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Go West in Search for Winter!



Amidst The Aspens Photo by Kelley Wren



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By: *LauraLee Wren*

Unfortunately for us skiers in the East, the 2015-16 winter season barely existed. Non-ski enthusiasts constantly annoyed us with comments about the "great winter" we were having. Our hearts hurt for those who depend on the winter sports and travel industries. And our bodies itched to get outdoors in search of our favorite white powder. What could we do?

What we did, like many, was appreciate and enjoy the valiant snow-making efforts at our home mountain, Jack Frost, in the Pocono Mountains, and book a 10-day trip West! This year's excursion -- a week in Steamboat Springs followed by a long weekend in Breckenridge.

No matter the dates, when packing for a ski vacation one must prepare for a wide variety of weather. That's exactly what we got -- cold windy days, warm days, a white-out snow day and many afternoons with gorgeous sunny views. Obviously, layering is key!

When gearing up at the base area, vacationers shouldn't be afraid to ask employees for tips regarding their favorite runs or which lifts will help avoid the crowds. We were happy to have our daughter along to serve as guide, having lived in Steamboat some years ago. Our plan was to get to high altitude and follow the sun.

Steamboat is known for its incredible tree skiing, and it certainly did not disappoint. Prime spots: the grove of pines between Two O'Clock and Three O'Clock runs, and the beautiful aspens just below Four

Points Lodge. With plenty of snowfall this year, it was easy gliding through the peaceful woods where one can enjoy a bit of solitude, only to end up right at the base of a lift to send you on another lap!

Due to the nice weather, we didn't need warm-ups in the Lodge. Instead, we rode Tomahawk's elbow, Baby Powder, to a perfect photo spot complete with picnic table nestled in the snow. The view includes the Sleeping Giant, a peak that stands alone outside Steamboat Springs, rumored to wake in 2020.

Refueled and ready for more riding, we headed to the family favorite, Morningside Park. Be sure to stash a bit of granola for the tame Jays who will land on your outstretched hand as you ride up Morningside Lift. From there you can drop into chutes, ride some open space, or aim for the trees -- what more can one ask for? We enjoyed the Hike-to-Trail opportunity, bringing us to 10,568' at the highest peak, for some bonus turns on Wake Up Call.

Tired, but not ready to end the day, we often found the T Bar to be just what we needed for après ski beverages with the locals, keeping us outdoors in the sunshine. Other days we chose to head into the charming town for a bit of shopping or a bite to eat. Don't miss Carl's Tavern on Yampa Street for fun atmosphere, open table dining and excellent food. On your way in or out you can say a few words to the restaurant's namesake, Carl Howelsen, the legendary local ski jumping pioneer whose statue stands at 17th and Lincoln.



T-Bar apres ski beverages Photo by Kelley Wren

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Vonn Crushes Kandahar Downhill



Lindsey Vonn grabbed her 76th career victory at the Audi FIS Alpine Ski World Cup in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, Saturday. (Getty Images/Agence Zoom-Christof Stache)



Lindsey Vonn celebrates her 76th World Cup victory at the downhill Saturday in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. (Getty Images/Agence Zoom-Christophe Pallot)

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN, Germany (Feb. 6, 2016) – Lindsey Vonn (Vail, CO) absolutely crushed the Kandahar downhill course in Saturday’s Audi FIS Ski World Cup to take her record 76th World Cup victory.

Vonn’s winning time of 1:40.80 was 1.51 seconds faster than Switzerland’s Fabienne Suter in second. Germany’s Viktoria Rebensburg was third.

“It was a great day!” Vonn said. “Every day is a new chance to break my own record, which is kind of weird to say, but it still makes it exciting. Every win for me is more special than the last. And my dad is here, so it’s really special.”

Lauren Ross (Bend, OR) posted her fifth-career top five downhill result - finishing fifth on the fast and bumpy classic Kandahar track for her best result of the season. Stacey Cook (Mammoth Mountain, CA) was 17th, Jacky Wiles (Aurora, OR) 21st and Breezy Johnson (Salt Lake City, UT) posted a career best World Cup finish in 28th. Alice Merryweather (Hingham, MA), making her third career World Cup start, finished 37th.

