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The Air Up There

"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop away from you like the leaves of autumn."

CONSERVATIONIST, NATURALIST, and Sierra Club founder John Muir penned those lovely words, and they reverberated in my mind as I worked on this issue of *Destinations*. Exploring WorldMark in the Rockies was my mandate, and I thoroughly experienced the good tidings of the mountains while in the beautiful Colorado cities of Estes Park and Steamboat Springs. Turn to page 18 for an account of my journeys in these uplifting mountain resort towns.

There are good tidings in your club as well, where 12 candidates, including nine new faces, have come forward to run for the three open positions on the 2006 WorldMark Board of Directors. It is always inspiring to see how involved and invested WorldMark owners are, and we commend the owners who are willing to give of their time and talent to serve on their board. Statements from them begin on page 14.

The latest offerings from the Adventure Club and Trendwest Travel always bring happy news, and this month is no exception. Beginning on page 28 you'll find opportunities to ski the extraordinary powder of Utah, book a romantic couple's getaway in San Diego, celebrate the winter holidays in Leavenworth, bask in the Cancun sun, cruise the Pacific up to Alaska or down to Baja, or drift along the "Texaribbean" coast.

Like fresh mountain air, your WorldMark experiences should revitalize your spirit, recharge your batteries, fill you with a sense of joy, and provide you with a great view—if not a whole new outlook. We'll keep giving you new heights to strive for. We hope you'll keep making the climb.



Beáta Jachulski Baker

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Senior Editor

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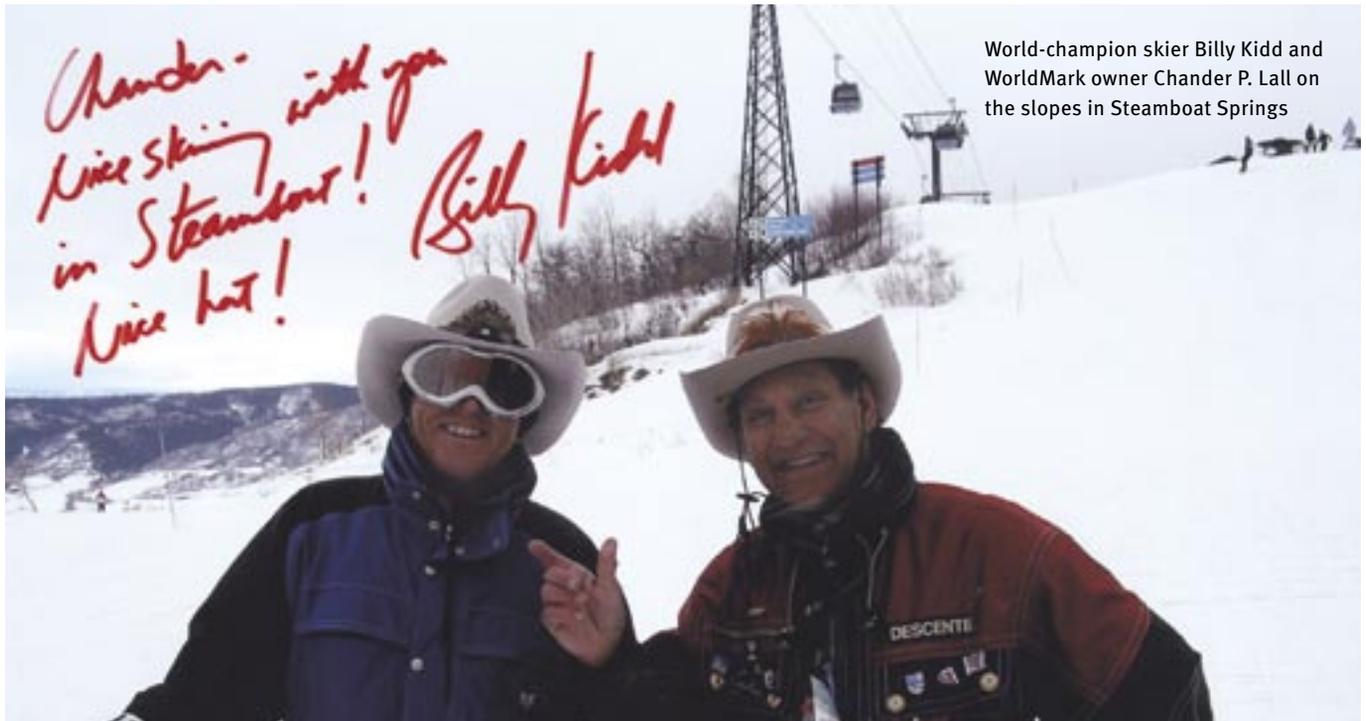
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World-champion skier Billy Kidd and WorldMark owner Chander P. Lall on the slopes in Steamboat Springs

Hats Off: Meeting Billy Kidd

I WAS JUST READING August's *Destinations* and noticed that the September issue will publish an article on Steamboat Springs. I want to contribute by describing the fantastic adventure I had there last winter.

I belong to a great ski club in Seattle, the S'no Joke Ski Club. In February I went with 40 members to Summit County, Colorado, and skied Breckenridge, Vail, Copper Mountain and Keystone. After the group left, I rented a car and drove to Steamboat Springs specifically to see and ski with world-champ Billy Kidd, now the director of skiing at the Steamboat ski area. After settling in at my WorldMark resort in the village, I set out to fulfill my dream and find him.

Years ago in Steamboat I had purchased a "Billy Kidd" hat. Since I reg-

ularly wear this hat when I ski, people often ask me if I'm Billy and we have a good laugh. But I had never met Billy and had no idea what he looked like.

The ski patrol directed me to a sign that said Billy would meet and greet skiers there at 1 p.m. Since I had plenty of time I decided to explore the mountain, ending up on Stormpeak Express. Unfortunately, when I finally got back to the sign, I was 15 minutes late. Someone said, "Billy just went that-a-way," and I took off like a shot.

To my pleasant surprise, I soon found Billy with about 10 skiers, just talking "ski talk." Pointing my way, he said, "Nice hat" and "Are you Billy Kidd?" I replied, "Yah! Sure, sure," and we all laughed.

As we began to ski, Billy told us how to improve and offered other

helpful information. It was very kind of him to pose for this picture with me. Skiing with this Olympic medalist, the great American icon Billy Kidd, was one of my greatest thrills in over 40 years of skiing all over the world.

Chander P. Lall
WorldMark Gold Club Owner
Bellevue, WA

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Send us your WorldMark stories, comments, pictures, etc., to *Destinations* Editor, 9805 Willows Road NE, Redmond, WA 98052 or e-mail editor@trendwest.com.

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- ❖ The credits are paid for by the real estate broker(s) to whom we refer you. This is their—and our—way of thanking you for your business.
- ❖ The process is simple: Fill out a real estate referral form online at <http://www.worldmarktheclub.com/owners/realestate.shtml>, or call us toll free at **1-877-869-9672**. We'll pass your information to a participating local broker servicing the area you are selling from, or buying into. The broker will assign a pre-qualified agent to contact you directly, usually within 24 hours.
- ❖ If you proceed to the close of escrow with that agent, the broker will contact us; we, in turn, send final paperwork to you for your signature. Your credits are added to your account when your signed papers are received.

Call the Trendwest Real Estate Referral ProgramSM toll free at **1-877-869-9672** today!

Transaction must be initiated through Trendwest's Real Estate Referral Office to qualify. Vacation credits will be available only to WorldMark members who register first with Trendwest and have been referred to the participating local broker by the Trendwest Real Estate Referral ProgramSM. Owners going directly to the individual real estate brokers without referral will not be eligible to partake in this offer. Some transactions may not be eligible. Program may not be available in all areas.

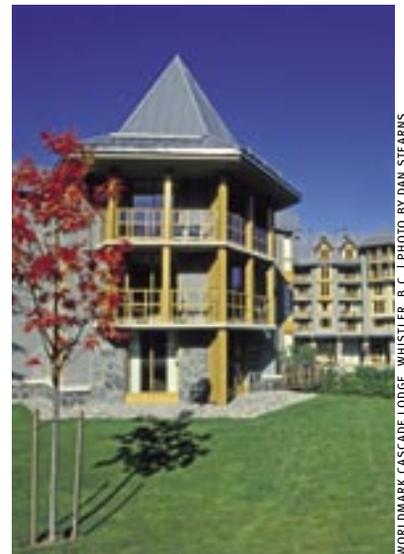
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WINNERS

Donald Lemons of San Pablo, CA, won a three-night WorldMark stay when we selected his completed resort comment card in our drawing for July.

