

## BIG SNOW II WRAP-UP by Nancy Smith

Friday night thirty seven of thirty nine who signed up, loaded the bus nearly ahead of schedule and it set the tone for the weekend. A few of us wore our Mardi Gras masks for the mask competition on the bus. Jane Kurath won a bloody Mary mixing set along with a Sly Fox tag for luggage and a Sly Fox can cozy. Everyone got beads to wear for the weekend. We had ample food on the bus to eat on the way up and plenty of beverages. Upon our arrival, Indianhead Lodge had our room packages ready along with Mardi Gras masks. After checking in, many went to bar to hear live music.

Everyone was up bright and early to have breakfast and ski. The first track people got out right away regardless of the negative zero temps. By mid-afternoon the sun was high in the sky and the snow conditions were perfect which made for a great day of skiing. After, some went back and hit the pool, Jacuzzi and sauna, and others got together at the lodge bars for some great live music and camaraderie. That evening we were treated to a dinner of baked haddock, chicken parmesan and garlic mashed potatoes. After, those who weren't tired from the day's activities went to listen to the Abler Brothers band and get their Mardi Gras party and dance on.

Sunday morning all were up bright and early, ate breakfast and loaded the bus on schedule. Except two! One person was moving just a little slower than the rest and one we had turn back around to get their cell phone. Well needless to say, we had two Lunar award nominees. Powderhorn had great conditions, regardless of the cool breeze that rolled in. Deb Bramschreiber put on a wonderful meal; home cooked jambalaya and homemade chicken soup, along with Gluehwein wine. A mulled spiced warm wine. As always the meal was piece de resistance. (outstanding). It gave a chance for the members to meet up at the wine hut half way through the day and regroup for the afternoon skiing. Powderhorn Management was wonderful in the snowmobile rides they provided for hauling the food to the wine hut, starting the fires on the stoves and giving three non-skiers rides up to the hut. Their graciousness is appreciated.

We loaded up the bus as soon as the lifts closed and headed back. With a stop in Minocqua for a quick bite to eat, some snacks on the bus and of course the Lunar Award presentation to Brett Fischer. Brett was nominated by Tim Parker. As the winner, Brett received a Mardi Gras jester hat which he obliged us in wearing. No, I am not telling what Brett did to get the nomination. As the saying goes, what happens on a Sly Fox Ski Trips stays on the Sly Fox trip. It was funny though and Brett is a great sport. All in all, a great weekend.