

**INTERNATIONAL SKI WEEK
WHISTLER BC, CANADA
22 – 29 February 2020**



The trip started with many of us staying in Vancouver for a few days at the Sutton Place Hotel which was not only beautiful but well located. We rode bicycles around Stanley Park and visited Capilano Bridge and Rainforest, as well as Gas Town and Granville Island.

On 22nd February, a bus picked us up from Sutton Place Hotel and even though we had a slight delay, due to certain alarm clocks not going off, we made good time and arrived at Delta Suites Hotel by lunch time. Accommodation comprised of a combination of 1 and 2 bedroom apartments which were spacious, modern and well located within the village. I think we all made good use of the outdoor spa facilities.

The ski conditions were not the best for Whistler as most of the time a cloud cover prevented us from seeing those amazing views Whistler is renowned for. The snow was good up top and middle but probably a little slushy down the bottom. Most of us also took advantage of the free mountain guides on both Whistler and Blackcomb.

During our stay, we had options of dining in or going to the many restaurants and pubs and kicking our heels up. The Team Dinner was at Earl's Restaurant in a private dining room set up for our group. Qantas Ski Club granted us \$500.00 which contributed to our food bill with the remaining balance paid by each individual, and we all agreed to buy our own drinks. This worked well and everyone enjoyed the night.

Unfortunately the trip did not go injury free, with our colleague Julia Szymanski, being run into on the slopes, by a boarder who landed on top of Julia's left leg causing the ACL to tear. Julia was accompanied by her husband Ted back home to Australia for surgery. As for myself, I managed to catch my ski edge and trip but unfortunately twisted my thumb in

the ski pole in an awkward position which saw me also visiting doctors and having Xrays. Outcome was that it was only a torn ligament which a splint should fix.

On 29th February, our bus back to Vancouver picked the group up from Delta Suites hotel (minus a few who were remaining in Whistler) and transferred us back to Vancouver.

The beautiful Whistler Village did not disappoint in its beauty. It's no wonder the 2010 Winter Olympics were held here. Thank you to the Ski Club for your support and generosity in providing some spending money. Thank you also to everyone who came on this trip and we can officially declare it a great success! Here's looking forward to the next one.

Financials:

Total number of participants - 18

Accommodation:

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| 2 X 2 bedroom apartments (inc. portorage) | \$9,760.00 |
| 5 X 1 bedroom apartments – (inc. portorage) | \$13,635.00 |

Transport:

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| Vancouver downtown to Whistler and return by private shuttle | \$1,624.00 |
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| Total Cost: | <u>\$25,019.00</u> |
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Contribution from Ski Club:
\$500.00 AUD

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