge is always looking for ways to enhance your vacations and add value to your ownership. We would like to share with you a valuable website, <a href="www.vacationbetter.org">www.vacationbetter.org</a>, which is full of helpful tips on ownership, ways to enhance your vacations, places to visit, travel tips and even a survey to help you discover more about yourself as a timeshare owner.

Recently, as we were "clicking" our way through the many links to information and additional sites, we discovered an article of interest called "6 Tips to Relax on Your Vacation, Even as an Entrepreneur", and here they are:

- Find your own peak season
- Leave your Wifi behind
- Figure in a buffer day
- Write a clear plan
- Screen your calls
- Go somewhere inspiring (of course, we suggest the Christie Lodge!)

Whether you're an entrepreneur, small business owner, a factory worker, a stay-at-home mom, or enjoying your retirement, a vacation is a good idea to help you return to work or home with fresh ideas and a feeling of rest and rejuvenation. Put a plan in place, unplug, find inspiration, and your vacation might just be the best thing to happen to you, your family, or your business.



Vacation & Owner Services Reception Area

## From the Desk of the Chief Engineer

In recent months the Engineering Department has seen an increase in remodels and renovations throughout the lodge in addition to our day-to-day operations. Here is a recap of the work we have completed since the beginning of the summer season, as well as current projects.

First and foremost we wanted to mention the wonderful feedback that we have received on the glass handrails since completion of the first level. The glass handrails update the look and feel of the lodge and significantly increase guest safety. With that being said, we would like to announce that we will continue this look throughout the lodge by installing additional glass handrails on all the upper levels as well as the common area stairways. This project is anticipated to be completed by June 2015.

We also merged the Owner Relations Department with the Reservations Department which now is referred to as the "Vacation and Owner Services Department". This space is now more efficient and accommodates all owners and guests with a lovely new welcoming environment focused on helping you take great vacations.

As we ring in the New Year and everyone starts making New Year's resolutions, physical fitness is a common theme among them. To help our owners and guests meet there goals, we have installed new state-of-the-art fitness equipment including treadmills, elliptical machines, bikes, spin bikes, free weights, fitness balls and, last but not least, a 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 thing to look forward to on your next visit.

In addition to our focus on Project Wow, we will renovate three units to accommodate our four-legged friends. These dog-friendly units will be available after the first of the year.

Two smaller projects that have been completed are the installation of all new LED lights in the parking lot and a new ice machine on the first level.

We are ending the year with many achievements and, although we still have a lot to accomplish, we remain focused on the tasks at hand and are looking forward to the added value you will

#### 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 to help assist you in your title processing or transfers. You can also contact the Colorado Attorney General to report fradulent real estate practices by filling out a complaint form at: http://www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov/consumerfraudcomplaint.



Chris Blailock, Concierge Mgr.

#### The Concierge Corner

We are happy to announce the Concierge Department is back to FULL staff. With our recent addition of Jeri Penland and Lisa Tobias, we are running a full-steam-ahead campaign for the 2014/2015 Winter Season. Jeri brings to the team over twenty years of experience in the Vail Valley as a concierge. Her wealth of valley knowledge is a tremendous asset to the department. If you are having a difficult time trying to decide out what to do, please come by and see Jeri!

Lisa joins the team from the beautiful Nantucket Island Resort in Massachusetts. Lisa will be heading up the In-House Activities for the Concierge Department. Her fresh ideas on how to keep your family busy during those non-ski days are creative and she's a delight to have aboard the team. She has overhauled the scavenger hunt to include a pirate theme and some tough questions regarding the Vail Valley.

Preston Haynes, former front desk agent for the Christie Lodge, rounds out our team. He has been a concierge in the valley for ten years and loves to play live guitar in the lobby for our guest's enjoyment. Have a restaurant question? Stop by and see our restaurant guru, Preston!

We look forward to providing you with five-star service throughout the season. Call us before your check-in date at 970-845-4529 and let us help you plan your vacation here in the Vail Valley. If you need assistance with anything during your stay, please do not hesitate to stop by the Concierge Desk, located in the lobby next to the bus stop, or dial extension 529 or 530 to reach us. With snow in the forecast, and the 2015 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships around the corner, the town of Avon looks forward to being in the international spotlight. Oh, and don't forget to stop by and see our fish bowl filled with colorful, tropical specimens.