In our new online booking incentive drawing, our first winner is **Mike Rose of South Bend, WA**. Mike will receive a seven-night stay at the WorldMark resort of his choice.

Want more vacation? Make your reservations online and fill out those resort comment cards—your name could be drawn next!



WORLDMARK CASCADE LODGE, WHISTLER, B.C. | PHOTO BY DAN STEARNS

INVENTORY SPECIALS

In October, you can vacation at the following resorts for just four cents per credit. Call the Vacation Planning Center at 1-800-457-0103 to make your reservations.

MIDWEEK AND LIMITED WEEKENDS

Angels Camp, CA
Big Bear, CA
Bison Ranch, AZ
Denarau Island, Fiji
Galena, IL
Grand Lake, OK
Lake of the Ozarks, OK
Windsor, CA

MIDWEEK ONLY

Bear Lake, CA
Birch Bay, WA
Branson, MO
Cascade Lodge, BC
Clear Lake, CA
Rancho Vistoso, AZ
Running Y, OR
Sundance, BC
Tahoe, NV

Midweek stays must take place Sunday through Thursday. There is a two-night minimum stay on weekends. Reservations for Inventory Specials can only be booked within 60 days of arrival but are not subject to the 14-day booking window. You may book multiple units. Holidays are excluded.

Owner Education

SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER CLASSES

Owner Education—a fun and free way to learn all about your ownership! Classes are held at Trendwest sales offices unless otherwise indicated. **Reservations are required.** For reservations, please call **1-800-397-5968**, Mon–Fri, 6 am–9 pm, Sat–Sun, 6 am–5 pm. Class times and locations are also listed online at www.worldmarktheclub.com/education.

Refer a friend
when you attend
and enter to win a
Celtic holiday!
See page 2
for details.

NORTHWEST

Birch Bay, WA

Wed, Sep 7, 6 pm
Wed, Oct 5, 6 pm

Bothell, WA

Tue, Sep 6, 6 pm
Tue, Sep 20, 6 pm
Tue, Oct 4, 6 pm
Wed, Oct 19, 6 pm

Coeur d'Alene, ID

At Coeur d'Alene Inn
414 W. Appleway
Sat, Sep 10, 12 noon
Thu, Oct 13, 7 pm

Depoe Bay, OR

At resort
Sat, Sep 24, 12 noon
Sat, Oct 29, 12 noon

Discovery Bay, WA

Thu, Sep 29, 6 pm
Sat, Oct 22, 12 noon

Eugene, OR

NEW LOCATION!
At Red Lion Hotel
205 Coburg Rd.
Thu, Sep 22, 6 pm

Federal Way, WA

Thu, Sep 1, 6 pm
Wed, Sep 14, 6 pm
Tue, Sep 27, 6 pm
Tue, Oct 11, 6 pm
Thu, Oct 20, 6 pm
Tue, Oct 25, 6 pm

Leavenworth, WA

At Icicle Inn Best Western
Wed, Sep 28, 6 pm

Seaside, OR

Fri, Oct 7, 6 pm

Tri-Cities, WA

At Clover Island, Kennewick
435 Clover Island Dr.
Thu, Sep 15, 6 pm
Wed, Oct 12, 6 pm

Vancouver, WA, USA

Thu, Sep 8, 6 pm
Wed, Sep 21, 6 pm
Thu, Oct 6, 6 pm
Thu, Oct 27, 6 pm

S. CALIFORNIA

Bakersfield, CA

Sun, Sep 11, 2 pm
Sun, Oct 9, 2 pm

Big Bear, CA

Tue, Oct 25, 6 pm

Las Vegas, NV

At resort on Las Vegas Blvd.
Sun, Sep 18, 12 noon
Sun, Oct 16, 2 pm

Oceanside, CA

At resort
Wed, Sep 14, 6 pm
Wed, Oct 12, 6 pm

San Diego, CA

Thu, Sep 8, 6 pm
Wed, Sep 28, 6 pm
Thu, Oct 6, 6 pm
Sat, Oct 29, 10 am

San Dimas, CA

Wed, Sep 7, 6 pm
Sat, Sep 24, 6 pm
Wed, Oct 5, 6 pm
Sat, Oct 22, 10 am

Torrance, CA

Mon, Sep 26, 6 pm
Mon, Oct 10, 6 pm
Mon, Oct 24, 6 pm

Westlake Village, CA

Sat, Sep 10, 12 noon
Sat, Oct 8, 12 noon

MOUNTAIN

Boise, ID

At 800 S. Industry Way in Meridian
Thu, Sep 8, 6 pm
Fri, Sep 9, 6 pm
Fri, Oct 7, 6 pm
Sat, Oct 8, 10 am

Broomfield, CO

Tue, Sep 20, 6 pm
Thu, Oct 27, 6 pm

Englewood, CO

Wed, Sep 21, 6 pm
Thu, Sep 22, 6 pm
Wed, Oct 26, 6 pm

Idaho Falls, ID

Sat, Sep 10, 10 am
Fri, Sep 23, 6 pm
Sat, Oct 8, 10 am
Fri, Oct 21, 6 pm

Overland Park, KS

Thu, Sep 15, 6 pm
Sat, Oct 22, 10 am

Phoenix, AZ

Sat, Oct 1, 12 noon

Rancho Vistoso, AZ

Fri, Sep 2, 6 pm
Fri, Sep 30, 6 pm

Salt Lake City, UT

Wed, Sep 7, 6 pm
Sat, Sep 24, 10 am
Wed, Oct 5, 6 pm
Fri, Oct 28, 6 pm

St. George, UT

Tue, Sep 27, 6 pm

Tulsa, OK

Fri, Sep 16, 6 pm
Thu, Oct 20, 6 pm

Wolf Creek, UT

Thu, Sep 1, 6 pm
Thu, Sep 29, 6 pm
Tue, Oct 4, 6 pm
Wed, Oct 19, 6 pm

N. CALIFORNIA

Angels Camp, CA

Tue, Sep 27, 6 pm

Reno, NV

Mon, Sep 19, 6 pm
Sun, Oct 23, 12 noon

Roseville, CA

Sat, Sep 10, 10 am, 2 pm
Wed, Sep 21, 6 pm
Sat, Oct 8, 10 am, 2 pm
Tue, Oct 25, 6 pm

San Francisco, CA

Thu, Sep 1, 6 pm
Tue, Sep 20, 6 pm
Sat, Oct 22, 12 noon, 4 pm
Call 1-888-805-5863 for parking info.

San Jose, CA

(Near Santanna Row)
2880 Stevens Creek Blvd.
Sat, Sep 17, 10 am, 2 pm
Mon, Sep 26, 6 pm
Mon, Oct 10, 6 pm
Mon, Oct 31, 6 pm

Tracy, CA

Wed, Oct 19, 6 pm

Walnut Creek, CA

Thu, Sep 8, 6 pm
Sat, Sep 24, 10 am, 2 pm
Sat, Oct 15, 10 am, 2 pm
Wed, Oct 26, 6 pm

Windsor, CA

Tue, Sep 6, 6 pm
Thu, Oct 27, 6 pm

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your club



Waitlist Your Way to a WorldMark Getaway

BY TRISHA YORK

THE WAITLIST SYSTEM is one of the greatest courtesies offered to WorldMark owners. It's especially effective for obtaining reservations in hard-to-get locations. An average of 30 percent of all reservations are eventually canceled, so the automated waitlist is a tool you definitely want to know about. Here's how to use it.

- If a WorldMark property you want to book is not available, call the Vacation Planning Center (1-800-457-0103) to be placed on the waitlist. Requests can be entered for any vacation within club guidelines. The system will search for a match until 15 days prior to your preferred arrival date. Exotic locations, properties owned by WorldMark South Pacific, and Fairfield Resorts will match until 31 days prior to arrival.

- Owners can waitlist up to eight requests for multiple properties and time frames. So make sure to add a request for your second vacation choice. One request can cover up to a 90-day window and several different room sizes.

- E-mail is the most efficient method of notifying owners of a match, though you can choose to be called instead. After match notification has been sent, you will have 24 hours to confirm the reservation. (Extra tip: If you choose to be notified by e-mail, make sure the filters on your e-mail services won't send WorldMark correspondence to a bulk or spam folder rather than your e-mail inbox.)

- You're not obligated to book matched waitlist space, but please remove any existing requests that are no longer part of your vacation plans. This ensures timely vacation planning for other owners.