Vonn extended her overall World Cup lead over Switzerland’s Lara Gut, who finished a disappointing 14th, to 127 points. Vonn also leads the World Cup downhill standings by 162 points over Canada’s Larisa Yurkiw, who was fourth Saturday.

Weather and inconsistent course conditions have been a challenge at numerous World Cup stops this season, and this week at Garmisch was no exception. In Thursday’s downhill training run - also won by Vonn - the course was slowed by wet, heavy snow. For Saturday’s race, it was a completely different situation with a hard, fast and bumpy snow surface, thanks to the countless hours the course crew put into preparing the track.

“It was definitely a lot different today than it was in the training run, pretty much a totally different course,” Vonn said. “It was definitely bumpy ... and very flat light in some sections.”

“It was a little bit rough out there,” Ross added. “It was definitely a lot faster than (Thursday’s) training run, completely different snow. It was kind of like a super G day, where you really didn’t know what was going to happen; the line changed in places and it was really bumpy.”

Only two of the first seven racers crossed the finish line, including Wiles, who took the early lead as the next three competitors, including teammate Alice McKennis (New Castle, CO) failed to finish. Meanwhile, Vonn was watching the race at the start.

“I could see that there were some problems,” Vonn said. “There were some bumps, and the problem is that the bumps were right in the compressions, and also where there were shadows, so you couldn’t really see anything.”

“It was definitely bumpy ... and very flat light in some sections,” Vonn continued. “I was able to execute it well in the right places, and carry my speed through the whole course.”

Vonn goes for World Cup victory No. 77 in Sunday’s super G. Watch it live on NBC Sports Live Extra at 4:45 a.m. EST.

Highlights:

- Lindsey Vonn won her record 76th career World Cup race, and her 38th career World Cup downhill victory.
- Vonn now leads the overall World Cup standings by 127 points over Lara Gut of Switzerland.

- Vonn also leads the World Cup downhill standings by 162 points over Canada’s Larisa Yurkiw, who finished fourth Saturday.
- Laurenne Ross scored her best finish of the season in fifth – it was also her fifth career top-five World Cup downhill result.
- Breezy Johnson, making her fifth career World Cup downhill start, scored her first points, finishing 28th.

Quotes: Lindsey Vonn

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I was watching all the racers from the start, and I could see that there were some problems. There were some bumps, and the problem is that the bumps were right in the compressions, and also where there were shadows, so you couldn’t really see anything.

Laurenne Ross: It was a little bit rough out there. It was definitely a lot faster than (Thursday’s) training run, completely different snow. It was kind of like a super G day, where you really didn’t know what was going to happen; the line changed in places and it was really bumpy. I’m happy that I was able to ski strong, and ski smart.

AUDI FIS SKI WORLD CUP 2015/16

Garmisch Partenkirchen (GER) 6th LADIES' DOWNHILL OFFICIAL RESULTS

	Nation	Time	Diff.	Dist.(m)	Race Points
VONN Lindsey	USA	1:40.80			0.00
SUTER Fabienne	SUI	1:42.31	1.51	40.44	18.73
REBENSBURG Viktoria	GER	1:42.37	1.57	42.02	19.47
YURKIW Larisa	CAN	1:42.60	1.80	48.07	22.32
ROSS Laurenne	USA	1:42.77	1.97	52.52	24.43
WEIRATHER Tina	LIE	1:42.79	1.99	53.05	24.68
MIKLOS Edit	HUN	1:42.93	2.13	56.70	26.41
FANCHINI Nadia	ITA	1:43.13	2.33	61.90	28.89
FANCHINI Elena	ITA	1:43.18	2.38	63.20	29.51
SUTER Corinne	SUI	1:43.34	2.54	67.35	31.50
GOGGIA Sofia	ITA	1:43.38	2.58	68.38	31.99
HUETTER Cornelia	AUT	1:43.40	2.60	68.90	32.24
GOERGL Elisabeth	AUT	1:43.41	2.61	69.16	32.37
GUT Lara	SUI	1:43.66	2.86	75.60	35.47
MERIGHETTI Daniela	ITA	1:43.71	2.91	76.88	36.09



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USASA 2016 Season Continues Its Success



Despite the warm weather affecting majority of our East Coast series early in the season, 2016 is well underway with events across the rest of the country. Members across the US are excited to put their skills to the test in all 5 disciplines: Rail Jam, Boarder / Skiercross, Slopestyle, Slalom, and Halfpipe. The excitement at the end of each event with distribution of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals as well as cool sponsored giveaways and other great swag prizes makes for a great event.

