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the details

Bride's Dress: L'ezu Atelier

Groom's Attire: Ash Tailor

Hair: Elyssa Lee of Tahoe Hair; Makeup: Jennifer Ergut of Kiss & Makeup

Cake: Johanna Curtis of PlumpJack Inn

Flowers: Bellissima Floral Creations

Music: Darin Talbot, Notorious

Planner: Liz Dugan of PlumpJack Inn

1. The bride designed the snow-themed escort cards using Paper Source supplies. 2. Veuve Clicquot after the ceremony. 3. Favors were snowflake-shaped wine stoppers. 4. Post-vows, the couple hit the ski lift in their wedding attire. 5. Everyone was encouraged to "dress for the weather" with coats, hats and gloves. 6. In lieu of a cake, guests enjoyed an array of cupcakes.



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lake tahoe, california

Ci Ci Woodward weds Bob Lord on April 4, 2009

Two-and-a-half years after meeting through mutual friends, Los Angeles natives Bob and Ci Ci got engaged at Turtle Bay Resort in Hawaii. But they went the opposite direction for their wedding. "I suggested we get married at a ski resort and then ski away," says the bride. "This way, we'd get engaged at the beach and be married in the snow."

The pair selected California's Squaw Valley as the locale. "It was the only ski resort we could find that could accommodate our 160 guests — half skiers and half non-skiers — on the top of the mountain," Ci Ci explains.

They timed the wedding for the end of ski season to ensure that nobody would get snowed in coming or going. Several days before the wedding, everyone convened by Lake Tahoe. While the pair's skier and snowboarder friends enjoyed the slopes, the non-skiers ice-skated, went sledding, soaked in the heated pool and hit the spa. The rehearsal dinner, complete with a live band and Seghesio wine, was held at the Auld Dubliner pub, which the couple rented out.

On the morning of the wedding, guests rode a cable car to the outdoor deck at High Camp, 8,200 feet up. Ci Ci (in Ugg boots) and Bob (in dress pants custom-made to fit over ski boots) entered together, and local pastor Dan Holzer — who

asked to be compensated with a partial payment and a lift ticket — officiated the ceremony. At the conclusion of the service, Holzer quoted Dr. Seuss' *Oh, The Places You'll Go!* ("Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So ... get on your way!") — the couple's cue to strap on their skis and sail down the mountain to the James Bond theme song.

Guests had the afternoon free while the newlyweds went on a photo-shoot adventure. "Our photographer was a former U.S. Ski Team photographer, and she skied backward, forward and sideways to take photos of us together," remembers Ci Ci. "We were extremely lucky to find her."

The après-ski cocktail hour was held poolside at the PlumpJack Squaw Valley Inn. Guitarist Darin Talbot ("Tahoe's John Denver") played singalongs while the sun set. Then the group moved indoors to feast on fillet of beef or whitefish with roasted red potatoes and seasonal veggies.

A large projector screen showed Warren Miller ski movies while live band Notorious got things rocking, and the after-party continued in the couple's Presidential suite. "Guests have told us over and over how magical it was, from the beauty of Lake Tahoe to just being in a ski-village atmosphere," says the groom. "It even snowed Thursday night. We couldn't have asked for anything more." — EH



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