

# Summer News from the Vail Valley

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Welcome to the summer edition of The Christie Lodge Newsletter! We hope you are doing well, staying healthy and looking forward to spending time in the beautiful Vail Valley.

We are having another fantastic year at the Christie Lodge and we're thrilled to share some exciting happenings from the Valley.

## **Annual Owners Meeting**



This years' annual owners meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 5th, 2024 in San Antonio, Texas.

We have a courtesy block with a discounted rate of \$159/night at The Riverwalk Plaza Hotel (October 3-6, 2024).

Below you will find the link to make your reservation.

#### **Riverwalk Plaza Hotel**

The Board of Directors and Management Team are looking forward to providing you with an update on the lodge, including current projects and renovations. The Board will present a review of the year ending June 30, 2024 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, 2024 and can be submitted by any of the following methods attention: Recruitment & Nomination Committee

USPS mail: The Christie Lodge

PO Box 1196 Avon CO 81620

Attn: Executive Admin

\* Fax: 970-845-4559

\* Email: execadmin@christielodge.com

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 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, mailed to all owners later this summer.

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

### Owner Benefits



Your owner benefits are some of the best in the industry!

Make sure you take advantage of your ownership's exclusive discounts. Now that we have full availability, we can be more flexible with our owners when booking their week or using our bonus night program. Presently Owners do not pay our property fee, currently\$15.75 per night, and receive a discount off our daily rental rates.

#### **Bonus Nights and Bonus Weeks**

Good news! We haven't had an increase in costs to our owners' bonus program over the past year! Bonus nights must be reserved by the owner on the deed and may only be used by immediate family: mother, father, sons, or daughters. Room availability is based on excess inventory and may be requested 30 days or less before arrival. If there is no bonus night availability, the reservation team will check rental availability, and if available, they will offer you a significant discount from the lowest published rental rate. Bonus night rates start as low as \$95 per night for one-bedroom suites and \$190 for a three bedroom. Don't forget about our extended bonus night program to brothers, sisters, and grandchildren. Bonus weeks are limited to one per contract, per year and are non-refundable.

Owners are also invited to reserve an additional week at The Christie Lodge for an extremely discounted rate. These weeks can be booked up to 360 days from the arrival date and are only available to lodge owners. Once the reservation is made by the owner, it can be gifted to friends or family. Bonus weeks are limited to one per contract, per year and are non-refundable.

#### **Gifting Your Week**

Weeks may be gifted or shared with your friends and family! To gift a week, please notify reservations and they will add your guest(s) to the reservation. Your week includes a midweek service and additional housekeeping services are available for a fee.

#### **Upgrades**

One-Bedroom owners may have the option to upgrade their booked week to a Three-Bedroom Suite. Upgrades are subject to availability and can be booked 45 days or less prior to the requested arrival date. Upgrade rates are \$200/night and a three-night minimum is required. Upgrades are non-refundable and payment is due at the time of the reservation. As always, please know you can book your contract week up to 360 days (about 12 months) prior to arrival. This can be done in the reservation office in person, on the owners' website, or by calling us at 888-325-6343. Availability is limited and if you exchange your week, trading power can be affected by how far in advance your week is deposited with the exchange company. It is recommended to reserve as soon as possible.

# **Project Update**



We are excited to announce that we are replacing our current wood burning fireplaces with an electric version. Electric fireplaces are not only more environmentally friendly but also safer and easier to maintain. We're sure you will appreciate the cozy ambiance without the hassle of burning wood. The project is expected to be completed by this winter season.

# **Industry News**

SCAM INFO: BEWARE. Don't fall into this trap! Always call your resort first to see if there are solutions to your situation. Owners are being targeted with the lure of an easy up-front fee to exit their timeshare commitment and are told that an attorney can help get them out of their timeshare obligations. When an owner contracts with a scam company, they are then instructed not to communicate with the resort. They are told an attorney will work on their behalf to relieve them of all their obligations. Once this happens, the owner in many cases does not get help from the attorney and has paid legal fees that they cannot get back. Again, please call us if you have any questions!