Results List USASA - Mid Atlantic Series

Camelback Giant Slalom 2	Giant Slalom, 41 Competitors		1/31/2016	
	Run-1	Run-2	Total	Points
	Time		Time	
Breaker Boys (12-13) - 2				
Shred Chanod Ridgewood, NJ	31.72	32.23	1:03.95	1020
Kevin Henderson Tinton Falls, NJ	45.56	41.08	1:26.64	910
Breaker Girls (12-13) - 3				
Mika Kizuka Sinking Spring, PA	35.92	35.14	1:11.06	1030
Brianna Cook Bartonsville, PA	42.81	41.87	1:24.68	920
Mazee Simpson Long Pond, PA	47.27	47.64	1:34.91	810
Grommet Boys (8-9) - 2				
Taggart Carr Round Hill, VA	45.21	43.93	1:29.14	1020
Natahn Bautista Kinnelon, NJ	52.83	48.81	1:41.64	910
Grommet Girls (8-9) - 1				
Akina Kizuka Sinking Spring, PA	47.39	47.74	1:35.13	1010
Junior Men (16-17) - 4				
Ethan Coherd Monkton, MD	29.59	29.00	0:58.59	1040
Christian Coherd Monkton, MD	31.12	30.80	1:01.92	930
Noah Foster Camp Hill, PA	45.83	36.14	1:21.97	820
Junior Women (16-17) - 5				
Kaiya Kizuka Sinking Spring, PA	33.39	33.39	1:06.78	1050
Josephine Blumencweyg Ardmore, PA	33.44	33.35	1:06.79	940
Emily Dziak Bethlehem, PA	34.11	34.13	1:08.24	830
Carlie Capela Ramsey, NJ	36.55	36.95	1:13.50	770
Noelle Sacher Camp Hill, PA	37.21	38.52	1:15.73	710
Legend Men (40-49) - 1				
Brian Cook Bartonsville, PA	44.82	44.39	1:29.21	1010
Master Men (30-39) - 3				
Scott Sombers East Stbg, PA	31.94	31.63	1:03.57	1030
Scott Herbert Pottstown, PA	37.92	38.30	1:16.22	920
Michael Marchand Brooklyn, NY	38.47	38.66	1:17.13	810

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	Run-1	Run-2	Total	Points
	Time		Time	
Menehune Boys (10-11) - 4				
Zach Myers Ridgewood, NJ	39.44	39.86	1:19.30	1040
Talon Belluscio Lewisberry, PA	41.14	44.92	1:26.06	930
Luke Wender West Point, NY	47.08	47.81	1:34.89	820
Thomas Langendoef New Rochelle, NY	44.87	52.99	1:37.86	760
Menehune Girls (10-11) - 2				
Erin Henderson Tinton Falls, NJ	46.23	46.12	1:32.35	1020
Nina Dziak Bethlehem, PA	65.15	65.23	2:10.38	910
Ruggie Boys (7 & Under) - 1				
Zachary Dibeler Mechanicsburg, PA	97.80	59.44	2:37.24	1010
Ruggie Girls (7 & Under) - 1				
Isabella Oetker Monkton, MD	88.79	108.03	3:16.82	1010
Senior Women (23-29) - 1				
Danielle Klemenko Audubon, NJ	37.46	36.99	1:14.45	1010
Youth Men (14-15) - 9				
Kubo Dziak Bethlehem, PA	31.68	32.32	1:01.04	1090
Gareth Cockroft Hummelstwn, PA	31.74	32.39	1:04.13	980
William Massie Camp Hill, PA	32.08	34.14	1:06.22	870
Ethan Fox Hershey, PA	32.61	34.06	1:06.67	810
Garret Capela Ramsey, NJ	34.10	34.69	1:08.79	750
David Wilson Mechanicsburg, PA	41.99	33.06	1:15.05	690
Jonas Jiras Camp Hill, PA	39.55	37.94	1:17.49	630
Andrew McGivney Manahawkin, NJ	50.92	51.02	1:41.94	570
Justin Choi Hillsdale, NJ	65.00	49.55	1:54.55	510
Youth Women (14-15) - 2				
Olivia Bellek Whitehouse Stn, NJ	38.59	39.23	1:17.82	1020
Nicolle Zaneline Easton, PA	44.12	46.08	1:30.20	910



