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From left to right: Future Olympian, Après at the Truffle Pig, Halibut from bistro c.v., View of ski area from downtown

true steamboat springs

Ranching and a small-town, family-friendly soul infuse the streets of Ski Town U.S.A., which has produced more Olympic athletes (84 and counting) than anyplace else in the country.

THREAD COUNT Sleep within a stone's throw of the gondola at the **Steamboat Grand**, an upscale condo-hotel that welcomes kids and pampers parents at the on-property Grand Spa (2300 Mt Werner Cir, 970-871-5500).

Downtown, the **Hotel Bristol** blends 1940s décor with cozy Pendleton blankets and an easy walk to Old Town shops and restaurants (917 Lincoln Ave, 970-879-3083).

Moving Mountains Chalets represents about 30 luxury homes, from

slopeside condos to secluded mansions, and offers full-service packages with private chef and driver (877-624-2538).

FOOD FIX Devour Texas-style barbecue at the **Steamboat Smokehouse**, where beers come in fishbowl-sized goblets and buckets of peanuts appease hunger pangs till the dry-rubbed wings arrive (912 Lincoln Ave, 970-879-7427).

Friends Kevin Caparrelli and Brian Vaughn opened **bistro c.v.** to emphasize organic and seasonal specialties such as local beef with sea island red peas and trumpet mushrooms (345 Lincoln Ave, 970-879-4197).

The **Truffle Pig** serves fresh oysters, handmade pastas and Belgian-style moules frites at tables parked within sight of the ski runs (2250 Après Ski Way, 970-879-7470).

NIGHT OUT Hit the **Slopeside Grill** after 9 p.m., when wood-fired pizzas cost \$7, and \$3 buys a pint of Newcastle (1855 Ski Time Sq, 970-879-2916).

For live music, try the **Old Town Pub** for blues and rockabilly acts staged in a 100-year-old saloon (600 Lincoln Ave, 970-879-2101).

DON'T MISS The **Twilight** ski run epitomizes Steamboat's lauded tree skiing: widely spaced aspens plus champagne powder under skis equals heaven.

The 2-mile **Hot Springs Walking Tour** winds past seven of Steamboat's 150 mineral springs, including the opaline Lithia Spring and the 103-degree Heart Spring (Old Town Hot Springs pool complex, 136 Lincoln Ave, 970-879-1828).

Shop for Stetsons and spurs at **F.M. Light & Sons**,

a Western-wear store still operated by the family that founded it in 1905 (830 Lincoln Ave, 970-879-1822).

Watch Olympic ski-jumpers train at **Howelsen Hill Ski Area** (845 Howelsen Pkwy, 970-879-8499).

STONE'S THROW Become an icy-road driving ace at the **Bridgestone Winter Driving School** on a sinuous, snow-covered course 10 miles west of town (2200 Village Inn Ct, 970-879-6104).

Slip into **Strawberry Park Hot Springs**, a steaming oasis of spring-fed pools. Note: clothing is optional after dark (44200 Cty Rd 36, 970-879-0342).

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