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Amy Gunning, VIBeS Co-President

Be sure and check out the Events Calendar for 2012-2013 snow ski season. We'd love to have you join our fun, so please visit our website or contact us for more information.

Amy Gunning, Co-President

2012-2013 New VIBeS Co-President

[*Put your name here!*]

Sharon Boyd, Outgoing VIBeS Co-President

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Co-President with Amy Gunning. We had an exciting year that was filled with seminars, snow skiing opportunities, mountain retreats, parties, cookouts/potlucks, hiking and bicycling. Thank you to all volunteers and VIPS; I appreciate your support and participation with VIBeS.

Sharon Boyd, Outgoing Co-President

*** * * * Upcoming Events * * * ***

2-4 NOV Fleharty Cabin

Trip Captains: Diane Fitzkee / Amy Abourezk

14 NOV VIBeS Season Kick-off Potluck

Carol & Leo's Home

16 NOV 7th Annual Common Sight, Common Vision Breakfast at the DoubleTree Hotel,
1775 East Cheyenne Mountain Blvd

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2 DEC VIBeS Annual Holiday Party-Location TBD

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5 DEC Skier Orientation
Vicky Hulsey, DIR Skier Orientation

8 DEC On-slope Guide Training
Leo Bush, DIR of Programs

15 DEC Ski Trip
Trip Captains: Vicky Hulsey

5 JAN Ski Trip
Trip Captain: Amy Gunning

19 January Shoe n' Soak
Trip Captain: Diane Fitzkee

2 FEB 2 Ski Trip
*Trip Captain: **NEED** Trip Captain*

16 FEB 16 Ski Trip
*Trip Captain: **NEED** Trip Captain*

TBD FEB VIBeS Race Weekend
*Trip Captain: **NEED** Trip Captain*

8-10 MAR 2013 Breckenridge Ski Weekend
Co-Trip Captains: Melissa Rose & Sharon Boyd

The VIBeS Board of Directors met on Tuesday, 9 October to plan for 2012-2013.

They reviewed VIBeS Summer Activities:

- Pam V. Comast interview 12 APR
- Terry Garrett's College Graduation Party on Friday 18 MAY
- VIBeS SAT Bike Rides w/John Ferlin
- Spring Hike on Saturday, 19 MAY w/Diane Fitzkee
- Spring Party BBQ & Elsa's 99th Birthday Sunday, 20 MAY w/Becky & Dean Myers
- Elephant Rock Bicycle Ride; VIBeS provided vehicle support on 3 JUN
- Vision Resource Expo, Co-sponsored by CSDB & DVR on Friday, JUL 13

VIBeS FALL ROAD TRIP! Thank you to Lorie Whitehead & Beth Ingham...

Lorie submitted a grant request to Odell Brewing Co, Odell Brewing Co., 800 E. Lincoln Ave., Ft. Collins, CO 80524; they choose VIBeS as one of two charities to receive a portion of their Tap Room October proceeds. When you are in the Ft. Collins area, be sure and stop in the Tap room to let Odell Brewing Co know that we appreciate being selected as Charity of the Month in October.

Beth organized a VIBeS trip to Odell Brewing Co in Ft. Collins on Saturday, 27 OCT... Beth shares the experience as follows: with a grant coming from Odell Brewing, a road trip seemed in order to visit our benefactor. So on Saturday, seven VIPs and four guides set out for Fort Collins. The three amigos from the "one more brewery" contingent were Todd Fahlstrom, Randy Hampton and John Ferlin. The question "do you serve Chardonnay at this brewery" sisters were Vicky Hulsey and Marcia Wick. Amy Gunning and Erick Fee belonged to the "they're all my favorite" group. The cruise

director and was Beth Ingham and the drivers “we came on a brewery tour to drive?!” were Gary Hulseley, John Ingham and Lorie Whitehead.

In Fort Collins, we met Marcia’s grandson Quinton. He brought along his mother Julie, since he is only one year old. We also were joined by Jill and Bill of the Walford clan who drove down from Wyoming to bring our group total to 14 ½. After a stop for ice cream in 38 degree weather, we made it to Odell Brewery. Since it was the Saturday before Halloween, many people were out partying--it was very crowded, but we found some tables and they gave us free beer! Free is great but this was also good beer. After enjoying the beer and the company, we went to Fort Collins Brewery to enjoy a delicious lunch in their restaurant. Finally, we ended up at Equinox Brewery, a quirky little place with tasty beer. Everyone agreed it was a fun road trip. So, a brewery tour in Colorado Springs may be next on the VIBeS “road trip” agenda. We extend a special thank you to our cruise director, our drivers and the Walfords for the use of their van.

VIBeS Road Trip Gang!