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
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Round Top Giant Slalom 3	Giant Slalom, 21 Competitors		2/21/2016	
	Run-1 Time	Run-2 Time	Total Time	Points
Breaker Girls (12-13) - 3				
Brianna Cook	Bartonsville, PA	46.43	48.58	1:35.01 1020
Mika Kizuka	Sinking Spring, PA	83.97	43.86	2:07.83 910
Jordan Blizzard	Westminster, MD	DNS	DNS	0:00.00 000
Grommet Girls (8-9) - 1				
Akina Kizuka	Sinking Spring, PA	47.89	52.26	1:40.15 1010
Junior Men (16-17) - 3				
Jacob Landa	Alexandria, VA	41.15	40.56	1:21.71 1030
Noah Perry	Oak Hill, VA	40.57	44.12	1:24.69 920
Noah Foster	Camp Hill, PA	51.62	42.94	1:34.56 810
Junior Women (16-17) - 1				
Noelle Sacher	Camp Hill, PA	42.97	45.21	1:28.18 1010
Kahuna Men (50-59) - 1				
Joe Landa	Alexandria, VA	44.68	45.58	1:30.26 1010
Legend Men (40-49) - 2				
Warrick Blanford	Sullivans Isle, SC	52.64	53.93	1:46.57 1020
Brian "Brain" Cook	Bartonsville, PA	61.59	54.76	1:56.35 910
Master Men (30-39) - 1				
Scott Sombers	East Stbg, PA	37.69	38.80	1:16.49 1010
Menehune Boys (10-11) - 1				
Talon Belluscio	Lewisberry, PA	45.37	47.57	1:32.94 1010
Ruggie Boys (7 & Under) - 1				
Zachary Dibeler	Mechanicsburg, PA	65.34	66.23	2:11.57 1010
Youth Men (14-15) - 5				
David Wilson	Mechanicsburg, PA	39.33	38.86	1:18.19 1050
Ethan Fox	Hershey, PA	39.14	39.16	1:18.30 940
Gareth Cockroft	Hummelstwn, PA	40.05	39.20	1:19.25 830
Jonas Jiras	Camp Hill, PA	43.61	51.47	1:35.08 770
Justin Choi	Hillsdale, NJ	54.06	57.36	1:51.42 710
Youth Women (14-15) - 2				
Nicolle Zanoline	Easton, PA	44.12	46.08	1:42.96 1020
Kaitlyn Blizzard	Westminster, MD	51.38	60.62	1:52.00 910

Results List USASA - Mid Atlantic Series

Round Top Giant Slalom 4	Giant Slalom, 21 Competitors		2/21/2016	
	Run-1 Time	Run-2 Time	Total Time	Points
Breaker Girls (12-13) - 3				
Mika Kizuka	Sinking Spring, PA	45.03	44.65	1:29.68 1020
Brianna Cook	Bartonsville, PA	46.63	48.74	1:35.37 910
Jordan Blizzard	Westminster, MD	DNS	DNS	0:00.00 000
Grommet Girls (8-9) - 1				
Akina Kizuka	Sinking Spring, PA	56.90	56.26	1:53.16 1010
Junior Men (16-17) - 3				
Jacob Landa	Alexandria, VA	40.78	41.24	1:22.02 1030
Noah Perry	Oak Hill, VA	42.18	40.53	1:22.71 920
Noah Foster	Camp Hill, PA	43.44	58.79	1:42.23 810
Junior Women (16-17) - 1				
Noelle Sacher	Camp Hill, PA	45.03	46.10	1:31.13 1010
Kahuna Men (50-59) - 1				
Joe Landa	Alexandria, VA	44.16	45.16	1:29.32 1010
Legend Men (40-49) - 2				
Warrick Blanford	Sullivans Isle, SC	50.02	51.32	1:41.34 1020
Brian "Brain" Cook	Bartonsville, PA	51.25	DNF	0:00.00 005
Master Men (30-39) - 1				
Scott Sombers	East Stbg, PA	38.60	38.40	1:17.00 1010
Menehune Boys (10-11) - 1				
Talon Belluscio	Lewisberry, PA	47.28	47.10	1:34.38 1010
Ruggie Boys (7 & Under) - 1				
Zachary Dibeler	Mechanicsburg, PA	66.65	67.66	2:14.31 1010
Youth Men (14-15) - 5				
Gareth Cockroft	Hummelstwn, PA	40.79	38.11	1:18.90 1050
Ethan Fox	Hershey, PA	39.05	39.91	1:18.96 940
Jonas Jiras	Camp Hill, PA	45.02	45.88	1:30.90 830
David Wilson	Mechanicsburg, PA	39.24	55.64	1:34.88 770
Justin Choi	Hillsdale, NJ	49.44	51.22	1:40.66 710
Youth Women (14-15) - 2				
Nicolle Zanoline	Easton, PA	51.72	55.42	1:47.14 1020
Kaitlyn Blizzard	Westminster, MD	64.66	62.45	2:07.11 910