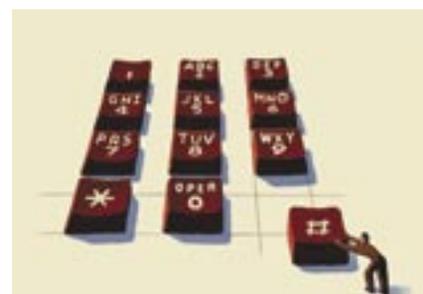
- Please remember that the waitlist can be used for credits only.

Trisha York is a WorldMark owner services representative. Any of WorldMark's highly trained representatives can answer your questions or clarify waitlist policies at Owner Services, 1-888-648-7363 or ownersupport@worldmarktheclub.com.



Holiday Reminder

IN HONOR OF the Labor Day holiday, WorldMark Reservations will be open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, September 5. Owner Services, Trendwest Travel and Adventures In Exchange will be closed.



New Hotline

WORLDMARK has established a recorded emergency message hotline for updates on late breaking news and conditions. On rare occasions hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes, and other occurrences have effected resort operations. Owners can now call 1-877-281-8144 to find out if a resort has been impacted by an adverse incident. The line will typically have a standard recorded message stating, "There are no known resort emergencies at this time." In the event of a natural disaster, the hotline will be updated with a recording giving resort conditions, evacuation notices, and procedural advice.



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RCI Vacation News
September 2005

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change plans at the last minute. Instead of letting these getaways go unused, we offer them to you. All Last Call vacations are priced the same, regardless of destination or season. A studio unit is \$99 USD for the full week. A one-bedroom, \$149 USD. And a two-bedroom is \$199 USD.

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This Month's Featured Destinations:



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Williamsburg, Virginia



Málaga, Spain



Panorama, British Columbia

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Weston, Florida

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Weston, Florida

When you base your Florida vacation in the town of Weston, your family will enjoy all the conveniences of a small city, yet in a quiet, less crowded atmosphere. You're just a few minutes drive from the beaches of Fort Lauderdale and Hollywood, and only about 35 miles from the glitz and glamour of Miami.

> Make a tee time at any number of golf venues. Nearby, try **Bonaventure Country Club** with two 18-hole courses. Or how about Miami's **Doral Golf Resort**? There are five championship courses including the legendary Blue Monster.

> Visit the **Big Cypress Seminole Reservation**. First, take in the Ah-Tha-Thi-Ki Museum that includes a living-history village, nature trails, and a boardwalk through a cypress swamp. Next, experience the Everglades first hand in a motorized swamp buggy at the Billie Swamp Safari.

> Beach it. Just a short distance away are **miles and miles of sand and surf** that Florida is so famous for. When you get back to your resort, jump in the pool and continue the sunny fun.

> **Las Olas Riverfront** entertainment and retail complex in Fort Lauderdale offers movie theaters, games for kids, boutiques, a flea market, and many places to eat, all in an open-air setting.

> For people watching, head to **Miami's South Beach**. While you're there, get a look at the Art Deco architecture of the area.

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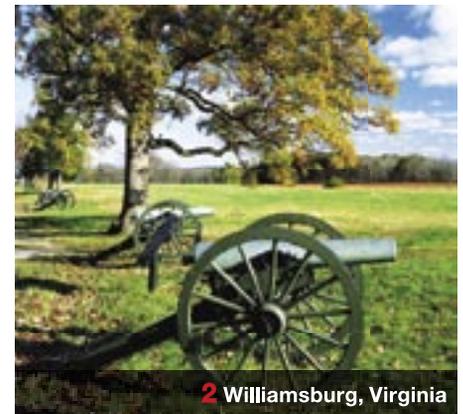
Williamsburg, Virginia

Reading about America's early days is one thing. Seeing them brought to life is quite another. Visitors to historic Williamsburg can step into 18th-century American life and glimpse many of the places that shaped American heritage. It is a deeply moving experience.

> The living museum that is **Colonial Williamsburg** is authentic down to the smallest detail. Stroll the streets of cobblestone to glimpse scenes right out of the 1700s. Tour homes of the working class and mansions of the gentry. Watch silversmiths and blacksmiths at work. Sip ale in a tavern. Tour an early hospital, courthouse, and prison.

> Just a few miles from Williamsburg is **Historic Jamestown**, site of the first permanent English settlement in the New World.

> If you have time, extend your foray into American history. **Washington, D.C.** is only 150 miles away.



Williamsburg, Virginia

> Visit nearby **Yorktown**, site of the battle that ended the American Revolution.

> For a change of pace, head back to the modern world – and to **Busch Gardens**. The truly fearless can take a hair-raising ride on the **Alpengeist**, the tallest, most twisted inverted roller coaster on the planet. For the rest of us, there are plenty of other great attractions, suitable for all ages.

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Málaga, Spain

At the southern-most point of continental Europe lies a stretch of the Mediterranean

shoreline known by many names, including the Costa del Sol, or sunny coast.

Anchored by Málaga, the main city of the region, you'll find both beaches and mountains, thriving towns and quaint villages. Whether you come to think of it as the Spanish Riviera, 101 Villages, or even the Costa del Golf, you're sure to have a grand time in this most intriguing Andalusian resort region.



3 Málaga, Spain

> Did we mention there's golf? Lots of golf? **Over 40 courses, designed by a who's who in the industry**, await you. A few suggestions: Los Monteros in Marbella, Parador Nacional del Golf between Málaga and Torremolinos, and Club de Golf Valderrama in Sotogrande-San Roque – which some say is the best course in Europe.

> In the Old Quarter of Málaga you'll find the **Museo Picasso Malaga** displaying more than 200 paintings, sculpture, drawings, and ceramics. Most of the works displayed are family treasures made possible by two of Picasso's heirs.

> Take a leisurely drive up the coast highway to sightsee the many towns that stretch from Algeciras to Almeria. Along the way you'll find **Gibraltar** (a province of the U.K.), and lookout points that afford you a glimpse of **Africa**.

> Once you've worked up an appetite, head to a **tavern for tapas**. These are appetizer-portions of local specialties that you can snack on or make a meal of. Sip a glass of a local Spanish wine while you're at it.

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Panorama, British Columbia

The name Panorama isn't just a coincidence. A visually

stunning three-hour drive from Calgary, Panorama is an "off-the-beaten-path" mountain getaway for ski purists, avid golfers and nature enthusiasts. Designed with four-season fun in mind, this resort high in the Canada Rockies, is destined to create magical memories for your family.

> **Hop on a snowmobile for a mountain peaks tour and cook-out** in a teepee.

Your meal will be cooked on an open fire, plus you'll hear stories about the local history, settlers and explorers.

> Catch a bus to enjoy thermally heated pools of natural mineral water at

Radium Hot Springs. It's the perfect way for all ages to relax after battling the slopes or hiking in the mountains.

> Play **Greywolf Golf Course**.

Its signature "Cliffhanger" hole requires a 175-yard shot over a canyon onto a mountain island green – one of the most dramatic and awe inspiring golf holes in the world.

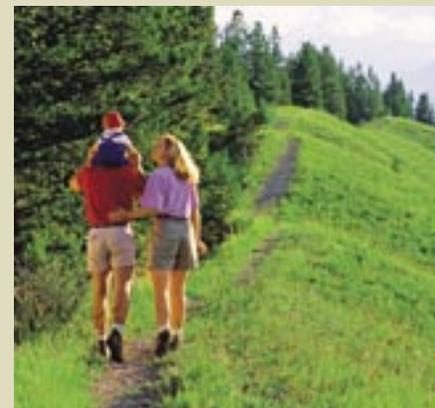
> On a summer afternoon, take in **Panorama Springs Waterpark**.

Lounge around the pool deck, cruise down an open-air or tube waterslide, or soak in one of the three hot tubs.



4 Panorama, British Columbia

> True experts can **heli-ski Panorama Mountain Village's vast ski area** – part of the largest helicopter skiing region in the world.



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■ ■ ■ Your Meeting, Your Vote ■ ■ ■

Welcome to the special election section! On these five pages you can learn about the 2005 Annual Owners' Meeting and the 12 candidates running for three open positions on the 2006 WorldMark Board of Directors. Read and ruminate, plan to attend the owners' meeting, participate and VOTE!

Mark the Date and Time

The 2005 Annual Owners' Meeting is Wednesday, October 26 at the Meydenbauer Center, 11100 NE 6th St., Bellevue, WA 98004. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the meeting starts promptly at 7 p.m.

For out-of-towners, WorldMark has secured special room discounts at the Sheraton Bellevue Hotel, located less than a half-mile from the meeting at 100 112th Ave. NE. Rates are \$119 USD (single or double), \$129 USD (triple) and \$139 USD (quad). Check-in begins at 3 p.m. and checkout is noon. These prices do not include taxes. Parking is free.

