

## Summer News from The Vail Valley



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For 40 years, the Christie Lodge has provided memorable vacations for its owner! The CLOA Board of Directors, the Management Team and our incredible employees look forward to providing many more years of great vacations for you and your families.

The Vail Valley has grown throughout the years and the towns of Vail and Avon are continually upgrading and expanding. The Christie Lodge is consistently improving to the property and your investment to ensure you have an outstanding vacation experience.



# Annual Owners Meeting

This years' annual owners meeting is scheduled to be held on **Saturday, October 8th, 2022** at the Hilton Garden Inn Scottsdale North/Perimeter Center in Scottsdale, AZ. We have a room block for October 6-9, 2022. Booking your room is simple, just select "[Book a Room](#)" to receive the preferred rate.

The Board of Directors and Management Team are looking forward to providing you an update on the lodge, including current projects and renovations. The Board will present a review of the year ending **June 30, 2022** financial reports. Owners will have the opportunity to elect two members to the C.L.O.A. 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 information to the Recruitment and Nomination Committee: An introductory cover letter, your contact information and your resume. Your information must be received by **August 1, 2022** and can be submitted by any of the following methods attention: Recruitment & Nomination Committee

\* USPS mail: The Christie Lodge

P.O. Box 1196  
Avon, CO 81620  
Attn: Executive Admin

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

As we get closer to the date, more detailed information will be included in the official annual meeting notice and agenda, sent to all owners later this summer.

We hope you will be able to join us at the annual meeting.

# Property Updates



Early last year we began evaluating the replacement of the property's fire sprinkler system. In April 2022, we started construction. The project is expected to be completed in May of 2023 at a cost of just over \$4 million dollars.

Over the last five (5) years, our operations team has been busy keeping The Christie Lodge in great shape! Here is a partial list of what we have accomplished:

Replaced room linens with a higher-grade product to improve comfort.

Installed new murphy bed/couches in the living room area and new Serta Perfect Sleeper Platinum Suite II Plush mattress on a platform base in the bedroom.

Installed larger 52" Smart TV in the living room providing additional free movie watching options.

Completion of our "Wow" project that gave all of our accommodations a new look and feel. The project included: New wood floors, updated bathrooms, renovated kitchenettes, a larger refrigerator, new countertops with sink and the addition of a single hot plate with pots and pans.

Completed a major parking garage resurfacing that included structural repairs.

Replaced the property's roof along with repainting the exterior of the building.



# Owner Benefits

**Your Vacation and Owner Services team is here to help you!**

Take advantage of several discounted benefits we offer exclusively to owners!

This year we are limited on inventory due to our **fire sprinkler replacement project**. The project is currently scheduled to be from early April 2022 to May 2023. Buildings 1,2,3 and 7 are currently being upgraded and are closed to occupancy. The project is expected to move to buildings 4, 5 and 6 in November, 2022 and be fully completed by May of 2023.

You will still be allowed to come to the lodge during your color season, however availability during this project may be limited. If you are not able to book your owner weeks during this time period, we will encourage you to use a second week, in the same color season, over the next three-year period.

**Bonus Nights** and **Bonus Weeks** are based on excess inventory, but may still be available during this timeframe. Please give us a call to see how we are looking for the dates you are interested in booking.

**Maximize the value of your week** by booking your week early. The most desired weeks go quickly, so booking as early as possible will ensure the highest chances of reserving your preferred week. The Christie Lodge's external exchange trading value is at an all-time high. Trading power can be affected by the week given and how far in advance the deposit is made, making it important to book as early as possible!

Please click [here](#) for additional information about your owner benefits. Your Vacation and Owner Services team will be happy to assist you with understanding your benefits and help you get the best usage to meet your needs! Please call us at 877-697-7632.



**The Christie Lodge is 40 years young!**

In the early 1980's, U.S. Homes in Texas was busy building what we now refer to as "units" of the Christie Lodge. The completed "units" were then trucked to Avon where they were hoisted, hammered, welded and coaxed into their permanent locations and collectively became the Christie Lodge! Beaver Creek Mountain Resort opened shortly thereafter in 1982. Around 1988, in need of a major renovation and having severe financial woes the Board noticed that the manager of the renovation in progress, Lynn Weas, was skilled and experienced in property management, finance, real estate development, and other applicable disciplines. After careful consideration, the Board asked him to take over management of the Lodge.

(Prior to that in 1984, Lisa Siegert-Free joined the team and helped the Board oust the rogue managers.) Lynn passed away in 2009, and Lisa was promoted to Managing Director and General Manager by the board. In July of 2022 she will have 38 years in with the Christie Lodge. Visitors who haven't been here in a while will not recognize the Lodge today - inside or out. The rooms have been renovated many times. This has allowed us to remain as an outstanding value in our area. We fondly refer to the lodge as "the hidden gem in the Vail Valley"





# Epic Crowds/Epic Labor Shortages



This past winter, a record number of pass holders arrived at Vail and Beaver Creek Resorts during a time when the valley was experiencing a critical labor shortage and quarantined workers. The shortage effected every department at the Christie Lodge and the workers we retained had to really perform and make it a successful season.