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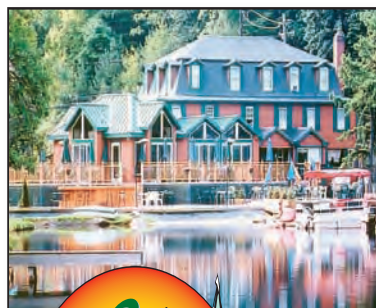
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January 9, 2016 Mountain Creek Slopestyle #1

January 10, 2016 Mountain Creek Rail Jam #1

January 23, 2016 Big Boulder Slopestyle #2

January 24, 2016 Big Boulder Rail Jam #2

January 30, 2016 Camelback Slalom #1 & #2

January 31, 2016 Camelback Giant Slalom #1 & #2

February 6, 2016 Blue Mountain Skier/Boardercross #1

February 7, 2016 Blue Mountain Skier/ Boardercross #2

February 20, 2016 Roundtop Slalom #3 & #4

February 21, 2016 Roundtop Giant Slalom #3 & #4

February 26, 2016 Big Boulder Skier/Boardercross Training Day

February 27, 2016 Big Boulder Skier/Boardercross #3

February 28, 2016 Big boulder Skier/Boardercross #4

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Shiffrin Returns to Dominate Crans-Montana



Mikaela Shiffrin charges en route to her 18th career World Cup victory Monday in Crans-Montana. (Getty Images/AFP-Fabrice Coffrini)

France's Nastasia Noens (left), winner Mikaela Shiffrin and third placed Canada's Marie-Michele Gagnon at the Audi FIS Ski World Cup in Crans-Montana. (Getty Images/AFP-Fabrice Coffrini)

CRANS-MONTANA, Switzerland (Feb. 15, 2016) – Mikaela Shiffrin (Eagle-Vail, CO) returned from injury to dominate the Audi FIS Ski World Cup slalom Monday, taking her 18th World Cup victory.

“That was a pretty incredible race,” said Shiffrin, who suffered a knee injury warming up for a race in December. “I’m glad it’s over, but I enjoyed skiing that last run, it was really rough and a challenge at every single gate. It was just bumpy and a wild ride – tough, but a good fight, and that’s the way it should be.”

Proving that her rehab and training over the past couple of weeks had prepared her to return to top form, Shiffrin soaked up the first run sunshine and support from an enthusiastic crowd cheering her to the finish. She cruised into the first-run lead by 0.27 seconds.

“I was really nervous for the first run,” she said. “So nervous that I thought I left my legs at the start. But the second run was better, I felt like I was back in the groove.”

And indeed she was! Starting as the final racer in the second run, Shiffrin watched as racer after racer battled deteriorating course conditions and visibility issues as clouds shrouded the upper portion of the course. In dominating fashion though, she extended her first-run advantage through the rutted course and cruised to victory by 0.45 over France’s Nastasia Noens. Marie-Michele Gagnon of Canada finished third.

