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CRESTED BUTTE MOUNTAIN RESORT near Gunnison, in Western Colorado

There are deals at Crested Butte again this year. Stay at any CBMR property for 3 nights and purchase 3 days of lift tickets and get your 4th night of lodging and your 4th day of skiing for free. Valid 1/04 to 2/11/2010. Restrictions apply. Inspire your passion on Crested Butte's uncrowded slopes, it's easy with expanded daily non-stop jet service to Gunnison/Crested Butte airport. Please call 1-800-647-3123 - Page 8.

CRESTED BUTTE LODGING in Crested Butte, Colorado

Save 25% on your ski in/ski out lodging in Crested Butte. Discounts abound and lodging varies from hotel suites to 4-bedroom condos to vacation homes. Enjoy your getaway, contact Crested Butte Lodging. www.crestedbuttelodging.com Please call 1-800-620-SNOW - Page 9.

INN at CRESTED BUTTE in Crested Butte, Colorado

This lodge is a beautiful boutique hotel and spa. At the Inn attention to detail, coupled with a knowledgeable and friendly staff, ensure that your experience will be unforgettable. The Inn is located in the town of Crested Butte where shopping and dining are abundant. www.innatcrestedbutte.net Please call 970-349-2111 - Page 9.

THE NORDIC INN in Crested Butte, Colorado

Personalized service, attention to detail and convenience are just a few of the reasons you will want to stay here. You'll be treated to good, old-fashioned hospitality at Crested Butte's friendly family-owned lodge. www.nordicinn.com Please call 1-800-542-7669 - Page 9.

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Be at home on the mountain. The Franz Klammer Lodge has unrivaled residences at the height of luxury with all the amenities you have come to expect at a Fairmont Hotel. www.fairmont.com/klammerlodge Please call 1-888-728-0355 - Page 11.

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Need to have a good day? Northstar Resort is dedicated to making good days happen. Enjoy 3,000 skiable acres with 90 trails, world-class tree skiing and eight terrain parks. There is a new village with an outdoor skating rink and 35 shops and restaurants. www.NorthstarAtTahoe.com Please call 1-866-895-0715 - see Page 15.

PARK CITY PEAKS HOTEL in PARK CITY, UTAH

Stay close to three major ski resorts including Utah's largest, The Canyons, in Park City. This complete hotel has a full bar and a restaurant in the hotel. Plus the free Town Shuttle stops right at their door. Complimentary breakfast is also included. Please call 1-800-649-5012 - Page 5.

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Experience four of the greatest resorts in the Rockies with only one pass - the Salt Lake "SUPER PASS." The "SUPER PASS" lets you ski different resorts for the best possible price and is good for all your skiing at Alta, Snowbird, Brighton or Solitude. Utah's Greatest Snow on Earth is an easy 40 minutes from the ambiance of a world-class Salt Lake City. Please visit www.ski-saltlake.com - Page 16.

SKI VILLAGE RESORTS, Breckenridge, Colo.

Need a slopeside condo in Breck? One call can do it all, without the hassles of "discount" web sites. Locations you want for the escape you need. Book early and often: www.skivillageresorts.com or please call 1-888-972-8200 - Page 3.

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Need to be mobile in snow? The sure-footed Subaru Forester's Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive gets you through regardless of the weather. Its status as a 2009 IIHS Top Safety Pick gives you confidence all season long. Love (and great vehicles). It's what makes a Subaru, a Subaru. Please visit www.subaru.com - Page 1.

SUN VALLEY, Idaho

America's classic ski resort adds to its legend by installing the Roundhouse Gondola for a picturesque view and comfortable trip up Baldy. Enjoy their exclusive Lift Ticket Exchange Program, free ski storage, legendary cuisine and other countless amenities that continue to make Sun Valley a world-class ski and vacation resort. www.sunvalley.com For more details, call 1-800-786-8259 - Page 7.

GREAT LODGING LOCATIONS AROUND LAKE TAHOE

EMBASSY SUITES - p. 13.
Call 1-800-988-9850

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Call 1-888-510-0529

ALSO RECOMMENDED ARE...

MANY FINE LODGES and GREAT SKI RESORTS listed and linked on our website homepage at www.skiernews.com and found in www.skiernews.net

Info about these lodges & ski resorts can also be found in our double issue Regional Sections. These sections are distributed as extra editions within this Cover Section.

They are available throughout entire season for your skiing region of North America. You can view all of the sections and pages that are not distributed in your area, through our newest website: www.skiernews.net

From the PUBLISHER'S DESK:

By Publisher and Editor, Dave Leonardi

Well it is almost here.

Ski season is just around the corner, and Loveland in Colorado was the first to open. More to come as they say.

Are you prepared, in-shape, and ready to ski?

Tony Crespi, our technical editor, has some tips on how to get in shape to help you have fun the first few days on the slopes. We also "borrowed" an article from one of last season's editions to remind you of the importance of pre-season strength, flexibility, training and conditioning. You can find those articles on page 12.

