

# Herness Headlines

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## Let It Snow!

Zac and Cari had quite a few opportunities this past winter playing in the snow - especially downhill skiing! In January, Zac traveled to Breckenridge, Colorado with several of his buddies for an extended weekend of testosterone and skiing.

On Valentine's Day, Zac and Cari met Cari's family at the big Minnesota slopes of Andes Tower Hills near Alexandria. It was down-right cold out that day, but it didn't stop them from skiing. Then, two weekends later, Zac and Cari traveled up to Lutsen, MN for a day of skiing and then a day of snowshoeing to celebrate Cari's birthday.

In March, Zac and Cari headed out to Breckenridge, Colorado for a full week of skiing. Cari's family joined them as well and they all stayed at the Grand Timber Lodge resort. They all skied for four days at Breckenridge and one day at Vail. Zac and Cari skied at Beaver Creek on the last day. It was a little



Zac and Cari at Vail Village in Vail, Colorado.

too warm for good skiing conditions - at the Beaver Creek resort at the base it was 70°F! The couple was dressed to warm, so they cooled off by enjoying a yummy ice cream cone!



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Mocha—7 weeks old.

## And Then There Were Three...

On February 29, 2004 a small chocolate Labrador Retriever was born in Zionsville, Indiana (just north of Indianapolis). Zac and Cari fell in love with this small brown creature from all the pictures that the breeder sent them. So, on the last weekend in April, Zac and Cari headed to Indiana to adopt this puppy and bring her home. This little puppy that stole their hearts got the name Liberty Creek's Mocha Java or simply stated, "Mocha". Mocha is now 9 months old (and 60 lbs. & growing!) and continues to keep "Mom" and "Dad" on their toes and never fails to make them laugh and smile each day with her silly demeanor. Mocha loves the water, going on walks, sniffs, playing with her toys, hunting with "Dad", and any and all types of treats!



## Five Years of Marriage

On May 1, 2004, Zac and Cari celebrated their five-year wedding anniversary. The couple celebrated the day by going to a local park and taking Mocha for a walk. Later on, they went out to dinner at McCormick & Schmick's in downtown Minneapolis.



## Class of 1994

In June, Cari and Zac attended Cari's 10-year high school class reunion in Lisbon, ND. The reunion was held in conjunction with Lisbon's annual Happy Days. For a class size of 49, just about 30 classmates attended the reunion. The class got together Friday night for cocktails, had a family potluck picnic on Saturday at Dead Colt Creek, and had a float in the Happy Days parade.



Then in July, Zac and Cari attended Zac's 10-year high school class reunion in Fergus Falls, MN. Zac graduated with a class size of about 200 and a good portion of his classmates were in attendance. The class got together both Friday and Saturday evenings at the Best Western's Hero's Family Eatery & Sports Bar.

## Fun in the Sun

Zac and Cari were able to take the entire week of the Fourth of July off this year and spent the week with Cari's family at Pickerel Lake in Ottertail County, MN. The week's activities included water skiing, fishing, playing pinochle, golfing, soaking in some sun, and of course swimming. Mocha loved the water and was a natural retriever in the water. She enjoyed fetching her water toy, dropping it on the beach, shaking the water off, and then rolling in the sand!



Cari, Mocha, and Zac—December 2004

### Fun Tidbits on Zac & Cari

- Zac is going to graduate school at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management in pursuit of a MBA.
- Cari continues to volunteer as an advisor for the Alpha Gamma Delta - Delta Chapter at the University of Minnesota. After almost five years as Recruitment Advisor she will change roles to be the Chapter Advisor. Cari also is the Editor for the Beta Beta Alumnae Chapter of AGD in Fargo.

## Career Changes

In July, Best Buy Corp. outsourced their IT department to Accenture (ironically Accenture was Zac's past employer). Zac has kept his same job as a Technical Consultant and still commutes to Best Buy's headquarters in Richfield, MN.

In September, Cari left Microsoft. Cari enjoyed working for Microsoft (& former Great Plains) for almost 7 years and on the Market Research team for 5 years. Currently, Cari is enjoying having some time off and will pursue her new career search after the holidays.



## A Hunting We Will Go!

This past fall, Zac took on a new hobby, hunting. Zac completed a Firearm Safety course late this summer and then went on his first hunting excursion in September. Zac is mostly hunting pheasant for now, but plans to expand the game each year. Zac has went on several hunting outings with either some of his buddies or Cari's brother and dad. Even Cari went with them on one occasion and helped walk the fields. Even though

Mocha hasn't had any training on hunting, Zac has taken Mocha out with him several times. It is hard to tell who enjoys the hunting more, Mocha or Zac. Mocha does a great job of flushing the birds, now all Zac needs to do is shoot one.



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