“There were some scrappy turns ... none of the girls skied their best, and I didn’t ski my best,” Shiffrin said of the challenging course conditions. “It was just one of those things where you had to be really mentally tough, and I’m glad my mental side is there, because that component is tough to get back.”

Resi Stiegler (Jackson Hole, WY) skied to her best slalom result of the season in eighth. “I feel awesome,” Stiegler said. “But I’m still hungry for more. I wasn’t totally satisfied with today, but I’m very, very happy. Starting the second run with a better position for getting toward the podium is huge for me.”

Lila Lapanja (Incline Village, NV) showed significant promise starting 43rd in the first run, skiing to a 17th place first run finish. However, she got caught in a rut on the top section of the course, straddled, and failed to finish.

“I didn’t want to ski to finish for just points,” Lapanja said. “I just wanted to go, and go and go. I went a little too direct tactically where I needed to give a little bit. So, it didn’t work out, but the mental approach is getting pretty strong and I definitely can’t wait until Jasna (Slovakia, March 5-6).”

Up next, the women’s tour moves to La Thuile, Italy for two downhill races – including a make-up from Crans-Montana – and a super G race Feb. 20-21, then to Soldeu-El Tarter, Andorra for super G and alpine combined events Feb. 27-28. Jasna, Slovakia will host giant slalom and slalom events on March 5-6.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Mikaela Shiffrin won her 18th career World Cup race, equaling former U.S. Ski Team member Tamera McKinney’s World Cup total. She is second among U.S. Ski Team women behind Lindsey Vonn, who has 76 World Cup wins.

- This was Shiffrin’s third slalom win of the season. She also won both slalom events in Aspen, CO.
- Resi Stiegler scored her best slalom result of the season in eighth place.
- Paula Moltzan (Lakeville, MN) also competed for the U.S., though she failed to finish the first run.

QUOTES: Mikaela Shiffrin

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It’s good to be back! I was really nervous for the first run. So nervous that I thought I left my legs at the start. But the second run was better, I felt like I was back in the groove.

I felt like I was training well in the last week, but I wasn’t sure if I could bring good skiing out in this race. There were some scrappy turns ... none of the girls skied their best, and I didn’t ski my best. It was just one of those things where you had to be really mentally tough, and I’m glad my mental side is there, because that component is tough to get back.

My goals for the end of the season are just to see how many races I can win, or how well I can do in every race. I have an opportunity to branch out a little bit, maybe focus more on GS now before Jasna. Hopefully both my GS and slalom will be up to par and it will be a good end of the season.

Resi Stiegler

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	Nation	1 st Run	2 nd Run	Total	Diff.	Race Pts
SHIFFRIN Mikaela	USA	42.83	46.37	1:29.20		0.00
NOENS Nastasia	FRA	43.62	46.03	1:29.65	0.45	3.63
GAGNON Marie-Michele	CAN	44.04	45.66	1:29.70	0.50	4.04
SCHILD Bernadette	AUT	44.38	45.43	1:29.81	0.61	4.92
SWENN-LARSSON Anna	SWE	44.10	45.76	1:29.86	0.66	5.33
HANSDOTTER Frida	SWE	43.10	46.83	1:29.93	0.73	5.89
STRACHOVA Sarka	CZE	43.26	46.92	1:30.18	0.98	7.91
STIEGLER Resi	USA	44.02	46.29	1:30.31	1.11	8.96
HOLDENER Wendy	SUI	43.85	46.52	1:30.37	1.17	9.44
VELEZ ZUZULOVA Veronika	SVK	43.16	47.36	1:30.52	1.32	10.65



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Lucky for us, having to leave Steamboat didn't mean the end of our family vacation. We chose to drive the two hours into Summit County and add a bonus long weekend in Breckenridge to the trip. There was a transition from the sleepy small-town charm of Steamboat to bustling, busy Breckenridge -- both having a personality of their own. While Breck was more crowded (and our trip there fell on the weekend), they have a large mountain to handle all the snow enthusiasts from peak to peak to peak...

Again, to avoid the crowds, our plan was to head to high altitude right away. Because Breckenridge looms above the tree line, the top peaks offer enticing bowls where one can often make their own tracks in fresh powder. Peak 6 is the newest addition, where even intermediate skiers can enjoy blue trails on the otherwise out of reach bowls. Conditions and crowds steered us to the T bar, giving us access to a fun section of terrain at skier's right of Peaks 7 and just under Imperial's Peak 8 (with 12,998' the



Carl Howelsen statue Photo by Kelley Wren

highest in-bounds terrain).