When you are ready to ski, you have many choices. Thanks to El Niño, Lake Tahoe could be the big winner in the snowfall category. There are great mountains with great terrain and excellent accommodations for every budget. You can read more on pages 13 to 15. Look at the cover photo and drool over the fantastic views that Tahoe offers, then log on to www.skiernews.net/Tahoe2010 to read more and discover your vacation possibilities. This year Squaw Valley USA celebrates its 60th anniversary and 50th anniversary of the 1960 Olympic Games and the planned festivities are outstanding. Log on to www.skiernews.net/Tahoe2010-Squaw

If you are thinking about Colorado, please see pages 6, 10 and 11 for great info on what's new and great lodging deals, especially at Crested Butte on pages 8 & 9. If you like Utah, then turn to page 5 for a great lodging deal in Park City, info on Utah resorts and Salt Lake City's great Super Pass program. You can also log on to www.skiernews.net/Colo-Utah2010

Have you ever skied the legendary Sun Valley Resort? This is the year to go. Early in October they began building their base with a 17-inch snowfall that we reported on our www.skiernews.com website. They also have one of the largest automated snowmaking systems so their perfectly groomed trails have fresh snow almost on a daily basis, all season long. Need more? Sun Valley in December will open the Roundhouse Gondola. This is the only gondola that is being installed in the U.S. this year. It will bring guests from the beautiful River Run base area to the historic Roundhouse Restaurant where a panorama of trails and lifts are your options. You can stay updated on this construction via www.skiernews.net/Oct-Nov2009-SunValley

Last year we launched our second website www.skiernews.net

Each of SKIER NEWS national sections can be linked from the homepage, as well as links to our five regional sections. Wherever you live you can find lodging deals in Lake Tahoe, learn about great resorts in Northern Idaho or Western Canada and read what is new in Utah, Colorado, New York, New England or Pennsylvania.

You can download an entire section, groups of pages in each section or individual pages in each section. Next to each of the page links is posted the size of the file you are downloading. This lets you maximize your time online to view exactly what you want to see and avoid downloading pages in which you are less interested.

The format is "pdf," so the pages look exactly as they do in printed form. Most of the URLs in the text and the ads on each page are active, so you can get straight to the source with an additional click to a resort or lodge's web site.

We would like your feedback. An e-mail address for you to respond is found on each of the landing pages of www.skiernews.net

Now, North America's best skiing info, without page flips, pop-ups or annoying animation is one click away at www.skiernews.net

We all realize the economy is going through a down cycle, but there is one thing I do know about a depression. I am never depressed when I am skiing and I imagine that you are not either. As I have written before, use our websites to determine where the snow is best and then go.

You will feel better, and so will the economy. I recommend it.

OUR CLOSING THOUGHTS

Once again, we ask God to bless our troops, in Afghanistan, Iraq and around the world, who continue to defend America against terrorism so that we can continue to enjoy the blessings of liberty here in the homeland.

Please continue to travel safely and enjoy the freedom of skiing, and don't forget to thank our heroes for helping to preserve our outstanding way of life.

Thank you for reading SKIER NEWS, we hope you continue to enjoy it.

And, as always, think snow.

ENVIRONMENTAL CODE OF THE SLOPES WHAT SKIERS and RESORT GUESTS CAN DO TO HELP

Follow the Leave No Trace™ Principles of outdoor ethics:

• Plan ahead and prepare:

Know the regulations and special concerns of the area you will visit, prepare for winter weather, and consider off-peak visits when scheduling your trip.

• Dispose of waste properly:

Recycle your glass, plastics, aluminum and paper at resorts. Reuse trail maps on your next visit or recycle them. Never throw trash, cigarette butts or other items from the lifts.

• Respect wildlife:

Observe trail closures, seasonal closures, and ski area boundaries. These closures are in place not only for your safety, but

the well being of plants and animals located in sensitive areas. In summer, stick to designated trails when hiking and biking to avoid disturbances to vegetation and wildlife.

• Be considerate:

Respect other guests, protect the quality of their experience; let nature's sounds prevail. Carpool with friends and family or use transit to avoid traffic when travelling to and within the ski area. Turn off the lights when leaving your room and reuse bath towels and linens to help conserve energy.

This is a partial list.

SKIERS' RESPONSIBILITY CODE

Ski resorts can be enjoyed in many ways. At the areas you may see people using alpine, snowboard, telemark, cross country and other specialized ski equipment, such as that used by disabled or other skiers.

Regardless of how you decide to enjoy the slopes, always show courtesy to others and be aware that there are elements of risk in skiing that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce.

Observe the code listed below and share with other skiers the responsibility for a great skiing experience.

1. Always stay in control.
2. People ahead of you have the right of way.
3. Stop in a safe place for you and others.
4. Whenever starting downhill or merging, look uphill and yield.
5. Use devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
6. Observe signs and warnings, and keep off closed trails.
7. Know how to use the lifts safely.

KNOW THE CODE. IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

(This is a partial list.)

FROM THE COVER

Homewood Mountain Resort at Lake Tahoe:

Great terrain and some of the best views of the Lake are found at this resort on Tahoe's West Shore, just south of Tahoe City.

Read more about great Tahoe resorts & lodges on pages 13-15.

And visit our online section for more Tahoe resorts & lodges at: www.skiernews.net/Tahoe2010

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Now we are using computer-to-plate technology with a Mac. Upgrades were not smooth, but since you are reading this, something eventually worked - thanks again to Steve, Roger, Nancy, Bobby, Dan, Rob and Nichole and Erica and many, many more.

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