

Vista Del Lago Newsletter
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7th Edition

The “After Christmas, Christmas Party”

We had our first Vista Del Lago Christmas party, a few days after the fact. It may have been late, but it was well attended and we all had a great time.....didn't we?!! Among the guests were **Carol, Cecil, Cathy, Gregg and Francis, Pat and Bob, Pat and Rich, Karen and Jim, Lyle and Leslie and Debbie and Mike (friends of Leslie's).**

The party commenced at 6:00pm in the clubhouse with assorted cocktails and some snacks. The turkey arrived shortly thereafter and **Lyle** was in charge of the carving detail. (If I may add a side note here.....this was my first turkey and nobody died as of Sunday or got food poisoning!!) Everybody brought a dish or dessert (of which there were many great ones) and we dove in around 6:30. After dinner, **Cathy (she still loves to see her name)** explained the instructions for our gift exchange. We all drew numbers and established our seeding. The number one person (**me**) drew a gift, then the number two person (**Bob, who kept forgetting his number**) had the opportunity to steal my present or choose a wrapped present. The game went on like this for 13 people. Poor **Lyle**, every time he chose a gift, the next person stole his. He did finally end up with a present. Once all 13 people had a gift, **Cathy** told us we had 4 minutes to keep or trade our present. There was some serious jockeying for gifts taking place during the entire event, but it became downright chaotic (**thanks to Bob, who kept forgetting he was #2**), during those last 4 minutes until the clock ran out. **Cecil** ended up with a mini-mag light, **Carol** hung in there til the final tick and was victorious in her pursuit of some fabulous and rich hand cream, **Gregg** was tenacious in winning his lazer level back several times from the likes of **Lyle, Jim and Pat**. In fact, there was a moment when the lazer level came up missing. I hate to think that one of our members would try to steal the level (**Lyle**).....no he wouldn't stoop to such a low level would he?!! **Jim** ended up with a dazzling pair of earrings that will look awesome on him when he starts cross-dressing!

After the party was over at the clubhouse, **Carol** led a good-sized group over to the casino, where she put on a clinic for all of us in how to make a quick buck. Stock-tip-of-the-day, hang with **Carol!!** We had several big winners, including **Bob, Cathy, Carol and Rich**. The big losers of the night were **Leslie, Gregg and Pat**. Better luck next time to my group!!!

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.....

And snow it did!! Most of the partygoers arrived on Friday and were treated to a light snowstorm on Saturday morning and then again Saturday evening. The pool didn't look so inviting with a thick layer of ice on it!! The surrounding hills were beautiful and VDL took on a whole new perspective! **Bob** wanted to lead a polar bear swim, but he didn't have any takers. Maybe next year **Bob!!** When we left on Sunday, we had about 5 inches of good, light, fluffy snow.....the kind you find at the expensive Colorado resorts!!

The key to success is.....

The new keypad is getting rave reviews. It is so convenient and works great. Thanks again Kathy and Dave for getting that installed in just the nick of time.

How are the snowbirds doing in the sun???????

If any of you snowbirds out there want to send pictures of your winter home, I would be glad to get them in a newsletter and send them out. Also, if you are doing anything particularly fun or have gone on a fun trip, let us know so we can live vicariously through you!!

Until next time.....hope you all had a nice holiday and are having a safe and healthy winter, wherever you may be!!

Leslie Burns (Your favorite VP)