



The Talons Challenge: "Beaver Creek Bump Bash"

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Beaver Creek Colorado. Its a contradiction of a day. The weather is beautiful, but the plans are horrific. 13 Double Black Runs, 23,484 vertical feet of hell, and only 1 day to complete it. This is how the Ascent Employees prepare for their winter rep workshops. Its a crazy feat for good skiers, and insanity for two over the hill, out of shape, weekend warriors who are just trying to prove they still got it. Ah, the joys of Colorado.

Over 2,200 participants signed up to take on the challenge which included World Cup runs, moguls the size of VW bugs, and variable terrain of rocks, trees, and the dead bodies from other skiers who didn't quite make it. It was rough on our knees, brutal on our egos, but when the dust had settled, your two Ascent Employees were still standing. Of the 2,200 who signed up, less then 840 completed the course. We did it 3 hours 32 minutes which comes in at roughly 16 minutes per run, including lift lines. That was good enough for a top 60 showing, and bragging rights for the entire year. Of course we really just did it for the free Brat, Beer, and baseball cap!

See you on the slopes after our muscles recover. Someone pass the Advil....