To receive the special rate, call 1-866-912-1157 by October 10 to make your reservation. Be sure to request the **Trendwest rate**.



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THREE WAYS TO VOTE

Your WorldMark voting information should have reached you by now, either by mail or, if you so requested, via e-mail. Please read all materials over carefully and vote. Whether you're sending in a proxy or individual ballot, it's never been easier to participate.

- **Vote by mail:** An addressed (and, for U.S. residents, postage-paid) envelope is enclosed with your materials.
- **Vote by phone:** Call the 800 number listed in your packet.
- **Vote online:** If you received your materials by e-mail, click on its link to vote. Or follow the link on the WorldMark Web site.

Ask the Candidates E-mail Address

You can now e-mail questions to the 12 candidates running for three open positions on the 2006 WorldMark Board of Directors. Your queries will be answered individually as well as shared on the vacation forum on the WorldMark Web site (www.worldmarktheclub.com). The Web site also features the candidates' statements.

Take advantage of this new method to ask candidates about issues important to WorldMark owners. E-mail them at wmcandidates@worldmarktheclub.com.



Turn the page to meet your candidates...

■ ■ ■ Meet the Candidates ■ ■ ■

INCUMBENTS RUNNING FOR THE 2006 WORLDMARK BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Gene Hensley | Fourteen Years of WorldMark Ownership

www.worldmarktheclub.com/forum

My vision for WorldMark is forged by my experience as a WorldMark owner and my professional knowledge of the industry. I joined Trendwest and WorldMark, The Club 16 years ago. My experience offers me the unique advantage of understanding the synergies between the developer and the club as well as the rights of ownership that ensure optimum use and value. I was elected director in 1997, appointed president on 12/15/98 and have served as your president since. I have overseen the club's evolution and day-to-day operations since 1993. With your vote we will continue to work together. We have many unresolved issues to be addressed. Great candidates are running for your board. My sincere request is that you vote for whomever you feel is the best representative of your ideal candidate. Vote. Be involved in your club. Less than 15 percent participation says we need more of you working with us!



Peggy Fry | Nine Years of WorldMark Ownership

www.worldmarktheclub.com/forum

Being an active WorldMark owner and Vice President of Owner Services, my emphasis has always been firmly grounded in providing and maintaining the highest service levels possible in the industry today. I have read concerns regarding having a "Trendwest" influenced board and although I can understand the nature of the concern, I believe that having a board member whose focus is centered on taking care of owner needs can only benefit the members and the club as a whole. My position provides me with the unique ability to truly have a finger on the pulse of just what issues concern WorldMark owners through constant owner feedback. My aspirations for the future of the club would be in exceeding your expectations and raising the bar for service levels, continued development of value-added benefits giving you even greater vacation opportunities, and the gradual growth of the club across the country.



Rhonda Harris | Four Years of WorldMark Ownership

As a newer member of the board, I have shared my independent perspective behind the scenes with WM leadership. I have also spent time and energy on behalf of members contacting the board with issues and concerns. This has been challenging, eye-opening and productive. I am a diplomatic and creative problem-solver. My fresh views have also been useful in broad policy discussions. I care deeply about WorldMark's quality, finances and customer service. This year has presented unique challenges from new computer systems. My knowledge of software development and project management has enabled me to both understand and provide input on potential solutions. My varied experience is from timeshare, financial, manufacturing, legal and defense industries. I encourage all owners to VOTE and become active! Owner involvement is essential to the sustained health of our club and the shared responsibility of all who enjoy the benefits of ownership.

Meet the Candidates

NEW NOMINEES FOR THE 2006 WORLDMARK BOARD OF DIRECTORS



John Walker | Fourteen Years of WorldMark Ownership

During the fourteen years I have owned WorldMark, I have watched it evolve into the most exciting vacation experience available today. I look forward to representing the average WorldMark owner, like myself. Owners, who care about the quality of WorldMark from management to maintenance, property to points, budget to bottom line. I served on the planning board for the city of Sultan, Washington. I was elected and served two four-year terms as Mayor of Sultan. As city administrator, I managed employees and annual budget. I served on the Snohomish County Community Transit Board of Directors for six years, two of those as chairman of the board. In addition, I served on the Snohomish County Boundary Review Board for six years. I have been employed with Cadman Concrete for 23 years. I hold an inactive Washington State real estate license. It would be my pleasure to volunteer my time in serving WorldMark owners.



Steven Wincor | Six Years of WorldMark Ownership

As a board member my focus will be on representing the owners' desires and objectives— this is paramount to anything else. As such, my focal points are preservation of current facilities, enhancing current facilities, operations and maintenance costs and owner dues. My background on boards, travel, and in the area of information technology positions the board to aim towards our future needs. I look to serve our members with an open mind to the future.



Gil Bellamy | Five Years of WorldMark Ownership

I am married with two children and two grandchildren, and our family has frequently enjoyed the affordable luxury of WorldMark facilities. I have a degree in Business Management from the University of Southern California, and a Doctorate from Willamette University, College of Law. I have served on the Cabinets of four Oregon Governors, was a member of the Salem Planning Commission, and served on the Board of Directors of a multi-million dollar corporation. I was the Administrator of four different state agencies, including the Oregon Board of Architects and the Oregon Landscape Architect Board. These two professions are important components in developing WorldMark Resorts. I now travel extensively for General Electric and have experienced first hand the good, the bad, and the ugly of lodgings for travelers. WorldMark enjoys the highest owner satisfaction rating in the industry, and my goal would always be to keep it that way.

Meet the Candidates

NEW NOMINEES FOR THE 2006 WORLDMARK BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Philip Abdouch | Three Years of WorldMark Ownership

Since Trendwest was bought out by Cendant Corporation, I've been increasingly concerned with the changes that have occurred. I believe it is necessary to have a WorldMarktheclub board that is independent of the management company and developer of WorldMark, and will work toward that goal. The board of directors should work hand in hand with the developer/management company, offer suggestions on where to build new properties, how much to pay the management company, etc. As long as the Developer and Management company have a majority vote on the Board, there will be a **SERIOUS** conflict of interest. My experience starting and running my own company has equipped me to oversee the operations of WorldMarktheclub. My family has enjoyed many of the Worldmark properties since joining several years ago. I urge you to join me on www.wmowners.com to discuss the issues.



Jim Pappas | Three Years of WorldMark Ownership

As one of WorldMark's more active members, I believe the following items are of paramount importance: 1) Clear, open, two-way communications between WorldMark owners and management. 2) Representation on the board of directors by more owners who are entirely independent of Trendwest/Cendant. I have established myself as a very strong owner-advocate, helping countless WorldMark members enjoy the full benefits of their memberships through the WorldMark online forum, personal e-mail, telephone conversations, my personal website www.pappasfam.com and as the owner advocate/representative on the Seaside Condominium Association Board of Directors. If elected, I will fulfill my responsibilities with the highest level of personal ethics and dedicated owner advocacy.



Dr. Mark Hatesohl | One Year of WorldMark Ownership

I have been in private practice as a Doctor of Chiropractic for over 21 years, and was recently re-elected to the Manhattan City Commission. I have been appointed by two Kansas governors to serve on boards dealing with physician licensure and the state's excess malpractice coverage program. I also serve on the boards of two foundations and am a past president of my Lutheran church. My only agenda for the Board is to maintain the high quality of resorts available to members (and those added in the future) and to keep the excellent value of the program.

Meet the Candidates

NEW NOMINEES FOR THE 2006 WORLDMARK BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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James Barclay | One Year of WorldMark Ownership

I am presently employed as a Senior Trial Counsel for the Union Pacific Railroad Company in Roseville, California. Union Pacific has employed me as an attorney for 22 years. Between 1993 and 1997 I served as a director for the Union Pacific Credit Union in Los Angeles, California.



Gary Palese | One Year of WorldMark Ownership

I have over 25 years of experience in the timeshare industry as well as having vacationed in many timeshare resorts over the years. I feel I can provide insight into the business side of timeshare when needed, and provide a balanced and fair attitude in representing the owners to the full extent of my knowledge and experience. I have pride of ownership and will enjoy serving on the board.



