

What a weekend! My first big event: a weekend getaway at Lake Louise Fairmont Chateau, hosted by the Pajama Party Company based out of Calgary, Alberta.

My best gal pals and I were treated to a lively weekend in PJ's with a bunch of vibrant women looking for a chance to let loose and have some good clean fun. In return, we had the privilege to teach these fantastic women of all ages how to play Texas Hold'em Poker. I was "All IN" for this hand, so off we went.

The bus ride we shared with these women was, in a word, great. Many jokes and stories were told but I'm sorry to say I can't share those particular stories with you now – after all, what happens on the bus, stays on the bus! We arrived at the beautiful Chateau, surrounded by breathtaking mountains. What a place! A girl couldn't have asked to a better start to her weekend. After checking in and getting settled, we changed into PJ's and black sunglasses - a Poker Chick's uniform - and went to the meet and greet the ladies at the Friday Night PJ Party. It was a sea of PJ's, food, cocktails, laughter and more fun. Oh, did I mention cocktails?

On Saturday morning we were up early and treated to a fabulous breakfast looking out over the spectacular Lake Louise landscape. And then it was time to earn our keep: teaching two sold out 45-minute sessions of Poker Chicks 101. These ladies really wanted to learn to play Poker! The Poker Chicks mission is to teach women of all ages who have the desire to learn the great game of Texas Hold'em Poker – it's not just a game for the boys anymore! To our great delight, these ladies caught on quickly and a great time was had by all. I could have played all day with these ladies and they definitely went home with a few tricks up their sleeve - or an ace to play in their next home game! I couldn't have been more proud.

The night's activities included more food, more cocktails, more laughter and entertainment. It was a fantastic! Our hostesses, Helene and Lisa, did a fabulous job arranging the PJ event. If you haven't been to one, you are missing out! Sunday morning we all met for breakfast, but at this one they gave away prizes! A girl could get very used to this! But all good things must come to an end, and all too soon our weekend was over and it was time to get back to reality. I will, however, always carry with me the memory of our smashingly successful weekend. And, as an added bonus, Poker Chicks 101 was such a hit that we have been asked to attend the next event being held March 14, 15, 16 at the Jasper Park Lodge Fairmont. Visit www.thepajamaparty.info for more details. We will be there, ready to teach you when to hold 'em and when to fold 'em, so sign up early and bring your best poker face. You won't want to miss out on the action!

See ya at the table!

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