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A little creepy... but it's just one of the fantastic, huge snow sculptures greeting visitors and encouraging all to have a good time at the International Snow Sculpture Championship in Breckenridge featuring 16 teams from 13 countries. **p12-13**

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by Dave Gibson

In Breckenridge, CO, the International Snow Sculpture Championships were held January 21st through 25th. Featuring sixteen teams from thirteen countries, entrants began with twelve foot tall, twenty-ton blocks of snow. Only hand tools were allowed as the teams carved away at the snow with gouges, chisels, saws, and trowels.

The Great Britain team constructed an entire building adorned with grotesque gargoyles simulating a church in Somerset, UK. The two teams from Mongolia created realistic works of art - in the piece called "Motherland," a Tyrannosaurus clamps down on the throat of another dinosaur. The other Mongolian sculpture was equally artistic, titled "Fight," where in the age-old struggle of good vs. evil, heroes slay a three-headed dragon. Lithuania's stylized version of a forest brought focus to disappearing trees around the world. In France's humoristic

International Snow Sculpture Championships

representation of today's society "Dark Side of the Moon," one side of the Moon is smiling while the other gobbles up a human being whose rocket ship has crashed on its surface. "Looking Up" showing a small man sitting in a big chair,

Germany's "Apecheta" (the source where the flow begins), and Finland's geometrically pleasing "Northern Sun," depicting the solar phases in the northern hemisphere, were fine examples of



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modern art. I thought the Estonian sculpture "Night" was best in that category where a woman with flowing hair casts stars onto the moon to light the night sky.

The Americans chose not to be political, philosophical, or celestial this year with Wisconsin's beautiful effort of a monarch butterfly amongst flowers in a piece titled "Wanderer." Breckenridge's entry was even more straightforward depicting children tubing in the snow down a hill. Team Vermont USA's piece towered over the others with its whimsical "Must Be Using the Wrong Bait." Masterfully crafted, an old fisherman sat in his rowboat peering through his binoculars whilst perched atop a giant sea serpent.

At 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 25th, the announcement came over the public address system for contestants to put their tools down. Their works would be judged later that day, but the appreciative overflowing crowd in attendance, including those that may have chosen their own personal favorites, had already declared them all winners.

Snow Sculpting Results:

- 1st Place – "Winter Fun" Team Breckenridge
- 2nd Place – "Apecheta" Team Germany
- 3rd Place – "Wanderer" Team Wisconsin

Artist's Choice – "Apecheta" Mongolia
 Team Germany
 Kid's Choice – "Dark Side of the Moon" Team France
 People's Choice – "Fight" Team



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