Joshua Smith | One Year of WorldMark Ownership

I've worked as CFO for a multi-million dollar organization, and have considerable experience in planning, budgeting, analyses and financial account management. Additionally, I have extensive technical engineering experience within the information technology sector, and am well equipped to deal with the technological advances and requirements of the 21st century, which would be invaluable to an organization such as WorldMark. Furthermore, I was board president of a large homeowner's association for several years until I recently resigned as president—I continue to serve as a director at large. I am a member in good standing of WorldMark, and though I am undoubtedly not the oldest WorldMark member, I nonetheless believe that I have the vision as to the uniqueness and thus inherent value of the club, and feel that I would be well suited and qualified to assist as a member of the club's board of directors.

Candidates are listed in order of their years of ownership. Individual Web site addresses as well as comments and opinions are provided by the respective candidates and do not constitute a position or response of WorldMark, The Club or Trendwest Resorts Inc., the developer and manager. Although the WorldMark Board of Directors can greatly influence resort development through their knowledge of owner preferences, resort use and growth, and demand from the club and owners, future resort development is done at the sole discretion of the developer. The developer determines which markets to expand into and the resorts that will be built.



BY BEÁTA JACHULSKI BAKER

Music of the Mounta

Experiencing the *sounds* and *sensations* of Estes Park

Walk around in Estes Park—the site of WorldMark’s newest Colorado resort—for just a few minutes and you can hear it: a low, gentle, insistent melody. This house orchestra is the Big Thompson River, flowing down from the Rocky Mountains and Lake Estes, winding through the center of the city and on into the resort grounds, its rushing waters striking rocks, timbers and foliage in a tumbling concerto. It’s enchanting enough knowing that a visit here will be underscored so beautifully, but you soon discover it’s just an overture—the entire area is a symphony.

Your Rocky Mountain home

WorldMark Estes Park is bordered by the tuneful river and ringed with vistas of the Rockies. You couldn’t ask for a better location: the refined delights of downtown Estes are less than a mile away, and the rougher charms of **Rocky Mountain National Park** are yours within a two-mile drive.

Once the site of the Big Thompson Timberlane Lodge, WorldMark Estes Park is currently in Phase II of its conversion process; upon completion in spring 2006, 37 two-bed-

room units will enter the system, along with a new check-in building, swimming pool and three spas. Plenty of comfy accommodations exist now: 29 freshly renovated studio and one-bedroom cabins and three-bedroom lodges are available. The resort also provides an exercise room with treadmill, stair-stepper, stationary bike and universal machine, as well as a recreation room with a big-screen television, electronic games, Ping-Pong, Foosball and pool tables. Common barbecue areas and picnic tables are set up along the Big Thompson River for alfresco dining, and catch-and-release fishing is permitted in the river year-round.

The digging and hammering add some percussion to the day’s soundtrack, but there’s certainly no feeling of deprivation during this construction period. I’ve seen many beautiful WorldMark units, but walking into the three-bedroom lodge marks the first time I’ve audibly gasped. It’s spectacular: Woodwork and timbers are abundant in the living, dining and kitchen areas and accent the entire unit, complemented by the deep greens, rich burgundies and glowing rusts of the furniture. A two-sided fireplace graced with river rock warms the living room

Opposite: The remarkable mating “bugle” of the elk can be heard each autumn (photo by franzfoto.com/Alamy). This page: Bear Lake and Glacier Gorge are just two of the many natural attractions of Rocky Mountain National Park (photo by James Frank/Alamy).

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and master bedroom simultaneously. The spacious outdoor deck overlooks the babbling river, just feet away. I'm visiting in late spring and it's chilly, but I leave the deck door open to listen to the serenade.

Resort manager Duke Griffin and his staff stand ready to provide any guidance needed for sightseeing and activities as well as restaurant recommendations, and the lobby is well stocked with coupons, brochures, menus, and maps. The spring and fall off-seasons are the best time to get to know the city and wander the national park without battling larger crowds. After consulting with Duke, I plan a course of action that will provide a happy balance between nature and commerce.

The 200,000-acre playground

The next day dawns cold but clear, so I put hiking on the agenda first and make the short drive to Rocky Mountain National Park. With 415 square miles and elevations that range from about 8,000 to 13,000 feet, the park embraces a wide variety of topography and ecosystems. The tundra and mountains are adorned with lodgepole and ponderosa pine, juniper, aspen, Douglas fir and Englemann spruce; in summer the meadows and dells are a riot of wildflowers. One-third of the territory is above the tree line, and the park is intersected by the **Continental Divide**.

You can get to know the multiple personalities of the park in many ways, depending on season: driving, horse-back riding, camping, fishing, climbing, hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, and snow-shoeing. I've entered the park from the east, not far from the trail around **Sprague Lake**—a popular and highly recommended site. The temperature has climbed to a comfortable 50 degrees and the elevation is 8,200 feet, so following the half-mile trail—which is handicap accessible—around the shallow, 13-acre lake is a pleasure. Small patches of snow hide in shadier spots, but most of the trail is dry, the water is lapis blue and I have stunning views of **Taylor Peak**, **Otis Peak** and **Hallett Peak**, along with appropriately named **Flattop Mountain** and **Notchtown Mountain**. Eagles and hawks soar overhead, their sharp atonal cries echoing off the craggy hillsides.

I drive deeper and higher into the park to nearby **Bear Lake**. What a difference 1,000 feet makes! Here it's 20 degrees colder, winds are gusting at 40 mph, and snow has started to fall. As they land, the fat flakes emit soft scrapes, like brushes on a drumhead. The lake is still shrouded in ice and the trail around it is covered in thick drifts—too much for my sneakers. I'll come back with skis or snowshoes to traverse the half-mile track and connect to the longer trails leading to **Emerald Lake** and

Glacier Gorge. For now I return to lower ground to the **Fern Lake Trailhead** and climb toward **Cub Lake**. The 2.3-mile trek (one way) to the 10-acre lake is moderately challenging, with a gain of 540 feet and a sweet accompaniment of twittering birds and the first bursts of color from alpine flowers.

What the elk was that?

Throughout the park and all across the city, strolling along the highways, dozing under the evergreens, and picking their way through strip malls, you see the area's unofficial mascot—the **American elk**. Also known as **wapiti**, the elks of Estes Park have even been immortalized in a large bronze public art sculpture downtown. Once radically reduced by hunting, the elk made a comeback after the establishment of the national park in 1915. They're most visible between dusk and dawn, their primary grazing hours, but can be spotted just about anywhere at anytime. The section of the Big Thompson flowing behind the WorldMark resort seems to be a particularly popular drinking fountain and I see—and hear—several of the velvet giants slurping happily behind my lodge during my stay. During their autumn mating season, these typically soft-spoken creatures become formidable musicians and “bugle” an incredibly startling come-hither call—something between a shriek of delight and a cry for help.

Adding grunts, squeaks, growls, bellows and moans to the daily cacophony are numerous other fuzzy orchestra mem-

bers. Year-round you might see **big horn sheep, moose, mule deer, bobcat, coyote, marten, weasel, porcupine and river otter**. Critters that disappear into hibernation during winter include **black bear, yellow-bellied marmot, pika, uinta chipmunk and mountain cottontail rabbit**. Even **mountain lions** occasionally make their presence known



Opposite: Lovely mountain views at WorldMark Estes Park (photo by Beáta Jachulski Baker); Rocky Mountain National Park invites you to come play (photo by Beáta Jachulski Baker); the Big Thompson Rover sings all through town (photo courtesy of Estes Park Convention and Visitors Bureau). This page: A big horn sheep in repose (Photo courtesy of Estes Park Convention and Visitors Bureau).

Shining Through

Stephen King's terrifying novel *The Shining* has been reinterpreted on celluloid twice—in 1980 by director Stanley Kubrick, and in the 1997 four-part television miniseries. The setting of the novel and films is the fictional Overlook Hotel in the Rockies, but only one of the movies was filmed on-site in Colorado.

Kubrick's version, starring Jack Nicholson and Shelley Duvall, was actually shot on two different continents. All exterior shots of the Overlook Hotel are, in fact, views of The Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood in Oregon; interiors were constructed on a soundstage in Elstree Studios in London, England.

The miniseries, starring Steven Weber and Rebecca DeMornay,

stays true to the book's Colorado locale—and original muse. Estes Park's stunning Stanley Hotel is not only where the movie was filmed, but is also the hotel that originally inspired Stephen King to write the novel. King once scheduled a vacation there just as the nearly deserted hotel was closing for the winter, and the eerie emptiness of the massive inn fired his imagination. He ended up spending five months at the Stanley, hammering out his tale of terror. Look for King in a cameo in this version as the haunted hotel's band conductor, Gage Creed.

Both films are currently available in VHS and DVD formats. For fascinating trivia on both versions, visit www.imdb.com.



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during summer in the rockier terrains of the national park, but they're rarely seen in the open.

