

Rockin' Park City

Ski-bum bands keep winter nights lively—and homegrown

Ski towns like Park City are infamous for showcasing local talent. Sometimes a rough day on the slopes and a few beers will make any music sound good, but most resort towns have

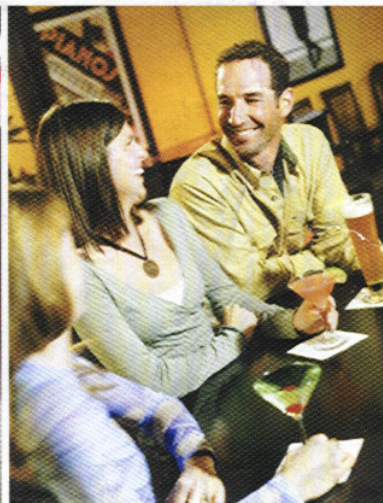
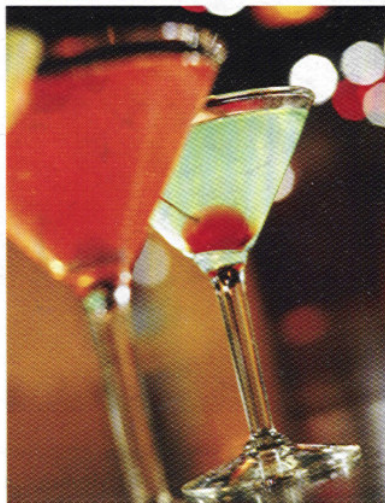
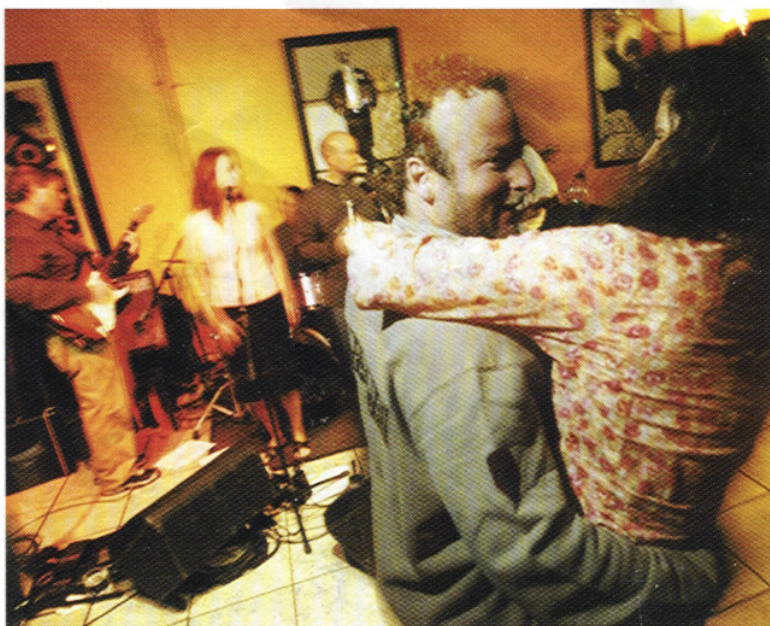
a group or two of locals who've been around for a while and play well enough to have developed a following—call them ski-bum bands.

Usually working in sports shops or restaurants, these musicians live to ski or board by day and jam by night. And they know everyone. Who

wouldn't support Park City mayor Dana Williams and his Motherlode Canyon Band when he's covering the Grateful Dead and Fleetwood Mac? Deer Valley Skier Services director John Guay often makes like blues guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan with his band, the Detonators. These groups may never win a Grammy, but they're the KISS of the small resort town. —JILL ADLER

Tune in

Cisero's (435/649-6800), Mother Urban's Ratskeller (435/615-7200), Renee's Bar & Café (pictured; 435/615-8357), and the Spur Bar and Grill (435/615-1618) often host local bands.



FIVE GREAT ...

Front Range parks for family sledding and tubing

BOULDER

Harlow Platts

Park. Great for younger kids, Harlow Platts offers a quick beginning and a long run out. From Broadway, turn west on Grinnell Ave., then left onto Knox Dr. (park along the sidewalk before Fairview High School); City of Boulder Parks and Recreation, 303/413-7200.

BOULDER

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Park. This hill may be on the short side, but it's perfect for young kids and offers expansive views of the Flatirons from the top. One block south of 30th St. at Arapahoe Ave. (park at Scott Carpenter Swimming Pool); City of Boulder Parks and Recreation, 303/413-7200.

DENVER

Ruby Hill Park.

Denver's classic sledding hill is in the middle of the park, underneath the giant play set. Call for hours. S. Platte River Dr. at W. Florida Ave. (park in the lot on W. Florida); Denver Parks and Recreation Department, 720/913-0696.

GOLDEN

Golden Gate

Canyon State Park. This lengthy, uncrowded hill sits just before the park's visitor center. \$5 fee per vehicle. On Golden Gate Canyon Rd., 13 miles west of State 93 (park at visitor center); 303/582-3707.

LITTLETON

Sledding Hill

Park. The longest hill in this group. Limited parking is its only drawback. Ken Caryl Ave. at Continental Divide Rd. (park in subdivision and cross Ken Caryl at the stoplight); Foothills Park and Recreation District, 303/409-2612. —SCOTT SCHUMAKER



Scott Carpenter Park

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