#### Look Who Turned 30!!



(L-R): John Lee, CFO; Rick Dameron, Exec Director of Operations; Lisa Siegert-Free, General Manager & Managing Agent; Eric Lickteig, Director of Finance

It was with special thanks and many fun memories that we celebrated Lisa Siegert-Free's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the Christie Lodge in July of this year.

Over the years Lisa has moved through the ranks from her start in the Accounting Department all the way to General Manager and Managing Director. Lisa brings a string of impressive academic accomplishments to her position, which includes a bachelor's degree from Murray State University in Kentucky, where she graduated magna cum laude in 1981, and is a graduate of the Dale Carnegie course as well as being a Dale Carnegie Graduate Assistant instructor. Lisa also attended the University of Colorado, Denver, working toward an MBA in finance; she is a certified paralegal and holds a Registered Resort Professional (RRP) designation through the American Resort Development Association (ARDA). Lisa is on the Board of Directors of ARDA and chairs the Home Owners Association Outreach Committee of ARDA.

Thanks to her leadership, the lodge has steadily increased its number of owners, revenues, and loyal staff. With Lisa at the helm, it's not uncommon for us to receive high praise, like this note from an owner "We love the Christie Lodge. We own 4 weeks there and love the changes. The property is very well run. Thank You."

Lisa was born and raised in Grayville, IL, a farming community, and is an avid skier, tandem, road & mountain biker and mountain climber. She has climbed 37 of Colorado's 54 "Fourteeners" (14,000 foot mountains). As a musician Lisa plays French horn in the Vail Valley Symphony, Summit Community Orchestra and for the Alpine Wind Ensemble. She serves as Treasurer for the Cub Scout Pack #231, a position she has held for the last six years.

A big thanks goes out to Lisa for her dedication and service to the Christie Lodge!



#### Adam & Jenee Cadenhead

# MANAGER SPOTLIGHT ADAM CADENHEAD ASSISTANT FRONT DESK MANAGER

We are fortunate to have such a great team here at the lodge and enjoy helping you get to know them. We would like to introduce you to Adam Cadenhead, Assistant Front Desk Manager.

Hello everyone, I'm Adam Cadenhead and I was born in Houston, TX and when I was almost 2 years old my family moved to Colorado. While growing up in Evergreen I was an avid skier, snowboarder and loved being outside with my brother and friends doing anything active. During my childhood I did some acting for Boston Market, McDonald's, and the Dick Van Dyke TV series "Diagnosis Murder." I also modeled for a number of magazines and traveled to Atlanta and California for John Robert Powers fashion shows. I did this from the time I was 8 years old until I was 10 and that small career later supported my ski lifestyle and paid for my college expenses. After graduating high school I moved to Leadville to attend Colorado Mountain College where I studied Ski Area Operations. While studying for my degree I worked at various ski areas including Loveland, Ski Cooper, and Copper Mountain, which provided the opportunity to delve into everything from Ski Instructing to Lift Maintenance.

While working in the ski industry I realized that I wanted to pursue a career in Hospitality and Customer Service and gained a lot of experience by working at several retail stores and even helped a friend open a restaurant in Leadville. From there I took a position at the Christie Lodge and I have grown to love working in the hospitality industry. The ever changing atmosphere is so much fun to work in and our clients have so many experiences to share that there is never a dull moment. I love making sure our guests enjoy their stay and I will go above and beyond whenever I can to make sure they do. At this time I am working towards receiving my Associate Resort Professional Designation (ARP) with ARDA and will constantly be taking new courses to further my education within the field.

I married my beautiful wife, Jenee, in 2011 and we live in Leadville, CO with our two awesome dogs and a barn full of angora rabbits. When I am not working, I love to be out on the mountain skiing or snowboarding, taking care of our animals, working on our home improvement projects and hanging out with friends and family.

Please stop by the Front Desk to say hello next time you're at the lodge!