Shop, stroll, sit, sigh

Although the town of Estes Park is compact, it can give larger cities a run for their money when it comes to amenities. It's invitingly pedestrian-friendly, with cozy plazas, comfortable benches, touchable public art, vibrant plantings, and convenient public restrooms placed thoughtfully throughout the core downtown area.

Elkhorn Avenue is considered the main drag, but this is a town where every side street and cul-de-sac are worth investigating. More than 300 shops, galleries, boutiques, and restaurants make their home here; most are individually owned and provide a welcome change from predictable chain store shopping and dining. My own culinary explorations include a seriously good burger with mahogany-dark fries at **Penelope's World Famous Burgers and Fries**; comfort food in the form of a pulled pork sandwich with mashed potatoes at **Big Horn Restaurant**; and a sublime chicken marsala at **Sweet Basilico Café**, whose tiny



kitchen belies the prodigious amounts of homemade pasta and hand-thrown pizzas that continually march out of it. Jewelry, antiques, gifts, Western wear, handcrafted furnishings, and one-of-a-kind clothing are well represented in the shops, and I browse for hours walking off each meal.

I discover I didn't need to go to the park to take a proper hike: The town has an extensive and well-maintained trail system. **The Riverwalk** runs through the heart of Estes Park along the Big Thompson, coasting past enticing galleries, bookstores and coffeehouses. **Riverwalk**

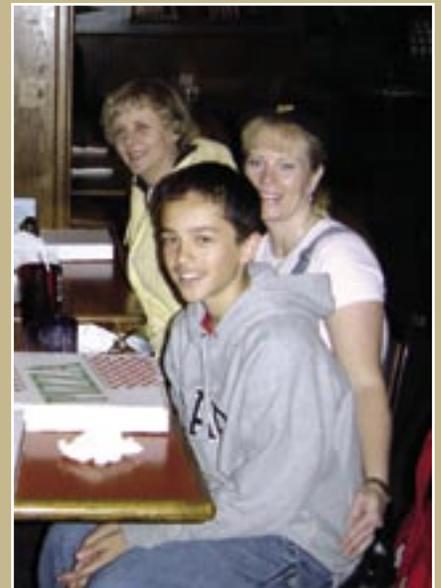
WorldMark Owners at Estes Park

While at Estes Park, I had the great pleasure of dining with a few WorldMark owners: Danita Huynh and her son, Jeremy Kang, of Portland, Oregon; and Glenda Seeley of nearby Loveland, Colorado. We met downtown at Village Pizza, where—over some delectable pies—we chatted about the joys of WorldMark ownership.

Glenda is relatively new to the WorldMark experience, having been an owner for about a year. What convinced her to join the club? The new resort at Estes Park—one of her favorite vacation destinations virtually in her backyard, only 30 miles away. She was thrilled to finally have all the benefits of a close-by vacation home without having any of the responsibilities. “A lot of people think the entire state of Colorado is snowbound six months out of

the year,” she explains. “Of course we get snow in Estes Park, but it's typically dry and sunny, even when it's cold. Don't tell anyone!” Glenda uses her WorldMark ownership for getaway weekends at Estes Park for herself, as well as a “guestroom” for visiting friends. She looks forward to exploring more resorts within the system.

Danita, expecting her second child, has been a WorldMark member for eight years, and sees her ownership as a true investment in her family. “We definitely vacation more since we've been owners,” she says. “And I love the idea that it's something I'll be able to pass on to my children and grandchildren. That's just so important to me.” Danita and her family have vacationed at many of the WorldMark resorts in Oregon



From top: Glenda Seeley, Danita Huynh, and Jeremy Kang enjoy some pizza in downtown Estes Park.

and Washington, and are delighted to now have a resort in Estes Park so they can rendezvous with an aunt who lives in Denver, just a 90-minute drive away.

Plaza sits in the center of town where the Big Thompson meets the **Fall River**, offering benches and knolls with a water view where one can rest and regroup between shopping and sightseeing sprees. And **Lake Estes Trail** joins the easternmost point of the Riverwalk, just west of the handy **Visitors Center** and **Stanley Village**—a lively plaza anchored by the **Safeway** grocery store and containing dozens of shops and services. Just north of Stanley Village—about a half-mile walk uphill—is the beautiful **Stanley Hotel**. Entrepreneur, inventor and Estes Park devotee **F.O. Stanley** opened this elegant Georgian-style hotel in 1909, and his ghost evidently still inhabits the billiards room. Not to be outdone, his wife Flora is said to haunt the hotel ballroom, where she often plays the piano.

Final notes

On the morning of my departure I sit on my deck, close my eyes and listen to the water music for one final hour. The inevitable “next time” list forms in my mind: Return during summer high season—mid-May to mid-September—to ride the **Estes Aerial Tramway** to the top of **Prospect Mountain**; explore the family fishing pond less than a mile from the resort at **Trout Haven**; make an appointment with **Kirk’s Mountain Adventures** to book a guided llama pack trip; be sure to investigate www.estesarts.com before the next outing to get the scoop on the numerous festivals and arts events. I drive out of town with my windows open, my ears greedy for any last strains of melody. A herd of black-tailed mule deer stops me on U.S. 36 and presents a compassionate encore, their hooves clicking in delicate staccato as they cross the unyielding pavement. Finale. Bravo! 🎵

Opposite page: Estes Park’s casual hospitality embodied in a helpful handmade sign (photo by Steven Baker). This page: The Estes Aerial Tramway takes you to dizzying heights all summer long (photo courtesy of Estes Park Convention and Visitors Bureau).



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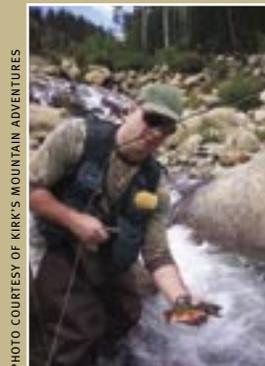


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Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park offer spectacular fishing for the recreational angler. This is particularly true for the trout enthusiast, as four species can be caught here—brown, brook, rainbow, and cutthroat.

A valid Colorado fishing license is required for all persons 16 years of age or older to fish in the area. Licenses may be purchased at the park and in local fishing supply shops. Current fees are as follows:

Colorado Residents

Annual	\$20.25
Senior (64+)	\$10.25

Nonresidents

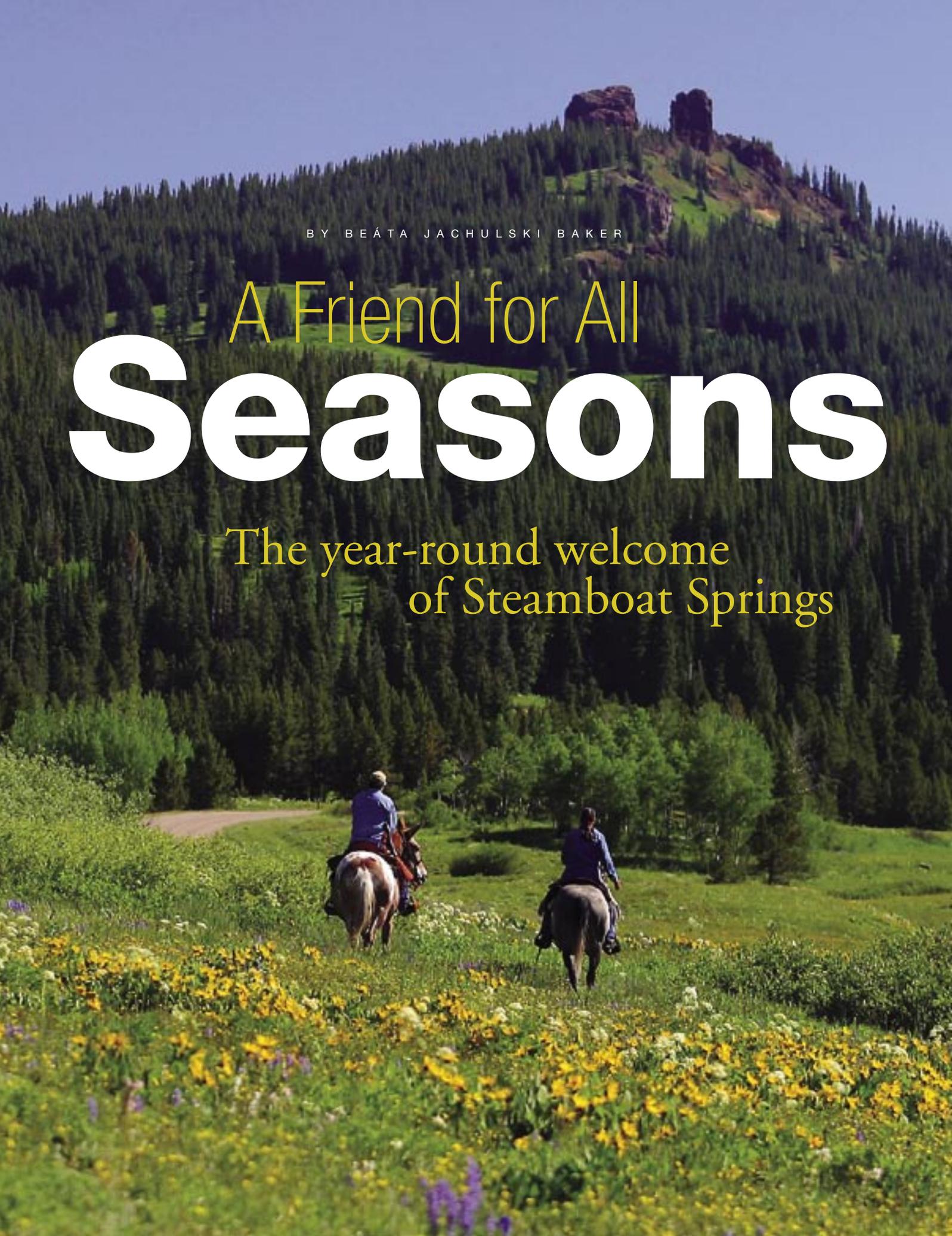
Annual	\$40.25
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Day-licenses, Resident and Nonresident