For those of us from much smaller ski areas, it's amazing to find one can spend an entire day skiing and only touch a few sections of this imposing mountain. Day 2 we decide to explore the other side, sticking to the groomed trails on Peak 9 and steeper trails on Peak 10. Two days was still not enough time to explore the entire area and experience the wide variety of terrain.

Breck offers quite a bit of Hike-to-Terrain, as well. Even though these sections are considered in-bounds, they can still be dangerous for those unfamiliar to the area or unprepared for changing weather conditions. It's worth a quick stop at Underground Snowboards for advice or needed gear from the experts who specialize in back-country needs. For forgotten accessories or the latest in sunglasses or goggles, check out the extensive collection at Sun Logic.

Après ski time brings everyone to Main Street, with block after block of retail shops, boutiques, restaurants and bars. For a casual bite, we headed to The Motherloaded Tavern where the fun starts when you walk through the door. Their menu is unique, including items such as Spam Fries and Salmon Fish & Chips. For a more upscale choice, try Twist or the South Ridge Seafood Grill, both just a block up from Main Street.

Always sad to end a fun vacation back to real world responsibilities, we were happy to bring with us great memories of our new favorite mountains, Steamboat and Breckenridge. Our 2015-16 winter season was salvaged with thanks to Colorado snow!



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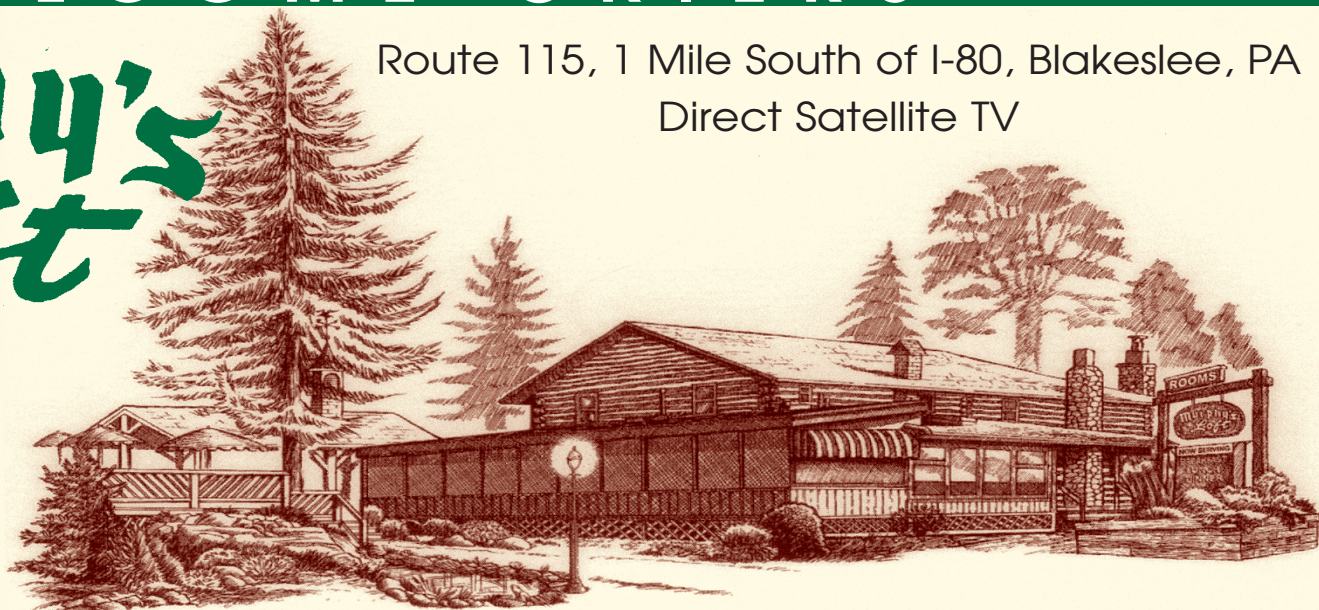
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