Photograph courtesy of Beth Ingham



The Ski Shop, Our Black Diamond Sponsor at 1422 S. Tejon held their Annual Ski Swap on Saturday, 20 OCT to support VIBeS. Thank you to the VIBeS members who volunteered for shifts to support the Ski Shop’s Ski Swap and provide information about VIBeS: Lorie Whitehead, Amy Abourezk, Gordon Smith, Janet Rose and Amy Gunning.

Amy Gunning and Gordon Smith at The Ski Shop



Photograph courtesy of Dale Campbell

Snow Jets 60-Year Celebration. On 21 September, the Sno Jets celebrated 60 years on 21 SEP. Leo introduced the VIBeSations, also known over the years as the The Spunkees, The Pelvis Bresleys, the Monarch Booters, the Salida Sisters. Our famous singing group has been entertaining troops and raising money for VIBeS with the SnoJets as our largest contributor. They wore Sno Jets tee shirts that proud SnoJet members have donned over the years including one from a SnoJet trip to Puerto Varta in 2003 and also waved SnoJet flags from two different eras. The SnoJets have been supporting the VIBeS Benefit Race for 35 years. Over the last 4 years a SnoJets auction with Susan Moore as auctioneer extraordinaire has been one of our biggest fundraisers.

VIBeS Breckenridge Summer Weekend Trip, 3-5 August 2012. Thanks to the generosity of Roger and Sandi, a group of VIBeS members (Melissa & Mike Rose, John & Anne Ferlin w/nephew Mason, Amy Abourezk, Mary T. Will, Chris, Jeanette Fortin, Lisa Felix, Everett Gavel, Sharon Boyd and Dale Campbell) enjoyed a fun weekend filled with hiking and hot-tubing at the Lone Pine mountain-home. We look forward to spending another Spring weekend at Lone Pine and snow skiing and snow shoeing at Breckenridge. *Melissa Rose & Sharon Boyd, Co-Trip Captains*

Our lovely Elsa Bailey dances at the COS Senior Center



*Photograph courtesy of Christian Murdock,
The Gazette, 27 JULY 2012*

Blind Coloradan: <http://www.worleyenterprises.com/our-partners/the-blind-coloradan>

Catch the VIBE! By Amy Gunning

http://www.worleyenterprises.com/library/Fall_2012.pdf

VIBeS (Visually Impaired and Blind Skiers) of the Colorado Springs Community--is a non-profit organization originally organized for individuals with visual impairments to have an opportunity experience snow skiing. VIBeS has evolved into an organization that provides opportunities for year-round outdoor recreational activities. Hiking, camping, and tandem bicycling are the most frequently occurring activities when it isn't snow ski season. VIBeS Board of Directors meets on a periodic basis to discuss organization business, plan trips, and pursue fund-raising opportunities. VIBeS explores options for increasing membership, both of individuals with visual impairments and volunteers (who are sighted).

With snow skiing, VIBeS has a formal training program for people interested in becoming volunteer ski guides. Skiers participate in training as well to learn the same commands that guides will utilize to ensure the safety of both snow skiers and guides. While there is formality with respect to guide and VIP (Visually Impaired Person) training, ski trip planning, weekend mountain hiking trips and BBQ gatherings, many other opportunities are ad hoc. VIBeS ad hoc activities occur when members call and/or email each other about getting together.

The VIBeS website is www.coloradovibes.org ; we have our summer newsletter and calendar of events posted in Word and PDF formats. We'd love to have you join our

fun so please feel free to visit our website or contact us for more information.

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VIBeS Shoe N Soak on Saturday, 14 January 2012



Photograph Courtesy of Sharon Boyd

VIBeS Members!

Please check out the trips you would like to consider participating in, or better yet, would like to trip captain. There's plenty of room in the calendar for you to plan your own snowshoeing or ski trip too. Please help to make this another great year with VIBES!

Diane Fitzkee

Have a Question About VIBeS?

Email the **HOTLINE:** amythegun@comcast.net

2012-13 EVENTS CALENDAR - *Please join us!*

Email amythegun@comcast.net to sign up for trips, to arrange for a ride or find a guide, ski equipment and clothes.

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION / CONTACT
Road Trip Odell Brewing Co	27 OCT	9:00am – Day Trip	<i>Beth Ingham</i>
Fleharty Cabin Weekend	2-4 NOV		<i>Diane Fitzkee / Amy Abourezk</i>
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Shoe n' Soak	19 JAN	Day Trip	<i>Trip Captain: Diane Fitzkee</i>
Ski For Light-Snow Mountain Ranch	TBD JAN		Rick Palmer
FEB Ski Trip	2 FEB	Day Trip	NEED Trip Captain
MID FEB Ski Trip	16 FEB	Day Trip	NEED Trip Captain
VIBeS Race Weekend Monarch	TBD	Weekend	<i>Monarch / NEED Trip Captain</i>
VIBeS Breckenridge Ski Weekend	8-10 MAR	Weekend	<i>Trip Captains:Melissa Rose/Sharon Boyd</i>

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