Five-day	\$18.25
One-day	\$ 5.25

No other permit is necessary. Regulations such as possession limits and catch-and-release rules vary according to season and body of water. Special policies apply to fishing in Rocky Mountain National Park; a complete listing is available at park visitor centers and ranger stations. You can obtain a copy of the Colorado State Fishing Regulations when you purchase your Colorado State Fishing License.

Become a trout expert before you go! Read local angler Todd Hosman’s *Fly Fishing Rocky Mountain National Park: An Angler’s Guide*—available at popular online bookstores—and learn the secrets savvy fly fishermen have developed to land their prize catches.



BY BEÁTA JACHULSKI BAKER

A Friend for All Seasons

The year-round welcome
of Steamboat Springs

Good friends radiate certain qualities that make visiting them akin to a homecoming. Even when you're miles from your own sweet abode, an old friend's warmth and familiarity make you feel wrapped in welcome. That's precisely how I feel upon my return to Steamboat Springs—site of my first WorldMark resort visit. Over three years have passed since my last stay in this wonderfully affable Colorado Rocky Mountain town, but coming back is like stepping into an embrace.

Resort, sweet resort

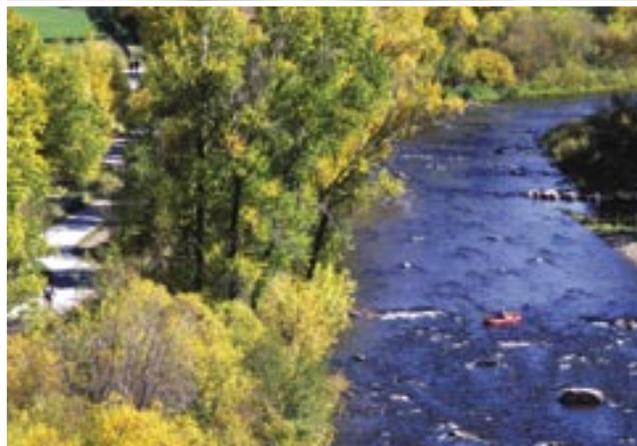
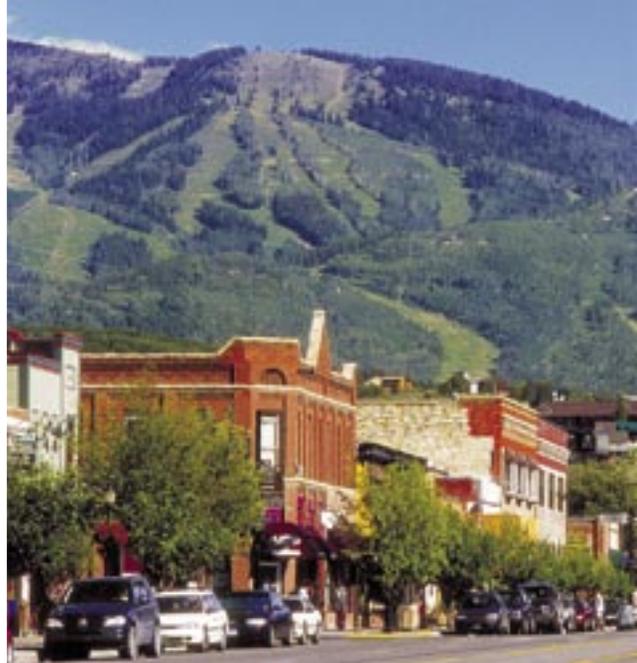
WorldMark Steamboat Springs is conveniently situated just four miles south of the city's downtown core and two miles west of the Steamboat ski area. WorldMark's 34 units are part of The Village at Steamboat Springs resort complex, and are WorldMark-managed. The resort is designed for relaxation, with an indoor pool and spa, seasonal outdoor pool and spa, steam room and sauna. For recreation there's a racquetball court and exercise room, arcade games, and a Ping-Pong table; movie rentals are also available.

I'm dizzy with happiness as I enter my unit—although it might just be the effects of the 6,695-foot elevation kicking in, since this is my first Colorado stop—and I practically hug the little wooden bear that guards the living room hearth. The condo is appointed in deep gold and pale honey tones, with furnishings that look hand-carved. Window seats in the bedrooms are ideal for reading and daydreaming. East-facing units have a view of the Steamboat mountains, while those facing west overlook the lively **Yampa River** and **Yampa River Core Trail**. The river flows through the entire length of town and beyond, and its adjacent paved track is always populated with joggers, bicyclists, dog walkers, and the occasional red fox.

Turn, turn, turn

Steamboat Springs completely changes character with the seasons. Each has an infectious personality that entertains, educates, and tries to goad you into trying something new with each major shift of the calendar.

Winter is definitely prime time, and the area becomes your snow sports buddy, pulling you out into the frosty air to discover new ways to enjoy the deep drifts. Steamboat's nickname is "**Ski Town, USA**" and it's famous for its **Champagne Powder**[™]—pristine snow offering some of the best winter conditions in the country. The Steamboat ski area is actually a mountain range composed of **Mount Werner**, **Sunshine Peak**, **Storm Peak**, **Thunderhead Peak**, **Pioneer Ridge**[®] and **Christie Peak**, and with 300+ inches of annual snowfall and 142 trails, it's truly ski heaven. You can also explore the miles of trails and open fields on **snowboard**, **snowshoes** and **snowmobile**. If flinging yourself off an ice mountain is your idea of a good time, one of America's first ski jumps, **Howelson Hill**, is located right downtown. Built in 1913, the hill is the oldest continuously operating ski area in Colorado, and the 90-meter ski jump remains a leading training area for Olympic hopefuls.



Opposite page: Riding through Steamboat's multicolored meadows (photo by Corey Kopischke/Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association). This page: Summer downtown along Lincoln Avenue (photo by Larry Pierce/Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association). WorldMark Steamboat Springs all snuggled in snow (photo by Dan Stearns). The Yampa River is your constant companion throughout the town (photo by Chris Selby/Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association).

In summer—another high season—Steamboat turns into your energetic pal with the cheery disposition and hundreds of ideas for frolicking in the dazzling Colorado sun. The local landscape jolts awake and transforms into an expanse of brilliant green, enticing you to **camp, hike, bicycle, fish, and horseback ride**. Or take the plunge into the Yampa River and negotiate the waters via **inner tube, wakeboard or kayak**. You can also release your inner cowboy by attending the rough-riding and bronco-busting events of the **Steamboat Springs**

Pro Rodeo Series, held on weekends from mid-June through late August at the rodeo grounds near Howelson Hill. Or soothe your savage breast with the lovely sounds emanating from the **Strings in the Mountains Music Festival**, presenting classical, jazz, country, and bluegrass music from late July through late August in a 550-seat hard-shell tent a few yards north of the WorldMark resort. As you're sitting on your deck watching the sunset, you just might be serenaded by the lyrical works of Brahms, sultry voice of Andrea Marcovicci, or foot-stompin' stylings of the Biscuit Burners.

