

Sun Peaks 2 Tour 2016

Sunday 11 January saw the Brewster bus depart the golf course just when it should have...of course. The trip went along nicely on bare and dry roads so we made good time on a mostly sunny and windless day. The only unusual event was the chilled lunch break. Heat in the Lucky Panda at Valemont had gone off the previous day and was not to be repaired until Monday. The very hard working staff made the best of it and lunch was hot, even if we looked for tables in sunny spots and the illusion of warmth.

The atmosphere at the welcome dinner was sizzling with anticipation for the week ahead. The Cahilty Creek bar and grill was filled to bursting with the crowd of 79 skiers (55 bus riders and 24 drivers). The unending pasta filled the need while chatter and hoots of laughter warmed the whole place.

Monday was a windless day of low grey cloud and fog in places but visibility was pretty good nonetheless. It was a pattern to be repeated for the next days. The inch or so of fresh snow overnight made for some forgiving snow and great ski conditions. Wednesday's good overnight drop brought out the first tracks hunters like no other. Admonitions of "don't steal my powder" were overheard on the black runs snaking down the side of Morrisey, but a number of riders came down "The Stickss" just for the beauty of it. Thursday brought no new snow but clear skies appeared which made "Crystal Bowl" a great pick for many happy skiers.

Wednesday night's dinner in the Cahilty Creek bar and grill was a boisterous event with easy going and comfortable friendship in the air. The staff organized us, the space and the meal seamlessly.

Tour hosts Bill and Pat Campbell very much want to thank our hard working tour co-ordinators Ian Kupchenko and JoAnn Grand for unending support. We want to acknowledge all the men who helped load and unload the bus and especially Wayne Strudnick and Kevin Sherwin who masterminded the process. The hotel and on hill staff were terrific to work with during planning process and completed check in upon our arrival smoothly. The Sun Hosts were popular with our group and their tours were greatly enjoyed. Most of all we want to thank everyone who came on the

trip for their enthusiasm, humor and all round agreeable natures in making a problem free trip.