In May 2022, we hosted a celebration with all staff. The theme of the event was the busiest year ever, with the fewest employees to service our owners and guests. The following numbers presented to staff during the event:

## **ENGINEERING:**

Maintenance calls: 2,582

Quality room punches: 263

Snow Removal: To date snowfall: 223” – which took 148 hours to plow

## **HOUSEKEEPING:**

Calls Answered: 2,099, Units Cleaned: 13,330

## **VACATION AND OWNER SERVICES:**

Total calls: 16,233

## **FRONT DESK:**

Check ins: 6818, Check outs: 6853, resort guest room nights: 17,218

Winter Occupancy: 74%: Average 206 rooms occupied nightly

## **ACCOUNTING:**

12,500 financial transactions processed

## **INFORMATION SYSTEMS:**

872 trouble tickets

## **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

10 new employees for sign on bonus program and 6 referrals from current employees.

We were able to touch on every department's numbers. The event was very positive; there was lots of applause and laughter among staff. These numbers are amazing when you consider how understaffed we were. The event was catered by [Mountain Pine Grazing](#), which did a fabulous job. The layout of food was extraordinary. You may have seen the pictures on Facebook! To show everyone our appreciation, every team member received an osprey backpack logoed with “2022 elite team”.

# How did the Christie Lodge in Avon become the home of the last known lynx trapped in Colorado?



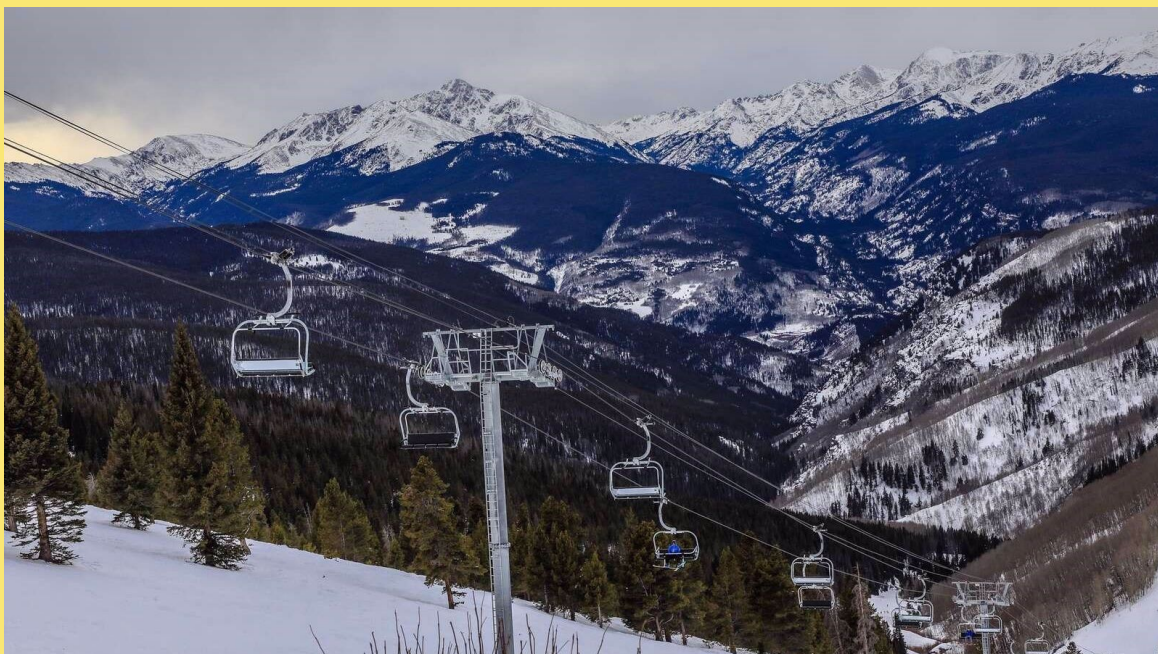
## Origins of the taxidermied specimen trace back to Vail Mountain in the 1970s

The story of the last known Canada lynx in Colorado prior to reintroduction is somewhat well known. Less well known is what happened to the body of the animal after it was killed.

Colorado's last known lynx was illegally trapped on Vail Mountain in the 1970s when "an individual who first observed the animal while riding on a ski lift took a lynx illegally from the front side of Vail Mountain," according to the Forest Service.

No one at the Christie Lodge today, even Lisa Siegert-Free, who has been there for 38 years, can say exactly how the lodge was associated with the study. But there's one thing Lisa knows for certain: The lynx doesn't belong to the Christie Lodge, it belongs to the state of Colorado. The lodge merely provides a viable museum-style display for the lynx specimen, which is able to be viewed for free by the public.

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## Vail Resorts and New Lifts

Great news for Vail Mountain this year! Sun Down Bowl in the legendary back bowls will see the installation of a new high-speed 4-person chair from the base of Chair 5 (High Noon Express) to the Wildwood restaurant. The new lift will materially reduce wait times on peak days at Chair 5 and create the opportunity for skiers and riders to more conveniently access the trails in Sun Down Bowl. Vail Mountain will also see improved reliability and capacity in Game Creek Bowl with the replacement of the current 4-person chair with a new high-speed 6-person lift, increasing capacity by nearly 50%. Hope to see you on the mountain this year!

## We Care about the Community



Environmental stewardship issues in our community are a priority to the Christie Lodge. Our employees volunteer their personal time to work side-by-side with fellow community members on the I-70 Highway Cleanup in the spring and the river clean-up in the fall. This year, the highway clean-up still did not offer the traditional community gathering hosted by the [Eagle River Watershed Council](#), so the Christie Lodge sponsored a BBQ at the park for the 18 volunteers to celebrate cleaning up over a mile of highway!

The Fall Eagle River Cleanup is scheduled for September 10, 2022.  
Thanks to all our volunteers!