Fall brings out the quiet, contemplative character of the area. The aspen trees turn to burnished gold and scrub

oaks blaze scarlet against the evergreens, providing a panorama that cries out to be viewed aerially by **hot air balloon**. Or drive seven twisty miles north to **Strawberry Park Natural Hot Springs**, a 40-acre paradise of mineral springs and waterfalls bordered by national forest. Savor the vivid surrounding landscape while simmering gently in one of the park's three large soaking pools with varying levels of heat. A private massage hut is on the premises, and you

can choose to indulge in deep-tissue, sports, Reiki,

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or cranial-sacral massage; or try **Watsu**, performed in a secluded mineral pool where a therapist gently manipulates your body while floating you in the soothing waters. And for a truly unique experience, camp overnight at the park's **train caboose** accommodation, complete with gas fireplace, bathroom with shower, solar lights, and fully stocked kitchenette.

Spring brings **Mud Season**—the Steamboat persona I like to pal around with most, and have returned to experience again. During this March-through-May phase, the snowmelt causes the area to literally dissolve into a goofy, messy, playful slacker. The frantic winter tourist rush is over, and the entire city loosens its belt by a few notches and lets it all hang out.



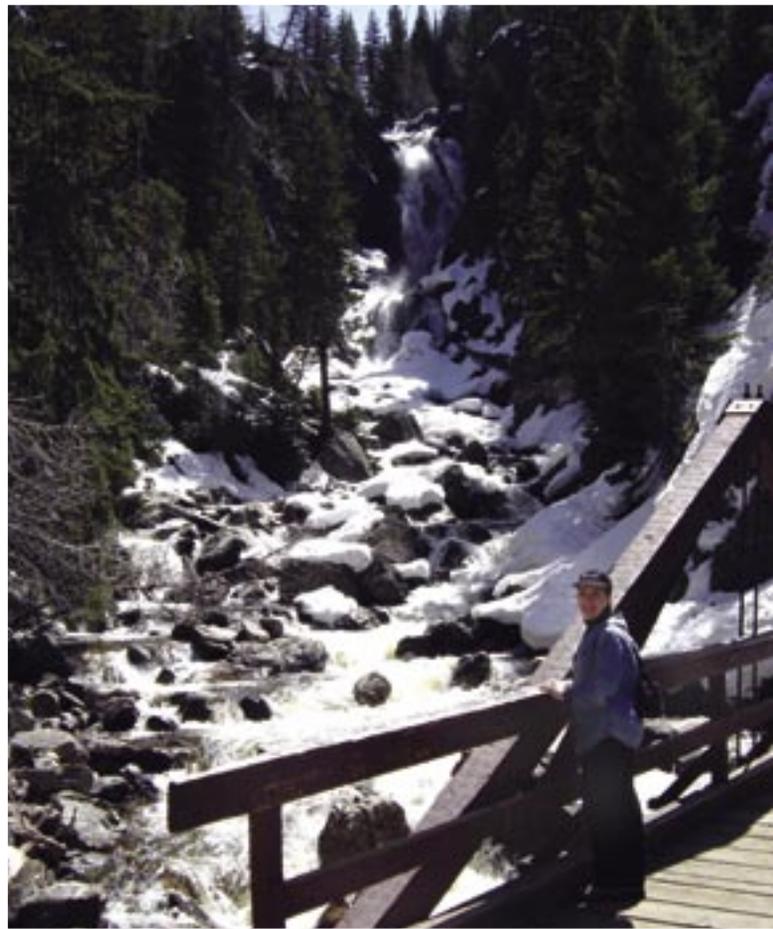
What I like about you

I drive to the center of town—a short hop up U.S. 40, which becomes the main street of **Lincoln Avenue**—and take a stroll to see if any of the old gang I encountered three years earlier are still around. The most visible familiars are the **hot springs**, and 150 of them bubble away throughout the greater Steamboat area. The city got its name in 1895 from the “chugging” noise caused by the pulsing of the sulfuric water gurgling up from its subterranean source—which sounded similar to a steamboat. The chugging died down in 1908 when dynamite work for railroad tracks shifted the source’s underground configuration, but the tangy natural pools—and the name—remain.

Of man-made wonders, I’m pleased to see that **F.M. Light and Sons** is still firmly ensconced and celebrating its 100th year of selling boots, jeans, and Western accessories at the same location. The **Steamboat Art Company** continues to be a dream destination for art lovers, with four rooms of custom jewelry, housewares, furniture, sculpture, and paintings to dazzle the imagination. **Embellishments** maintains its stock of unusual and distinctive imported accessories and furnishings, and **Kali’s Boutique** persists in tempting the pocketbook with unique hats and ensembles. It’s also deliciously comforting to know that the fish and chips are still superb at the **Old Town Pub**, and the handmade milkshakes blended on the vintage Hamilton Beach malted machine at the **Lyon Drug** soda fountain continue to scrumptiously induce a major head rush.

Keeping the relationship alive

On my last visit I only made a nodding acquaintance with beautiful **Fish Creek Falls**, and I want to get to know it better. This 283-foot torrent of water is one of the most popular attractions in the area, offering picnicking, day hiking, and overnight camping. Fish Creek Falls is composed of two segments: the 80-foot upper falls and 50-foot lower; the rest of the footage is made up by the thundering cascades above and below the falling water. From 3rd Street downtown I follow the signs to Fish Creek Falls Road/County Road 32 and drive four miles—the last two unpaved—to the lower parking lot. After paying the \$5 forest service fee, I hike down the 1/8-mile, wheelchair-accessible asphalt trail to the first overlook area of the lower falls. This leg involves a descent of about 100 feet, and the view looking up at the falls is gorgeous: a violent flow of white water bursting out between two craggy rock formations, framed by lush evergreens, hammering its way down the cliffs. This is as far as I came last time, so I continue down a dirt trail through the picnic area for about a quarter-mile until I reach a bridge crossing the water surging below the falls.



Fish Creek is churning madly beneath the bridge under my feet. The wind is whipping my hair around, the evergreens screech as they bend, and even the boulders seem to throb with life. I’ve descended about another 100 feet and remind myself going back will be all uphill, so I just stand on the bridge for a while and try to soak up the strength of the natural forces all around me to steel myself for the ascent. I know that there’s a trail to Upper Fish Creek Falls that is more challenging, involving another two and one-half miles and at least 90 minutes of walking. I contemplate it: lovely new scenic vistas of the Yampa Valley as my rich reward. I decide to save the views for next time. After all—the best friendships always have a little mystery in them. 🍷

Opposite page: The Strings in the Mountain Music festival draws happy crowds (photo courtesy of Strings in the Mountains). Brilliant hot air balloons are a common sight (photo by Chris Selby/Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association). A refreshing dip in the Yampa River (photo by David Theimann/Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association). This page: The author at the base of Fish Creek Falls (photo by Steven Baker).

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Valentine Weekend

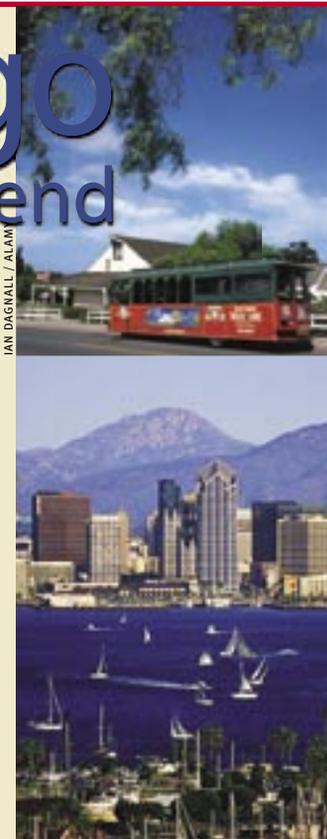
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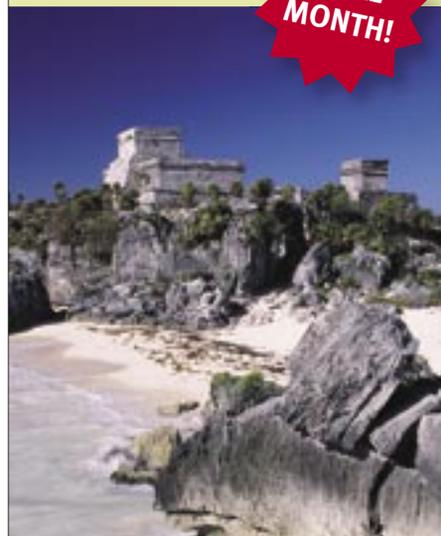
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