## **Industry News**



**FBI warns** of Mexican cartels targeting Americans in timeshare fraud schemes. The schemes entail criminals targeting part-time property owners, often older Americans, and convincing them to hand over large sums of cash under false pretenses related to their timeshare properties.

"Scammers will usually conduct extensive research on potential victims, creating fake documents and impersonating individuals from "trustworthy institutions" to sell their storylines and scare victims into compliance," the bureau said. Scammers will use a combination of high-pressure sales tactics and cyber-enabled fraud strategies to convince victims that it is legitimate.

That's why ARDA (American Resort Development Association), are proponents of early and effective consumer education on legitimate timeshare exit avenues to prevent scams like this one from taking root. In fact, they have partnered with their members to create the Coalition for Responsible Exit as a resource to help timeshare owners responsibly and safely exit their timeshare should they decide it is no longer a fit for their lifestyle," said ARDA President and CEO Jason Gamel. "I encourage anyone who is thinking about selling their timeshare to visit ResponsibleExit.com, and to never engage with proactive resale offers.

Assistant Special Agent in Charge Paul Roberts said these schemes have "devastating consequences for victims' financial futures, relationships, and physical and emotional health."

"The proceeds are increasingly going to fund the cartels' violent activity in Mexico. The nefarious activity is attractive to cartels because it's typically cheaper, posing fewer logistical, labor and oversight challenges when compared to other revenue streams like drug and weapons trafficking," Roberts said.

# **Events in the Vail Valley**



The Vail Valley offers some of the best world class, live entertainment around. During the summer, you can enjoy events almost every day of the week. Follow the links to get the full schedule of events for the featured venues.

#### **Ford Amphitheater**

Just west of Vail Village, Ford Amphitheater is an open-air venue offering panoramic views. https://grfavail.com/



#### **Avon Performance Pavilion**

This venue is located next to the scenic Nottingham
Lake in the heart of Avon.

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Vilar Performing Arts Center Located in Beaver Creek, is an intimate venue that brings in world class entertainment and everyone gets a great seat. https://vilarpac.org



## **Beaver Creek Resort**



The traditional kick-off to summer starts with Beaver Creek's Blues, Brews & BBQ festival over Memorial Day Weekend! The festival delights guests of all ages with live music, barbecue vendors, a wide variety of beers, and fun for the whole family.

Beaver Creek's surrounding mountain meadows are just a stone's throw away from The Christie Lodge. Views from the upper mountain will provide you with an amazing perspective of the Gore Range. The trails system spans over 62 miles, connecting the resort's three villages: Beaver Creek Village, Bachelor Gulch, and Arrowhead, each with its own spectacular view and unique character. Hiking and biking the stunning trails between them are an amazing way to spend a day exploring the resort. All summer long Beaver Creek Village comes alive with live music and entertainment making the village the perfect place to spend your evenings.

#### **Beaver Creek Events**

# FIS Alpine Ski World Cup Races

Exciting news for skiing fans! Mikaela Shiffrin racing at Beaver Creek will be a thrilling event, highlighting the addition of women's races to the Birds of Prey World Cup. The back-to-back weekends of men's and women's races, along with the festive activities, sound like a fantastic way to celebrate the sport. The men's and women's Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup races will be held on the famed Birds of Prey course in Beaver Creek for the first time this December. The races will be paired with a multi-day festival including concerts, family activities, the Beers of Prey beer tasting, gatherings, celebrations, and more, December 6-15. 2024.





# **Christie Lodge Philanthropic**



We Care about the Community
The 24th Annual Community Pride Highway Clean-up

Every year, hundreds of dedicated volunteers participate in the county-wide Community Pride Highway Clean-up. Since its inception in the early 2000s, when nearly 50 tons of trash were removed, considerable progress has been made in reducing litter. Now, an average of 10-15 tons of debris is removed annually. The Christie Lodge staff showed up in full force with 20 volunteers!

It is truly impressive what we can accomplish when we come together as a community



We can't wait to help you create memories that will last a lifetime!